

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
NALBARI COLLEGE  
P.O. - NALBARI, DIST. - NALBARI, ASSAM, INDIA, PIN - 781335  
AND**

**BALILECHA TEMPLE COMMITTEE, NALBARI, DIST. - NALBARI, ASSAM, INDIA, PIN - 781335**

This memorandum of understanding is made and executed on 5-12-22 for 05 years from 5-12-22 to 4-12-27 between the Nalbari college, P.O. Nalbari, Dist. Nalbari, Assam, India, PIN - 781335 and the Balilecha Temple Committee, Nalbari, Assam, India, PIN - 781335.

**Preamble**

Nalbari College, Nalbari is one of the premier higher educational institutions in Assam. The institution is established in pre-independent India on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1945. From its establishment onwards, the college has taken a pioneering role in shaping and promoting higher education in the entire lower Brahmaputra valley. This is one of the premier colleges that consistently demonstrated excellence in academic and research pursuits.

The Balilecha Temple Committee in Nalbari is responsible for managing the Balilecha Shri Shri Kali Devalaya, a historically significant and popular Hindu temple in the region. This temple, believed to be constructed by the Ahom King Siba Singha (1718-1744), is considered a Shakti Peeth. It houses an 18-inch-high statue of Goddess Kali made from Asta Dhatu (an eight-metal alloy). Despite damages caused by the 1897 earthquake, the temple remains a significant spiritual site with a pond called Kali Pukhuri covering a large area.

Nalbari College, Nalbari and the Balilecha Temple Committee, Nalbari have established a collaborative partnership focused on addressing social and environmental issues within Nalbari district. This collaboration aims to tackle superstitious beliefs through proper study and promote environmental remediation efforts.

Nalbari College, Nalbari, and Balilecha Temple Committee, Nalbari hereinafter collectively referred to as the parties/institutions, and individually as party/institution.

**Objectives**

The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Nalbari College and Balilecha Temple Committee, Nalbari focuses on the following key goals:

1. to educate the local community about the scientific basis behind various beliefs, promoting rational thinking and dispelling superstitions.
2. Joint initiatives to rehabilitate degraded environments, such as cleaning and maintaining local water bodies, planting trees, and promoting sustainable practices.

There will be no financial obligations on both parties under this agreement.

**General Coordinators:**

Each party shall designate an administrative office/department to oversee and facilitate the implementation of any agreements arising out of this MoU.