



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Madhya Pradesh Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal

AND

Pandit Sundarlal Sharma State Open University, Bilaspur

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and signed on 05.09.2023 between **Madhya Pradesh Bhoj (Open) University** (hereinafter referred to as MPBOU) through its Vice Chancellor, having its headquarter at *Raja Bhoj Marg (Kolar Road), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), India* which expression shall include its authorized representative of the **first Party**.

AND

Pandit Sundarlal Sharma State Open University, Bilaspur through its Vice Chancellor, having its Headquarter at **Bilaspur** which expression shall include its authorized representative as the **Second Party** concerning collaborative activities for research, faculty exchange, and student exchange from the University.

Here-in-after, individually referred to as the "first party" and the "second party", collectively referred to as parties, this MOU is restrictively meant only for academic and research purposes.

COOPERATION

Common interests and objectives unite both parties, and they shall establish channels of communication and cooperation that will promote and advance their respective academic operations. The parties shall keep each other informed of potential opportunities and share all information that may be relevant to secure additional opportunities for one another.

The cooperation between both parties will facilitate the effective utilization of either party's intellectual capabilities, providing significant inputs to them in developing suitable teaching/training systems, keeping in mind the needs of either party.

PURPOSE OF MOU

Whereas both parties shall evolve a mutually acceptable schedule to develop programs, hold seminars and exchange visits.

The said academic interaction and intellectual cooperation may include-

- i. Cooperation between parties regarding NEP 2020, such as discussion, finding possibilities, and implementation in both universities.
- ii. Faculty/staff development and exchange;
- iii. Exchange of students;
- iv. Seminars, research, conferences and workshops;
- v. Collaborations in the sharing of academic data, research information, intellectual property, articles and publications;
- vi. Advice policies, programs, placements, and execute training
- vii. A joint project to collaborative activities for research;
- viii. Sharing expertise for developing the curriculum of existing and new courses of either party.

SCOPE OF MOU

Both parties believe that close cooperation between the two would be a major benefit to the student community to enhance their skills and knowledge.

The scope of this MOU extends to (a) running innovative courses by either party in collaboration with others; (b) for joint research; (c) for preparing e-content; (d) for the joint degree programmes, and (e) for any other academic purposes.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY

This MOU shall be initially valid for **three years** from the date of signing this MOU and to be renewed subsequently by mutual consent of both parties.

Both parties can terminate this MOU upon 30 calendar days' notice in writing. In the event of termination, both parties have to discharge their obligations.

FORCE MAJEURE

Suppose at any time during the MoU that it becomes impossible for either party to perform any or all of their obligations for reasons of Force Majeure, which shall be defined as "acts of nature, invasion or acts of God or events beyond the reasonable control of either party, any act of war, invasion, armed conflict, etc."; in that case, the parties shall consult on the appropriate action to be taken, which may include suspension or cancellation of the projector relief to the party from such obligations as long as Force Majeure persists.

BREACH OF MOU CLAUSES

In case of breach of any clause of this MOU, both parties shall have the right to terminate the agreement by giving one month's notice.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOU

However, circumstances may arise during the MOU operations, which may call for alteration or modification of this MOU. These modifications/alterations will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing and treated as a part of the original MOU.

ARBITRATION

Any dispute concerning any aspect of this MOU shall be referred to a sole arbitrator appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of both parties. The venue for arbitration shall be decided by the sole Arbitrator so appointed.

In addition to this, the terms and conditions of this MOU will be governed as per UGC norms.

AGREED

On Date :

**For Madhya Pradesh Bhoj (Open)
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