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Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU)

Between



Chitkara University, Punjab
Chandigarh-Patiala National Highway (NH-07) Village,
Jhansla, Rajpura, Punjab. 140401

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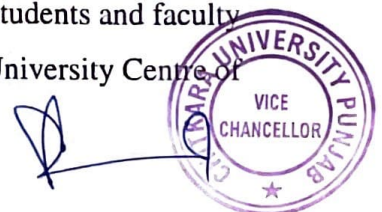


**Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh
University, Gujarat**

Mundra Road, Near Changleshwar Mahadev Temple, Bhuj, Gujarat-370001

Chitkara University (CU), Punjab having its campus at Chandigarh – Patiala National Highway (NH - 64), Village, Jansla, Rajpura, Punjab 140401 has flourished as one of the leading institutes of India having strength in following areas:

- This is a State Private University declared by Govt. of Punjab vide The Chitkara University Act, 2010 under Punjab Act No23 of 2010 and u/s 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 in 2010. It has been awarded the rating of A+ by the prestigious National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC Accreditation). It is engaged in teaching and research which includes the award of degrees in Under Graduate, Post Graduate, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral programs in the areas of Engineering and Technology, Architecture, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Management Sciences, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences, Art & Design, Mass Communications, and Hospitality Management.
- It has been granted the Prestigious University Grants Commission (UGC) 12(B) Status Which recognizes the university's high standards of education and research.
- In QS Rankings 2024, CU is ranked 1st in research quality in India and is positioned within the 601–800 band globally in the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025. Ranked as the 9th best university in India, Chitkara University's progress in the higher education sector is evident through its strong focus on research and innovation.
- In the latest QS World Rankings, CU has been distinguished for its impressive international presence, ranking 10th in India. Spread over 65 acres with extensive green areas, CU features the Chitkara University Research and Innovation Network (CURIN) and the Centre of Entrepreneurship Education and Development (CEED), fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.
- It has remarkable achievement in securing 399th spot across Asia and within top 105 institutions in Southern Asia Rankings in the esteemed QS World University Rankings- Asia 2025.
- It has been ranked 19th rank in Pharmacy for the year 2024 and ranked 35th in Architecture, 54th in Management, 94th in Engineering and ranked between 11-50th in the Innovation Category by the National Institution Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Government of India.
- Chitkara University imparts skill-focused technical and professional education and conducts research in emerging areas through its established research Centre namely Chitkara University Research and Innovation Network (CURIN) and its constituent schools/colleges. Chitkara University is spread over more than 65 acres of land with 40% of the green area which provides world-class state of art facilities and support to its stake holders, especially students and faculty members. Chitkara University has established a centre namely the Chitkara University Centre of



Entrepreneurship Education and Development (CEED) which caters to the current need for entrepreneurship skill of students and alumni and more than 80 start-ups has already been covered in success story with registered CIN.

- That, Chitkara University has run unique programs in the field of Engineering & Technology, Management, and Hospitality which provides hands-on skills and assured job guarantee through its Industry Partner. Moreover, Chitkara University has developed more than 60 Centre of Excellence in Which more than 100 niche industry partners had established their Training centres and actively participate in the curriculum development of programs offered in these fields.

Whereas,

Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University, Gujarat having its campus at Mundra Road, near Changleshwar Mahadev Temple, Bhuj, Gujarat-370001.

- Education is the basic requirement for the development of any region. The Govt. of Gujarat has taken a commendable decision to provide a separate University for the region of Kachchh to fulfill the demand of the people of Kachchh. The Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University Act was published in the Govt. Gazette in March 2003.
- The eminent leader Shyamji Krishna Verma of Mandvi, Kachchh motivated the independence movement from outside India, whose name is being given to this University and now the University is known as "The Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University".
- The University recognized under UGC 2(f) by the notification No: F:9-11/2003/CPP-1 Dated: 3-2-2004.
- The foundation stone was laid by Hon'ble Chief Minister Gujarat State for starting the construction work of Kachchh University Campus on Dt. 24/9/2004. The Construction work for the administrative blocks, four faculty blocks, Library, Computer Building, Guest House, Boys & Girls Hostel, with the budget estimates 35 crores funded by Gujarat State is going on the campus. The Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University has started its administrative and academic activity at new developing campus from academic the year 2007-08.
- University started with 10 colleges in 2004 having 28 colleges with more than 15000 students and nearly 200 teachers working in the faculties of Arts, Commerce, Science, Education, Law, Technology including Engineering and Pharmacy. The University is providing higher education as par with any other university of the state and India.



