



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter called the MoU) is entered into on this **2nd day of August Two Thousand Twenty-Four** by and between the Director and representative Ms. Dipika Deshani of Pratham InfoTech Foundation, Mumbai (hereinafter called "**PIF, Mumbai**", which expression shall mean and include its successors in interests and assigns) on the **ONE PART**.

AND

The Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University (KSKVKU), established under The Gujarat Act No. 5 of 2003, further modified following *Gujarat Public Universities Act, 2023* (Gujarat Act No. 15 of 2023) and acting through its Vice-Chancellor (hereinafter called the "**KSKVKU**" which expression shall mean and include its successors in interests and assigns) on the **OTHER PART**.

The KSKVKU and PIF, Mumbai are hereinafter jointly referred to as "**Parties**".

Whereas:

1. The Parties believe that collaboration and cooperation between themselves will promote more effective use of each of their resources and provide each of them with enhanced opportunities.
2. The Parties intend to cooperate and focus their efforts on cooperation within the area of Empowerment Programs through IBM Skills Build workshops and awareness campaigns.
3. The Parties, being legal entities in themselves desire to sign this MoU for advancing their mutual interest.

Preamble

Pratham InfoTech Foundation (PIF, Mumbai) is a dedicated nonprofit organization in India that aims to bridge the digital divide and enhance educational opportunities for underprivileged children. By facilitating the adoption of information technologies in education, PIF equips disadvantaged youth with essential skills for the global economy. The foundation runs various programs, including computer-aided learning for K-12 students and after-school training centers focused on job skills in economically disadvantaged neighbourhoods. PIF also emphasizes curriculum design and the creation of localized training materials in regional languages. Committed to the vision of "e-education for all," the foundation seeks to ensure that individuals, regardless of their background, can access the benefits of technology. Through partnerships with government and industry, PIF mobilizes resources to sustain its mission of boosting digital literacy and promoting inclusive growth, while emphasizing capacity building and social integration in its approach.

The Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University (KSKVKU) is a distinguished state-funded institution and the sole university in the Kachchh district, the largest district in India. It derived its name from Shyamji Krishna Verma, a notable leader who played a significant role in India's independence movement. Situated in a unique geographic location on the Indian subcontinent, the university is surrounded by diverse landscapes, culturally rich communities, historical and archaeological sites, unique geological landscape, mineralogically rich and serves as a critical area near the Indo-Pak border. It is also a thriving hub for business and tourism on a global



scale. Since its establishment in 2004 with eight affiliated colleges, the university has experienced remarkable growth. Currently, it houses 16 postgraduate departments on campus and has expanded its reach to include 50 affiliated colleges. The university offers a wide range of disciplines, such as Arts, Commerce, Science, Education, Law, and Medicine, attracting over 25,000 students from the Kachchh region and various states across India. Recognized under UGC 2(f) and awarded the prestigious 12(B) certification by the UGC in 2018, the university maintains high standards in line with esteemed institutions across the state and the nation. It is also actively working towards obtaining accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the near future. Currently, the university employs over 35 permanent/contractual faculty members and more than 55 permanent/contractual administrative staff members, all dedicated to the progress and elevation of the university at national and international levels. Recent initiatives, including the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 as directed by the Government of India, have further enhanced the university's academic environment and aligned it with contemporary educational standards. In 2023, the Government of Gujarat implemented the Gujarat Public Universities Act, 2023, with the aim of improving governance, academic standards, and higher education across the state. Among the ten universities in Gujarat, the KSKVKU was also included in this act.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES SET FORTH THIS MoU, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Clause-1: Cooperation

1. The Parties are united by common interests and objectives to empower youth/students, and they shall establish channels of communication and cooperation that will promote and advance their respective operations within the Institutions and their related wings.
2. The Parties' cooperation will facilitate the effective utilization of the subject matter expert and intellectual capability of students at KSKVKU, providing significant inputs in developing a suitable ecosystem, keeping in mind the needs of the industry.

Clause-2: Scope of MOU (Statement of work)

1. Guest Lectures/Visiting Faculty: PIF, Mumbai will extend the necessary support to deliver guest lectures to the students of KSKVKU on the technology trends, emerging technologies, IT sales skills, IT recruitment and training, methodologies and in-house requirements.
2. PIF, Mumbai will help with course completion for the students and placement support to students of the KSKVKU party, as and when required in tune with the industry-Academic Relations.
3. KSKVKU will assign a teacher/ professor in the classroom during the session for crowd management.
4. The Parties are to obtain all internal approvals, consents, permissions and licenses of whatsoever nature required for offering the Programs on the terms specified herein.
5. It would be a non-commercial agreement between KSKVKU and PIF, Mumbai.

Clause-3: Intellectual Property

1. Nothing contained in this MoU shall, by express grant, implication, Estoppel or otherwise create in either Party any right, title, interest, or license, in or to the intellectual property (including but not limited to know-how, inventions, patents, copyrights and designs) of the other Party.



2. Both parties will respect each other's Privacy and IPR policies without any violation. In case of any violation of IPR, the MoU would be terminated immediately.

Clause-4: Relationship Between the Parties

1. It is expressly agreed that KSKVKU and PIF, Mumbai are acting under this MoU as independent organizations, and the relationship established under this MoU shall not be construed as a partnership but shall be considered on the Joint Collaboration for Upskilling of student and placement support.
2. Neither Party is authorized to use the other Party's name in any way, to make any representations or create any obligation or liability, expressed or implied, on behalf of the other Party, without the prior written consent of the other Party. Neither Party shall have, nor represent itself as having, any authority under the terms of this MoU to make agreements of any kind in the name of or binding upon the other Party, to pledge the other Party's credit, or to extend credit on behalf of the other Party.

Duration of MoU, Extension, and Termination:

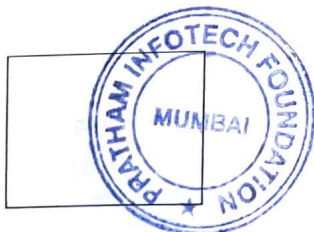
1. This MoU shall be valid for 5 (five) years from its signing. This MoU may be extended for up to 5 years by mutual consent, which will be in writing.
2. Either Party may terminate this MoU by mutual consent by giving written notice no less than three months before the desired termination date to the other Party. However, both Parties agree that notwithstanding the termination, all continuing obligations to students, scholars, staff/personnel of both Parties, funding bodies, or other entities under this MoU shall be met entirely after the notice of termination.

Amendment/Modification

No amendment to, or modification of, this MoU may be made except by written mutual consent between the Parties.

On behalf of PIF, Mumbai


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