

## ANNEXURE 12.1.10

### Inter-departmental Research

#### **Moturi Satyanarayana Centre for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences**

The Moturi Satyanarayana Centre for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences is a Centre of excellence for advanced research across the humanities and social sciences through a range of interdisciplinary projects. It serves as a hub for independent and collaborative post-doctoral research and provides an environment that stimulates the spirit of active intellectual enquiry and ethical reflection through critical analysis and empirical studies.

In line with Krea University's research vision, the centre facilitates exchanges between interdisciplinary hubs focussed on the dominant questions that humanity must understand and address in this century. The Moturi Satyanarayana Centre aims to recognize the enduring value of explorations of the past and critical analysis of contemporary impetus for social change.

The Centre commemorates the life and legacy of Padma Bhushan awardee Moturi Satyanarayana, a veteran freedom fighter, educationist, social worker, Member of Constituent Assembly, Member of Provisional Parliament, and twice-nominated Member of Rajya Sabha. The Centre is supported by the Padma Bhushan Moturi Satyanarayana Endowment set up by his daughter, Sujata Kumar and son-in-law Tatineni Prem Kumar.

Currently, scholarships and honoraria have been established for post-doctoral research fellows. Scholars of eminence are invited to pursue research, reflection, and writing in areas and themes of their choice. The scholars who successfully complete their studies will be known as Moturi Satyanarayana Scholars.

Through continuous exchange, the Centre contributes towards and engage with the vibrant intellectual culture of Krea university. Besides using the traditional modes such as seminars, workshops, publications, interdisciplinary dialogues, The Moturi Satyanarayana Centre embraces digital methods for reaching out not only to the community at Krea but also to the world outside.

The Centre is headed by a Director responsible for interpreting and translating its vision.

## **Centre for Writing and Pedagogy**

The Centre for Writing and Pedagogy (CWP) is a teaching, training and research centre at Krea University. The Centre's focus is on teaching writing, and on developing critical writing pedagogies that can support the teaching of the disciplines at the undergraduate and postgraduate level. The Centre is working towards making accessible the processes of writing in habits and practices of reading and writing that support scholarly and creative writing. The Centre believe that the pedagogic methods which are developed to teach reading and writing are transferable as classroom teaching skills in the teaching of any discipline.

The CWP is developing curricula for the foundation skills course in academic writing as well as in the disciplines. In addition, it hire and train undergraduate tutors to provide writing support to students. It also been developing expertise in conducting research writing workshops for post-graduate students from the Masters level till PhD, and faculty training workshops for those who teach writing or wish to teach writing at the college or university level.

The Krea-CWP is proud to be among those leading the charge to make the teaching of writing a transformative movement in higher education in India.

## **Sapien Labs Centre for the Human Brain and Mind\**

The Sapien Labs Centre for the Human Brain and Mind at Krea University is a collaboration between Sapien Labs and Krea University with an aim to pursue research and learning related to the human brain and mind. It also intends to build a globally distributed infrastructure for large-scale, real-time data acquisition and insights as well as development of interventions and tools that can become scalable products and services embedded in the world to move the needle.

The Centre will bring together cross-disciplinary faculty, large-scale acquisition of multi-dimensional human physiological data, cutting-edge data workflows, and engagement with the non-profit, start-up and government sectors.

The collaborative initiative includes data acquisition support from LEAD at Krea University using its infrastructure and collaborating with other partners where necessary for medical/physiological data.

## **IFMR LEAD**

IFMR, the sponsoring society of Krea University, has established IFMR LEAD (Leveraging Evidence for Access and Development), a world class research centres under its aegis. LEAD is a research organization that specializes in conducting high-quality policy-oriented and action-oriented research by partnering with influential stakeholders to inform policymaking debates. It collaborates with world's leading professors and economists, development specialists, and industry experts on research design and implementation, and data analysis and dissemination. LEAD has strategic oversight and brand support from Krea University to enable synergies between academia and the research centre.

