# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
# (MoU)

Between

National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh

And

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi
Mandi, Himachal Pradesh

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into this 6th day of July month and year 2026.

**National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh, Deemed to be University (Distinct Category),MoE, Government of India, Sector 26, Chandigarh, 160019 on the ONE PART**

**AND**

**Indian Institute of Technology Mandi (IIT Mandi), Mandi 175075, Himachal Pradesh. the OTHER PART**

## 1.0 PREAMBLE

National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chandigarh (hereinafter referred to as NITTTR, Chandigarh) was established in the year 1967 by the Ministry of Education, Government of India with several objectives viz. training teachers of technical institutes through different types of courses, fostering and promoting research in improving classroom and laboratory instruction, preparing and supplying teaching aids and instructional materials, associating with other academic bodies of technical education to achieve quality improvement in academic programs, collaborating with institutions and organizations in India and abroad having similar objectives and functions, and interacting with industries in formulating training programs of mutual interest. NITTTR Chandigarh has been conferred with the status of Deemed-to-be-University under Distinct Category in 2024. The institute has played a pivotal role in advancing the quality of technical and vocational education across Northern India.

**AND**

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi (IIT Mandi), Mandi 175075, Himachal Pradesh is one of the premier technical institutes in India. IIT Mandi was established in 2009 with the aim of providing world-class education and cutting-edge research in engineering, science, and technology. Since its inception, the institute has strived to achieve excellence in education, research, and innovation.

At IIT Mandi, faculty members are renowned experts in their fields and are committed to providing their students with the best possible education. Research facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and resources, providing students with ample opportunities to explore their interests and pursue their passions.

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NITTTR, Chandigarh andIndian Institute of Technology, Mandiare individually referred to as the "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties".

Now this MoU witness that:

**2.0 2.0 Scope of Work**

In recognition of the rapidly evolving global academic ecosystem and the need for transformative reforms in higher technical education, the Parties agree to collaborate in the following strategic areas:

**2.1 The Joint Degree Program (JDP)**

The parties may offer PhD students enrolled in both institutions the chance to collaborate on a multidisciplinary research project with faculty members from IIT Mandi and NITTTR Chandigarh, as well as to take advantage of the facilities and professional development opportunities offered by both institutions.During the stay in IIT Mandi or NITTTR Chandigarh, the student will have the status of Visiting Student, and will enjoy all the privileges of a full-time student in IIT Mandi/NITTTR Chandigarh.

**2.2 Collaborative Interdisciplinary Research and Development of Research Ecosystem**

IIT Mandiand NITTTR Chandigarh may engage in joint research projects of mutual interest in socially and industry relevant problems. The faculty may also act as Co-supervisor for Ph.D. research scholars and postgraduate students in education and technical domains based on the mutual interest.The end goal of the research should be development of Start-up ecosystem in the fields of mutual interest.

**2.3 Exchangeofstudentsandfaculty**,exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials and publications in discipline of mutual interest

**2.4 Joint research activities through participation in nationally and internationally funded projects.**

Proposals for collaborative research work under this Memorandum will be submitted with the prior approval of the Head of each Institution, or his/her nominee. Each Institution will nominate one of its members as its representative in charge of the cooperative programme. Progress of work of any individual programme will be reviewed and approved by designated authorities of both Institutes.

**2.5 Joint organization of FDPs, workshops, capacity building programs and training**

Both parties may jointly organize Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), refresher courses, capacity building workshops and technical workshops for in-house and external faculty. The Parties may engage in joint conduct of seminars, conferences, workshops, etc. on the latest tools and

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technologies.

**2.6 Implementation** and advancement of initiatives aligned with NEP 2020, Integration of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into teaching, learning, and research and steps towards ViksitBharat@2047.

**2.7 Sharing of Academic and Research Facilitates**

Both the institutes may allow the access to their Academic and Research Facilitates to the students and faculty members of the institute.

For the above-mentioned models of engagement, the Parties agree that the relevant NITTTR, Chandigarh standard engagement/contracting terms as well as the engagement/contracting terms of Indian Institute of Technology Mandiwill be mutually discussed and agreed by the Parties for each individual engagement through a separate agreement.

