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SEC, Maharashtra

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MOU dated 26/09/2018 was signed by both above parties, and various activities were undertaken with collaboration and cooperation in past 2 years. Therefore it is proposed to extend the MOU, on the terms and conditions as given in following paragraphs.

2. CLGF i.e. Part One is an international organisation, which works to promote and strengthen local government across the Commonwealth and to encourage the exchange of best practices - through conferences, events, technical assistance, projects and research.

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sharing of best practices, training of election managers, developing strategies for new & emerging challenges etc. State Election Commission, Maharashtra conducts elections to nearly 28,000 Local Self Governments in the State of Maharashtra (India) and returns more than 250 thousand local representatives every 5 years through more than 80 million voters. Constitutional Mandate of State Election Commission, Maharashtra is to conduct free, fair, transparent and pure elections to Local Self Governments. **IDEGG** i.e. **Part Two** is expected to help the SECM in fulfilling the above constitutional mandate.

Several leading Institutes of India like **Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune (GIPE) & Mumbai University**, etc. while working as knowledge partners of SECM have :

- (i) carried out data-based research,
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4. Objective

Both the Parties had entered MOU for 2 years, which was signed on 26th September, 2018; for the following Objectives –

- (i) develop collaborative arrangements & systems for Better Election for Healthier Democracy, and
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5. Proposed areas of cooperation and collaboration:

- (i) To share ideas, knowledge and best practices
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6. **Meetings:** Both the parties shall meet as many times as required, but at least once a year for achieving the objectives of MOU.

7. **Consent & Approvals:** Necessary Consents / Approvals of the authorities, if required, shall be taken, by the respective parties.

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The Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) by:-

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Title: **Secretary General**
Date: **21 September 2020**
Witness: **Mrs Anuya Kuwar**
Programme Officer Asia Region, CLGF

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SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED for and on behalf of Part Two -
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Name: **Shri U.P.S. Madan**
Title: **State Election Commissioner, Maharashtra**
Date:
Witness: **Mr Kiran Kurundkar**
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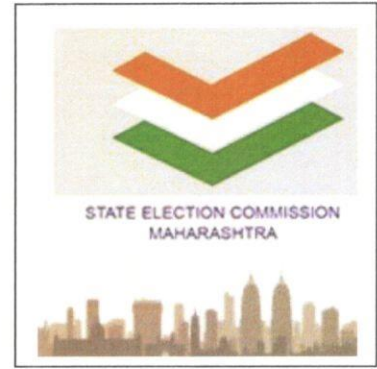
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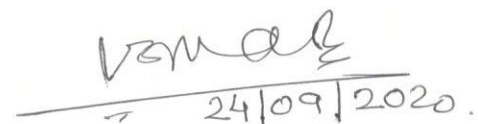
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