

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN



DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA GORAKHPUR UNIVERSITY,
GORAKHPUR, UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

AND

SIDDHARTH UNIVERSITY, KAPILVASTU,
SIDDHARTHNAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

DATED: THIS 07 DAY OF JANUARY 2025

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered between **“Siddharth University, Kapilvastu, Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh, India”** having its campus at Kapilvastu, Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh, hereinafter called **“SUK”** and **the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Uttar Pradesh, India**, hereinafter referred to as **“DDUGU”**. Both SUK and DDUGU are independently referred to as **“Party”** and collectively as **“Parties”**.

WHEREAS

The parties hereto are entering into this Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of recording their intention to negotiate and finalize the terms of cooperation with the objective of strengthening their mutual cooperation as well as striving for the promotion of mutual exchanges.

A. The Parties confirm their intention to negotiate and settle the terms of an Agreement in respect of each project and program that will take place.

B. Each Agreement will include provisions dealing with, amongst other things: (i) promote student mobility and visiting scholar programs; (ii) enhance academic programs collaborations; (iii) promote joint publication and research activities; (iv) initiate exchange of academic materials and other information pertaining to mutual benefits; (v) promote several scholarly activities such as courses, seminars, trainings, conferences, and symposiums organised by either of the Parties; (vi) Other activities and programs as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties; and (vii) adhering to the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) policy of the respective parties.

C. The Parties acknowledge that for any agreement to be binding on them, it must be in writing and signed by a duly authorised representative from each Party.

This MoU shall be treated as a platform on which both Parties agree to work together in the future.

BACKGROUND

Siddharth University, Kapilvastu, Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh (India)

Siddharth University, located in Kapilvastu, Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh, was established as a State University in June 2015. Guided by the ideals of Lord Buddha, the University aims to blend traditional wisdom with modern education, fostering an environment of inquiry, innovation, and academic excellence. Its mission is to ignite young minds, instill ethical values, and equip students with skills for global challenges.

Siddharth University has emerged as a distinguished center for higher education, offering 46 programs across undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctorate levels. The university comprises 22 academic departments and serves nearly 200,000 students. A multidisciplinary approach, with platforms like the Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Shodh Peeth and the International Buddhist Center ensure academic rigor and research excellence. Siddharth University emphasize upon research as reflected in collaborations with organizations like DBT, DST, CST and BARC, leading to several projects and collaborative research. The University's dedication to employability is evident in its programs designed to develop industry-relevant skills. We also partner with organizations such as NIELIT and introduced 40 skill-based courses in 2023-24, emphasizing capability enhancement. Additionally, the establishment of the Siddharth Incubation Centre, Central Instrumentation Facility, and Women Education Centre highlights its commitment to fostering innovation and empowerment. The University has signed ten MoUs with national and international organizations, enhancing its academic and research capabilities. The Siddharth University has also earned certifications for quality management (ISO 9001:2015), environmental management (ISO 14001:2015), and energy management (ISO 5001:2018).

On the green campus away from urban noise, Siddharth University provides an environment conducive to learning and research. The campus features modern infrastructure, including computer labs with 150 systems and a 500 MBPS Wi-Fi network. Its library houses 51,829 books, 4,702 manuscripts, over 8,000 journals. A centralized digital portal (SUOKH- Siddharth University Open Knowledge Hub) has been established at the university through which

rare manuscripts, including 1,34,173 pages, have been digitized, ensuring accessibility for scholars. Siddharth University spans an expansive 67 acres, featuring the Faculty of Science, Commerce, and Arts, an administrative block, residential accommodations for teaching and non-teaching staff, separate hostels for boys, girls, and international students, a health center, an international guest house, a central library, a playground, a post office, a bank, a shopping area, a park, an auditorium, and more. Efforts towards sustainability are evident in the installation of an 80 KWP grid solar system.

As a beacon of learning in the historical land of Kapiivastu, Siddharth University is advancing with digital connectivity, adopting platforms like E-Samrath for seamless administration. With its focus on holistic development, ethical education, and societal impact, the University invites students to join its journey toward academic and personal growth.

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh)

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, established in 1957 by the Uttar Pradesh State Universities Act), is the first University to be established in Uttar Pradesh after Independence. In its long eventful journey it has constantly striven to live up to its motto, "Let noble thoughts come to me from all directions" by assimilating diverse ideas, people and beliefs into its academic and co-curricular lives. Spread over 190.96 acres, it houses seven Faculties comprising of 40 departments that have been playing a significant role in imparting holistic education predominantly to the people of the Eastern region of Uttar Pradesh, Western Bihar, and the neighbouring country of Nepal since its inception. As a residential-cum-affiliating State University whose academic jurisdiction spreads across three districts of Eastern Uttar Pradesh it can boast of a rich academic legacy, illustrious alumni, experienced, qualified and dedicated faculty members, transparent and effective administrative set up, state-of-the art library, ample career growth opportunities, advanced research facilities and a vibrant and safe campus. DDU Gorakhpur University, recognized with an A++ accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), stands as a premier state university. Notably, it has attained the highest score in Uttar Pradesh, securing the 4th position nationwide.

The University has performed exceptionally well in the ranking front in the last one year. It secured the 84th Rank in India and 1st in UP in the Nature Index Ranking, 2024, 240th rank in QS World University Rankings: Southern Asia 2025, 226th rank in SCImago Institutions Rankings, 2024, and 104th position in India in the Uni Rank University Ranking, 2024. The University has also performed well in the 2024 edition of Edurank and Webometrics Rankings. These rankings have established the University as a center for quality teaching and Research nationwide.

