

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh – 176215
(Accredited by NAAC with 'A+' Grade with CGPA of 3.42)

and



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MANDI, HIMACHAL PRADESH
(An Institute of National Importance)

on

COOPERATION & SHARING OF RESOURCES
IN THE AREAS OF
INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS (IKS)



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BETWEEN
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH,
DHARAMSHALA
AND
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MANDI



BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS

Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) is a Central University established under the Central Universities act, 2009 of the Parliament. It is one of the 15 Central Universities established by MHRD (now MoE), GoI under XIth Five year Plan (2007-12). The University is fully funded by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The University has its permanent Campuses in Dharamshala and Dehra, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh from where CUHP is running its Academic Operation.

And

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi (IIT Mandi) is an Institute of National Importance established by the Government of India under the Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Act, 2011. IIT Mandi is engaged in teaching, research, innovation, and technology development in science, engineering, and interdisciplinary domains and functions under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, hereinafter referred to as "IIT Mandi".

Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Indian Institute of Technology Mandi are hereinafter referred to individually as "the Participant" and collectively as "the Participants".

WHEREAS, both CUHP and IIT Mandi acknowledge the importance of **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)** in the context of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and initiatives of the Ministry of Education, Government of India;

WHEREAS, both Parties intend to promote academic and research collaboration in the areas of Indian Knowledge Systems including traditional knowledge, indigenous practices, philosophy, culture, languages, sustainability, and societal knowledge traditions;

WHEREAS, the Parties express their willingness to cooperate and share resources for mutual academic benefit and societal outreach;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties propose the following common understanding:

Article 1

Objective: The proposed objectives of this MoU are to:

- Strengthen academic collaboration in **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)** through joint teaching, research, and outreach initiatives.
- Promote interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research integrating traditional knowledge with modern scientific inquiry.
- Build institutional and human capacity in IKS among faculty members, researchers, and students.
- Encourage documentation, preservation, and dissemination of indigenous and traditional knowledge practices.
- Support implementation of **NEP 2020** and related Government of India initiatives in the area of IKS.

Article 2

Areas of Cooperation: The cooperation under this MoU may include:

1. Academic Activities

- Joint development and delivery of courses, certificate programmes, and academic modules on IKS.
- Guest lectures, special lectures, and academic interactions by faculty members of both Universities.

2. Research & Publications

- Collaborative research projects in areas related to Indian philosophy, culture, indigenous sciences, sustainability, governance, arts, languages, and social systems.

- Joint publications including books, research papers, edited volumes, policy briefs, and documentation reports.

3. Training & Capacity Building

- Organization of Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), Short-Term Programmes (STPs), workshops, and training programmes on IKS.
- Capacity building of young researchers and scholars in traditional and indigenous knowledge systems.

4. Extension & Outreach

- Community-based extension activities involving traditional knowledge holders, artisans, practitioners, and local communities.
- Awareness programmes and outreach initiatives for dissemination of Indian Knowledge Systems.

5. Resource Sharing

- Sharing of academic resources such as library materials, digital repositories, databases, and archival resources related to IKS.
- Exchange of best practices in teaching, research, and extension.

Article 3

Forms of Cooperation: Subject to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding; laws, rules, regulations and policies of their respective organisations and the general laws, rules, regulations and policies in force from time to time, cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding shall take the following forms:

1. Student and Faculty Development Activities such as organization of Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Lecture Series, etc.
2. Faculty and Student Exchange Programmes

3. Organization of Literacy campaigns, Educational and Social Awareness Campaigns, etc.
4. Sharing of Research Resources
5. Sharing and Exchange of Expertise in areas such as co-supervision of research degree students, lectures, training workshops, etc.
6. Any other areas of cooperation to be mutually agreed upon by the Participants in accordance with the objective of this Memorandum of Understanding.
7. Any other form of cooperation in accordance with the Objective of this Memorandum of Understanding as set out in Article 1, to be mutually agreed upon by the Participants.

Article 4

Modus Operandi of Implementation and Execution of this MoU

1. The Participants mutually agree that the areas of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding will be carried out in the manner to be jointly decided upon by the Participants.
2. In addition, the Participants may conclude specific Implementing Arrangements (hereinafter referred to as "subsidiary agreements") that are to be jointly decided upon for the purpose of implementing programmes and/or projects to be undertaken pursuant to the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding. Such subsidiary agreements may inter-alia define the relevant modalities regarding the programmes and/or projects concerned.

Article 5

Financial Terms and Liability: There shall be no financial obligation on the part of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) or the Indian Institute of Technology Mandi (IIT Mandi) for any activity or programme unless expressly agreed upon by both the Participants in writing. None of the party shall be responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever during any programme/activity being carried out at the premises of the collaborating institution i.e. the CUHP or the IIT Mandi.

Article 6

Participation of Third Party: Either Participant may invite the participation of a third party in the joint projects, programmes and/or activities being carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding upon the agreement of the other Participant. In carrying out such joint projects, programmes and/or activities, the Participants shall ensure the compliance of the third party with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 7

Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

1. The protection of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with the existing laws, rules, regulations and policies of the Government of India.
2. The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of any of the Participants on any publication, document and/or paper shall remain prohibited without the prior written approval by either of the Participants. It shall be incumbent upon both of the participants to ensure that official emblems and logos of either of the participants is not misused in any manner whatsoever.
3. The intellectual property rights in respect of any technological development, products and services development, carried out:
 - a. jointly by the Participants or research results obtained through the joint activity effort of the Participants, shall be jointly owned by the Participants in accordance with the terms to be mutually agreed upon; and
 - b. Solely and separately by the Participants or the research results obtained through the sole and separate effort of the Participants, shall be solely owned by the Participant concerned.

Article 8

Confidentiality

1. Each Participant shall observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received or supplied to the other Participant during the period of the

implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding or any other agreements made pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding.

2. Both the Participants agree that the information obtained from joint activities shall not be shared with a third party without prior written confirmation from both of the Participants.
3. Both the Participants agree that the provisions of this Article shall survive the expiry or termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 9

Revision, Modification and Amendment

1. Either Participant may request in writing a revision, modification or amendment of all or any part of this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Any revision, modification or amendment agreed upon by the Participants shall be reproduced in writing and shall form part of this Memorandum of Understanding.
3. Such revision, modification or amendment shall come into force on such date as may be mutually agreed upon by the Participants.
4. Any revision, modification or amendment shall not prejudice the rights and obligations arising from or based on this Memorandum of Understanding before or up to the date of such revision, modification or amendment.

Article 10

Entry into Effect, Duration and Termination

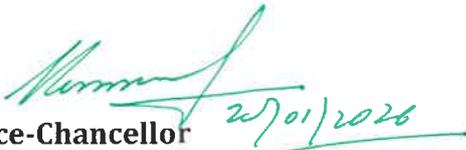
1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing by both the Participants.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain valid for a period of five (05) years and may be extended for further periods of one (01) years by mutual consent, unless terminated earlier.
3. Either Participant may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving a written notice of at least three (3) months to the other Participant.
4. Termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect ongoing programmes or projects initiated prior to the date of termination.

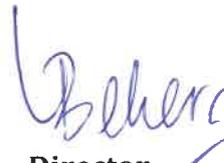
Article 11

Arbitration Clause

Should there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic cooperation, Vice-Chancellor, CUHP, DHARAMSHALA and Director, IIT Mandi will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Universities, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the _____ day of January, 2026.


Vice-Chancellor
Central University of Himachal Pradesh


Director
Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi

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