- The University is organizing the youth culture and sports activities to encourage the students and providing them a platform, more than 500 students participated in the Inter University Culture and sports activities organized by AIU (Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi). In the year 2005-06 the student of the affiliated college secured second position in the "Collage Painting" of the youth festival in the west zone inter university tournament.

Both universities appreciate the need for creation of the large reservoir of highly qualified manpower in all fields related to academic and co-curricular activities, creation of educational materials and resources, seminars, conferences, workshops, Symposiums & Competitions, Joint Research & Research Projects, Students Internship Programs/Projects works/exposure trips, Joint work for Staff Professional development, initiatives like socio-economic & welfare initiatives for neighboring and Rural Communities, academic collaboration in ICT, counseling, training for teachers, staff and students, awareness campaigns, rallies, street plays on relevant and burning issues, celebrate important occasions and appreciate good works by offering felicitation to the performers, extending help to the people in distress during any natural calamity, promote peace, brotherhood, national integrity and communal harmony, sharing of library resources and institutional repository, sharing of best and innovative practices and Business Studies areas. Desiring to club their efforts by pooling their expertise and resources, both universities intend to form a nucleus for promoting excellent quality manpower in the field of Science and Technology, Education, Computer Applications, and Business Studies areas.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein and of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which Kachchh University -Gujarat, and CU Punjab, hereby acknowledge and agree to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

ARTICLE – I: SCOPE OF THE MOU

This MOU details the general conditions regarding collaboration between Kachchh University - Gujarat and CU, Punjab for enhancing, within the country, the availability of highly qualified manpower in the area of Science & Technology, Hospitality Management, Computer Applications, Education, Nursing, and Business Studies areas without any prejudice to prevailing rules and regulations in Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab and without and disregard to any mechanism evolved and approved by the competent authorities under Govt. of India in so



far as such mechanism applies to both institutes. The areas of Cooperation can be extended through mutual consent.

ARTICLE – II: SCOPE OF ACADEMIC INTERACTION

Both Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab shall encourage interactions between the Scientists, Research fellows, faculty members, and students of both the organizations through the following arrangements-

- a) Exchange of personnel as per the rules of the respective institute as mutually agreed upon;
- b) Organization of joint conferences and seminars;
- c) Expert lectures from Professors of CU, Punjab, and vice – versa;
- d) Joint guidance of student projects/ research (not leading to a Ph.D. Degree) in academic programs of mutual interest at Kachchh University -Gujarat by CU, Punjab on mutually agreeable terms as listed below:
 - i) For any research (not leading to a Ph.D. Degree) the students will be allotted a faculty member from Kachchh University -Gujarat as a Research Guide or Co-Guide. A faculty at CU, Punjab may be appointed as a Research Guide or Co-Guide as per the rules of the respective institute.
 - ii) The students will carry out their research work (not leading to a Ph.D. Degree) / project at Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab as per the rules of the respective institute depending on facilities and requirements.
 - iii) There will be no restrictions on the contents of the research (not leading to a Ph.D. Degree) being published subject to the condition that no Intellectual Property Rights can be secured for any part of the work which will be decided with mutual consent.
 - iv) Both Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab will be free to independently carry out follow-up research (not leading to a Ph.D. Degree) on the work conducted under this scheme.
 - v) If the outcome of a project is related to product development, Process technology, design, etc. which involves a matter of secrecy and concern with the security of the State and the Country, the same will not be allowed for publication/ printing in any form such as electronically/ verbal, etc. If the outcome of a project results in intellectual property, for which rights can be secured, it will be decided on a case-to-case basis, primarily governed by the respective IPR policies of Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU. Similarly, sharing of expenditure in securing such rights and income accrued through royalty, etc. will be decided on a case-to-case basis after mutual consultation.



- vi) Research supervisors from both the institutions will be the corresponding authors in any publication resulting from the collaborative work. All the efforts put by the student/s as a part of this MOU will be accounted for by way of reporting the work in research publication and/or paper publication except the part for which IPR needs to be claimed.
- vii) Neither of the supervisors will publish the work carried out under this MOU without the knowledge of the other.

ARTICLE – III: SHARING OF FACILITIES

- a) Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab shall make provisions to share their respective important R&D facilities to promote academic and research interaction.
- b) Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab shall permit the exchange of software and other materials and components developed in-house in the areas of cooperation, if permitted by the rules governing the two institutions. However, responsibility for the safety of software and other materials during the exchange will rest on the respective Heads of the academic department/section.
- c) Both the institutes shall provide access to the library facilities to scientists, members of faculty, and students as per the prevailing rules and norms in the respective institutes.

