

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Desh Bhagat University and Shoolini University**

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter referred to as **MoU**) is made on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month of January in the year 2022 by and between **Desh Bhagat University (DBU)** having its Head Office at Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab (hereinafter called **First party ONE PART**) and **Shoolini University** having its headquarters at **Bajhol, Kasauli Hills, Solan** (hereinafter called **Second party**, on the **OTHER PART**), (who for the purpose of this MoU are hereinafter collectively referred to as the parties).

The parties, having discussed fields of common research interests and allied activities between the two institutions, have decided to enter into long-term collaboration for promotion of students' training and quality postgraduate research in cutting edge areas. WHEREAS the "**First Party**" is established under section 2f of UGC, 12B & NAAC Accredited and member Association of Indian Universities, NAAC Accredited, AND WHEREAS the "**Second party**" is recognized by the **SHOOLINI UNIVERSITY OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES** situated at Bajhol, Solan 173 229 Himachal Pradesh, a private University recognized by UGC established under Private Universities act of Himachal Pradesh (hereinafter called as "**SHOOLINI**"), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns of the Other Part;

Therefore, Desh Bhagat University and Shoolini University agrees to establish a program for academic cooperation in areas of mutual interest, and in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this memorandum of understanding (MoU). Both parties agree following specific objectives:

#### **1. Research collaboration**

- 1.1 Joint organization of research and publication activities in various departments/centers.
- 1.2 Joint organization of seminars, conferences, and academic workshops on topics of mutual interests.

- 1.3 Sharing of library resources and providing access to laboratory facilities to facilitate Faculty / Student exchange program.
- 1.4 Organizing joint PhD programs. To share the faculty on mutual agreed teams for Ph. D course as co-guide where the topic required inter- disciplinary specialization
- 1.5 Joint holding of Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Training/Symposia etc.

## **2. Academic collaboration**

- 2.1 Exchange of faculty/staff and students for providing hands on experience to students to various advanced technologies to expand their knowledge horizon on both offline and online modes.
- 2.2 Organizing faculty development programs, inter university student and faculty visits to enable learning through academic interactions and cultural exchange programs and sports activities in both institutions.
- 2.3 Exchange of expertise in the revision of existing curricular programs in order to respond to the current demands of industry and other employment generating entities.
- 2.4 Joint organization of workshops on Massive Open Online Learning Course (MOOC) and Information and Communication Technology (ITC).

## **3. Entrepreneurship**

- 3.1 To support each other by extending respective institutional expertise in terms of technology, knowledge, and management aspects towards strengthening innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem
- 3.2 Effective and efficient engagement towards strengthening and streamlining innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem development.
- 3.3 To design and implement various collaborative programs with a view to create synergy by linking Incubates/Startups of Academic Institution and provide mentoring and hand holding support for building strong creativity and innovation framework.

## **4. General Provisions**

- 4.1 It is understood that the parties shall uphold the principle of equal opportunity and both the Institutions shall abide by these principles in the administration of this agreement
- 4.2 Nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constraints or financial obligations be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the MOU.
- 4.3 Both parties acknowledge that exchange of students from one party to the other shall be subject to the availability of funds and shall comply with the regulations and policies of the parties.
- 4.4 All questions related to this MoU arising during its term will be settled by the

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parties by mutual agreement. Disagreements at the operating level shall be forwarded to respective higher officials for appropriate resolution failing which an arbitrator of mutual acceptance may be identified for the settlement of dispute, if any.

#### **5. Intellectual Property Rights**

- 5.1 The parties shall be expected to ensure protection of the Intellectual Property Rights generated or likely to be generated during the student's research work/collaboration. The DBU and ..... shall be the joint applicants for IPRs and the students and the associated scientific staff shall be included as the inventor/breeder/author.

#### **6. Management**

- 6.1 Registrar of the First party and the Registrar of the Second party will be responsible to work out operational details of co-operation between the two organizations and ensure proper and effective implementation of this MoU.

#### **7. Entry into effect, modification and termination**

- 7.1 This MoU shall become effective on the date it is signed by the parties and shall be valid for three years extendable further as per mutual understanding of both parties. Both parties shall review the status of the MoU at the end of each three/five year period to determine any modification, whenever necessary.
- 7.2 This MoU may be amended by mutual written agreement and may be terminated at any time by either party upon written notification signed by the competent authority of the party initiating termination. Such notification must be given to the other party at least six months in advance from the effective date of termination.
- 7.3 All joint activities not completed at the expiration or termination of the MoU may be continued until their completion under the terms of this MoU.
- 7.4 No amendment or modification of the MoU shall be valid unless the same is made in writing by both the parties or their authorized representatives and specifically stating the same to be amendment of the MoU. The modifications/changes shall become part of the MoU and shall be effective from the date on which they are made/executed, unless otherwise agreed to.

This MoU has been executed in two originals, one of which has been retained by the First party and the other by the Second party).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MoU and represent that they approve, accept, and agree to terms contained herein.

Name and Designation of the signatory  
of the **First Party**

Name and Designation of the signatory  
of the **Second Party**

Date

Date

P. K. KHOSLA

Signature with Seal



Signature with Seal

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