## 3.0 FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

Both the parties shall extend mutual support as detailed under Section 2 for which financial issues will be discussed and agreed upon separately depending on the type of activity / program. In programmes/activities that generate revenue, the surplus revenue after costs shall be shared in accordance with the terms agreed upon by the parties.

## 4.0 TENURE OF THE MOU

The said MoU shall be valid for a period of **5(Five)**years from the date of agreement.This MoU or its renewal and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications may be made by mutual agreement and any amendment or extension to the agreement may be formalized by the exchange of letters between the two parties.In case of any difference of opinion that may arise during the execution of this MoU in its true spirit, both parties shall make genuine efforts to resolve the same by mutual talks. In case the same persists, either of the parties can terminate the MoU by giving a notice of 30 days.

## 5.0 FORCE MAJEURE

Notwithstanding any item contained in this MoU, neither party shall be held responsible for actions beyond their control (e.g. natural calamities, law & order situation and so on) and compensation shall not be claimed by either party from other nor shall it be paid. Either party may terminate this MoU in the event a force majeure event subsists for more than thirty (30) days. Neither of the parties shall use the name of the other Party or its employees in any advertisement,

press release or publicity with reference to this MoU without prior written approval of the other Party, except for necessary governmental disclosures.

## 6.0 OPERATIONAL MECHANISM

All communication shall be addressed to the Head of the respective institutions that may authorize any senior official to do so on their behalf.Head of the respective institutions shall be authorized to make decision on behalf of their institutions unless otherwise the execution powers are delegated to any senior official(s).

## 7.0 GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This MoU shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of India. All disputes arising in connection with this MoUthat are unable to be resolved in good faith negotiations between the Parties shall be finally settled under the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act,1996, by one or more arbitrators appointed in accordance with said Act, and the award of such Arbitration Tribunal shall be enforceable in Indian Courts only. The Arbitration shall be held in the English language, and the venue shall be Chandigarh, India. The Parties shall share the Arbitration costs equally unless the Arbitral Award provides otherwise.

## 8.0 PROTECTION OF INTELLECUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS/OWNERSHIP

**8.1** Each party undertakes to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from, or supplied to the other party during the period of the implementation of the MOU or any other agreements made pursuant to this MOU. However, in case of RTI or any other legal requirement, each party may do so with intimation to the other party.

**8.2** Both the parties will ensure appropriate protection of intellectual property rights obtained on the basis of this MOU, in accordance with providing laws and regulations in force in the country.

**8.3** All research results and foreground information as well as foreground intellectual property rights, generated during the joint research work, whether or not legally projected, shall be owned jointly by NITTTR Chandigarh and IIT Mandi.

**8.4** Intellectual Property/ies that may come about in the course of execution of collaborative projects) between NITTTR Chandigarh and IIT Mandi will be equal shareholders, unless otherwise mentioned clearly in project proposals or project-specific agreements.

**8.5** NITTTR Chandigarh and IIT Mandi shall not disclose any research result and foreground information, generated during the joint research, to any third party without seeking prior written

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permission from each other. Any scientific information exchanged/shared between the parties for joint research/supervision will not be transferred to third party without consent of the parties

This memorandum shall be deemed as a pledge and a statement of intent to foster genuine, workable, and mutually beneficial professional collaboration for the socio-economic development of the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this MoU on behalf of their respective institutions.

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| **National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh** | **Indian Institute of Technology(** IIT) Mandi |
| 06/07/26 | Behera |
| **Prof. Bhola Ram Gurjar** | **Prof. LaxmidharBehera** |
| **Director** | **Director** |
| (Signature with seal) | (Signature with seal) |

Prof. B.R. Gurjar
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सेक्टर / Sector 26, चण्डीगढ़ / Chandigarh - 160019

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera
Director
IIT Mandi (H.P.)-175075

**Witnesses:**

1. 06/07/26 (RAHUL VAISH)
2. [signature]

**Witnesses:**

1. 6/7/2026 (ATUL DHAR)
2. P. Anil Kishan 6/7/2026 (P. Anil Kishan)