## **Initiative for What Works to Advance Women and Girls in the Economy**

The Initiative for What Works to Advance Women and Girls in the Economy (IWWAGE) was established to address this challenge. It attempts to move the needle on women's participation in economic activities by addressing barriers to women's work, facilitating access to decent work and economic resources, and leveraging the transformative potential of Women's Empowerment Collectives.

**Centre for Digital Financial Inclusion (CDFI)** is an innovation and research centre at the Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR), CDFI was established in September 2014 with the objective of using technology in empowering the poor and excluded with tools/information and developing mechanisms to sustain and scale such solutions.

Over the years, CDFI has developed, supported, scaled and sustained award-winning innovative digital solutions for the social sector that have impacted significant no. of citizens across the country. These solutions are driving large scale projects at the national and state level in areas such as Cashless Payments & Financial Inclusion, Benefit Delivery & Social Protection, Health, Farm & Non-Farm Collectives, Data & Outcome-Driven Planning & Governance, and Outreach & Capacity Building.

CDFI has partnered with various Central Ministries / Departments such as the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Ministry of Woman and Child Development, DBT Mission, and Department of Posts. It is also working with the State Government of Meghalaya and has worked in the past with Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Assam,

Maharashtra & Kerala. CDFI is also working with international institutions such as the World Health Organization and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

CDFI has been able to achieve considerable success in the country as an innovator and thought leader in catalysing change through technology. CDFI has been successful in building a trusted network of technology, implementation, and research partners which has enabled it to execute large-scale projects in a cost-effective and timely manner.

### **Inclusion Economics India Centre**

Inclusion Economics India Centre (IEIC) (formerly EPoD India), based at IFMR/Krea University, works closely with Inclusion Economics at Yale University, to conduct data-driven research and engage with the policy community in India to inform and encourage evidence-backed dialogues on economic and social inclusion. Inclusion Economics is a policy-engaged research initiative that began operations as an independent research centre at IFMR in November 2020, as a continuation of the body of research and policy work previously called EPoD India. Our vision is a world where research and dialogue ensure economic justice, social opportunity and environmental protection. Our mission is enabling inclusive economies and societies. Our work in India includes research engagements across multiple states and focuses on some of India's most challenging problems, ranging from pollution and climate change to women's economic engagement and engagement with technology, to supporting effective governance and building state capacity. Through these studies, we ask questions like:

- What policies give women a path to greater economic autonomy and opportunity?
- How can policy shape social norms, enabling gender-equitable opportunities and improving women's well-being?
- How can citizens hold the public and private sector accountable to address climate change, the central challenge of the twenty-first century?
- How can societies' most vulnerable citizens hold government leaders accountable for equitable access to services and economic opportunities?
- How can political and bureaucratic leaders effectively and efficiently deliver services for all?

In India, we take our responsibility to inform public narratives and share data-driven insights, while learning from others, seriously. We regularly interact with policy counterparts and researchers from a variety of fields to encourage evidence-informed dialogues on inclusion, and we share our findings with the public both here and internationally.

IEIC work in partnership with Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, and various departments of Government of Chhattisgarh and Government of Bihar.

### **J-PAL South Asia**

**Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)** is a global research center working to reduce poverty by ensuring that policy is informed by scientific evidence. Anchored by a network of 294 affiliated professors at universities around the world, J-PAL conducts randomized impact evaluations to answer critical questions in the fight against poverty.

J-PAL South Asia, based at the Institute for Financial Management and Research in India, leads J-PAL's work in the South Asia region. J-PAL South Asia conducts randomised evaluations, builds partnerships for evidence-informed policymaking, and helps partners scale up effective programmes.

J-PAL has a growing number of partnerships in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. In 2011, J-PAK were selected to host the South Asia Center for CLEAR, a global initiative coordinated by the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group. Under this initiative, we host a knowledge sharing roundtable series and equip practitioners with the expertise to carry out rigorous evaluations through training courses, advisory services, and joint research projects.