ARTICLE– IV: CO-ORDINATION OF THE PROGRAMME INCLUDING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- a) The collaborative programme between Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab shall be coordinated by a coordination committee appointed by the heads of both the Institutes.
- b) Financial arrangements for each specific collaboration will be decided on a case-to-case basis and brought on record in each case after due approval from the heads of both the Institutions.

ARTICLE –V: EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF MOU

- a) This MOU shall be effective from the date of signature by the competent authorities at both ends.
- b) The duration of the MOU shall be for 5 years from the effective date.
- c) During its tenancy, the MOU may be extended or terminated by prior notice of not less than one month by either party. However, termination of the MOU; will not in any manner affect the



interests of the students /faculty/scientists who have been admitted to pursue a program under the MOU.

- d) Any clause or article of the MOU may be modified or amended by mutual agreement of Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab.

ARTICLE – VI: IPR AND PUBLICATION RIGHTS

Rights regarding publications, patents, royalty ownership of software/design/product developed, etc. under the scope of this MOU, shall be decided by the two parties by mutual consent and governed by the IP policies of the respective institutes.

ARTICLE – VII: CONFIDENTIALITY

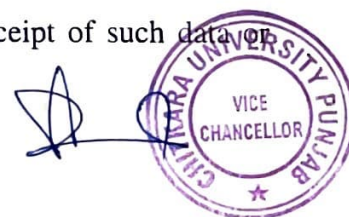
During the tenure of the MOU both Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab will maintain strict confidentiality and prevent disclosure of all the information and data exchanged under the scope of this MOU for any purpose other than following this MOU.

Both Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab shall bind their respective personnel who come into possession or knowledge of any confidential information not to disclose the same to third parties without the written approval of the disclosing party or use such confidential information for any use other than that intended under this agreement.

Further, both Kachchh University -Gujarat and CU, Punjab shall put in place adequate and reasonable measures to keep and store confidential information secure to prevent any unauthorized use.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION shall mean any proprietary information, data, or fact belonging to PARTIES collectively or severally, disclosed by the disclosing party under this agreement or any subsequent agreement, whether in writing, verbal, or electronically, irrespective of the medium in which such information is stored, which is marked confidential or with any other words having similar meaning by the disclosing party or specifically agreed to be kept confidential by the parties, or declared or identified so by the disclosing party before such disclosure or during the discussions. However confidential information shall not include any data or information that:

- a) Is or becomes publicly available through no fault of the receiving party,
b) Is already in the rightful possession of the receiving party before its receipt of such data or information;



- c) Is independently devolved by the receiving party without reference to the confidential information of the disclosing party
- d) Is rightfully obtained by the receiving party from a third party or is it in the public domain
- e) Is disclosed with the written consent of the party whose information it is, or
- f) Is disclosed under a court order or other legal compulsion, after providing prior notice to the disclosing party

ARTICLE – VIII: AMENDMENTS

Any amendment and /or addenda to the AGREEMENT shall be in writing and signed by the PARTIES here to and shall only after such execution be deemed to form part of the AGREEMENT and have the effect of modifying the AGREEMENT to the extent required by such amendment or addenda.

ARTICLE – IX: RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

The dispute or difference whatsoever arises between PARTIES in the relation to or in connection with this AGREEMENT both the parties shall first try to resolve the dispute/difference amicably between themselves, failing which the matter shall be resolved subject to the jurisdiction of civil court Chandigarh.

ARTICLE – X: MISCELLANEOUS

- a) The headings and sub-headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement.
- b) No failure to exercise and on delay in exercising, on the part of a party and right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as, a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power, or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power, or privilege. The rights, remedies, power, or privilege herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any right, remedies, power, or privilege provided by law.
- c) After this Agreement has been signed, all preceding understanding/negotiations and correspondence about it shall become null and void.



ARTICLE- XI: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS):

Both the parties shall work together towards the SDG agenda set by the United Nations for 2030 and shall strive to achieve the following goals:

1. Quality Education: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
2. Gender Equality: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
3. Decent Work and Economic Growth: Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.
4. Reduced Inequalities: Reduce inequality within and among countries.
5. Partnerships for the Goals: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF PARTIES HERE TO HAVE ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE AS ON THE DATE AND YEAR MENTIONED BELOW.

For and on behalf of
Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma
Kachchh University, Gujarat

Name: Dr. Mohan Patel
Designation: Vice-Chancellor
Seal:



WITNESSES:

1. Dr. D. K. Sharma 02/12/2024
2. C. Chitrakora
University)

For and on behalf of
Chitkara University, Punjab

Name: Dr. Sandhya Sharma
Designation: Vice-Chancellor
Seal:



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1. Dr. J. K. Sharma (KACHCHH UNIVERSITY)
2. A. P. Mehta (KACHCHH UNIVERSITY)