With more than 12000 registered students out of which more than 50% are women the University has successfully introduced a plethora of path-breaking schemes and programs for imparting holistic education to its students. The University is acclaimed nation-wide for conducting and promoting quality research, exceptional teaching and learning processes, national and international awardees, sports activities and recognitions, engagement in outreach and extension activities, robust student support system, placements in reputed government and private organizations and transparent and effective governance. The University is equipped with facilities like automated Central Library, ICT enabled class-rooms, state-of the-art laboratories, Incubation centre, Health Centre, separate hostels for men and women, facilities for sports and games, environmentally friendly campus, gender sensitive ambience and ragging- free atmosphere.

1. OBJECTIVES OF THIS MOU

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote international agreement, scholarly collaboration, cultural interaction and friendship by supporting educational, professional and cultural activities among faculty and students of the two institutions. Accordingly, the areas of cooperation will include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered at their university as felt desirable and feasible on either side and that both sides will contribute to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two universities.

2. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

Specific areas of cooperation between the two parties, subject to the availability of funds and the approval, but not limited to the following:

- a) Exchange of students
- b) Exchange of faculty members
- c) Joint research activities
- d) Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- e) Exchange of academic materials and other information
- f) Developing and executing special academic programs
- g) Dual, Joint and Twinning degree programs
- h) Joint consultancies; and
- i) Organising joint conferences/seminars/workshops

The terms of such mutual assistance and the necessary budget for each specific program and activity that is implemented under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding or any other written agreement thereafter shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both Parties prior to the initiation of the particular program or activity and the terms of such program and activity shall be negotiated on an annual basis. Each party will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programs.

3. OUTLINES OF THE COLLABORATION

This document is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on either Party. It serves only as a record of the Parties' current intentions. This will be a sustaining program and will help sourcing funds for collaborative research/academic programs from external agencies. We also plan to work on a joint online degree program in different disciplines, which could be an avenue for further cooperation between SUK and DDUGU

Under the aegis of this agreement, SUK and DDUGU shall jointly explore the possibilities of working in both countries India and India. The major focus of this collaboration shall be on:

- Developing joint curricula for mutually identified programs.
- Guiding students for Post-graduate and Doctoral research with DDUGU as an extended research campus of SUK.
- Both universities shall assist in the faculty development and student mentoring of each other.

- Joint research in science, humanities and legal studies.
- Faculty/Scientists from each institution will collaborate in developing proposals for external funding as appropriate.
- Any expenses incurred by each institution under this agreement will be the sole responsibility of the institutions concerned.

Academic and Research Collaboration

In pursuant to the agreement, academic and research collaborations shall be initiated between both Parties. Academic collaboration shall involve, faculty members/scientists visiting their counterpart institutions for short-term (1-3 months) teaching assignments, evaluation and curriculum development. The eligible faculty members/scientists may also be a part of the dissertation/thesis supervision along with the host institution faculty members/scientists.

Research collaboration shall involve, visits of faculty members/scientists to each other's institution, and write, bid and implement collaborative research projects for funding and be a part of in-house research funded projects. Research collaboration shall involve being a part of the publication authorship group, and keeping the intellectual property rights intact.

Exchange of academic information, data generation and dissemination, and scholarly publications

In pursuant to the agreement, the exchange of academic information, data regeneration and dissemination and scholarly publications shall be the privilege of both institutions involved. The data generation could be from primary or secondary sources. The samples to be collected from field areas shall be shared as per convenience and the Government protocols. Secondary data source and sharing shall also need to have clearance of the Government procedures. Dissemination of information to print/visual media shall be as per the Government protocols.

4. PUBLICATION & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- (i) If the research is conducted and completed in India with the help of Siddharth University, Kapilvastu members in the team, the intellectual property will be

protected in India with SUK as a co-applicant, and DDUGU will have rights to commercialise the technology.

- (ii) If the research is conducted and completed in India with the help of SUK members in the team, the intellectual property will be protected in India with DDUGU as a co-applicant. SUK will have the right to commercialise the technology.
- (iii) In case research is carried out solely and separately by the Party or the research results are obtained through the sole and separate effort of the Party, the Party concerned alone will apply for the grant of IPR and once granted, the IPR will be solely owned by the Party concerned.
- (iv) In case of research results obtained through joint activities, the grant of intellectual property rights will be sought by both the Parties jointly and once granted these rights will be jointly owned by the Parties.
- (v) Any Publication, document and/or paper arising out of joint work conducted by the participants pursuant to this MoU will be jointly owned. The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of the participants on any publication, document and/or paper will require prior permission of both the participants. It may however be ensured that the official emblem and logo is not misused.
- (vi) Both Parties agree to ensure appropriate protection of intellectual Property Rights generated from such cooperation consistent with their respective laws, DDUGU^{rules} and regulations and other international agreements to which both Parties are signatories.

5. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Parties shall perform their respective roles and responsibilities under this MoU with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

SUK and DDUGU agree that except for a Court Order requiring disclosure, neither shall disclose to any third party without the written consent of the other, any information made available to

the Parties, in the performance of work and/or generated by the performance of work, under this Agreement, except information which at the date hereof was;

- (i) In the public domain
- (ii) Known to either prior to the date hereof as evidenced by written documents subsequently.

The provisions in this Article shall survive termination or completion of the Memorandum of Understanding.

7. AMENDMENTS

The Parties of this MoU may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend, or delete any words, phrases, sentences, or Articles in this MoU.

8. ARBITRATION

Disputes arising out of this MoU, if any, shall be amicably settled jointly by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, (U.P.) and Siddharth University, Kapilvastu, Uttar Pradesh, India.

9. VALIDITY OF THE MOU

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the date of signing and will have a duration of five (5) years. However, it can be extended by mutual agreement. Any cessation of the MoU by either Party shall be notified in writing to the other Party at least six months in advance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute the MoU in two original copies in English language on the 7th of January, 2025.



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