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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNICAL TEACHERS TRAINING AND RESEARCH (NITTTR), CHANDIGARH  
AND  
SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY, MANDI, HIMACHAL PRADESH**

**1. 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. In 2024, NITTTR Chandigarh has been conferred as Deemed to be university under distinct category by Ministry of Education, Government of India. NITTTR Chandigarh has 12 departments covering Engineering, Science, Curriculum, Education, Rural Development and Management programs. The institute offers ME and Ph.D. programs in 5 major Engineering, Management, Education Technologies and Pedagogy as well as Curriculum Design.

Sardar Patel University, Mandi (hereinafter referred to as SPU, Mandi) came into existence on April 1, 2022, as a State Government University, vide H.P. State Government Notification No. EDN-A-Ka(1)-17/2021, dated February 28, 2022. Sardar Patel University, Mandi, has the 2 (f) status of U.G.C. and has jurisdiction over five districts of Himachal Pradesh, comprising Mandi, Kullu, Lahaul and Spiti. The University has 11 departments of Science, Social Sciences and Humanities. Sardar Patel University, Mandi, aspires to excel as a University of Excellence in the coming years by combining value-based ethical holistic education with modern scientific education and marching ahead in the path of academic progress, contributing to the social, economic, political, and cultural development of the region in general and the state in particular.

Recognizing the need to provide adequately and appropriately trained manpower to meet the growing needs of industries and institutions, NITTTR, Chandigarh and SPU Mandi agree to collaborate/co-ordinate with each other with a view to enriching the quality of the teachers education and training. Both the organizations propose to synergistically collaborate, plan and conduct various training programmes leading to credit based Academic Programmes. Both the organizations agree to explore and work for international training programmes.

NITTTR, Chandigarh and SPU, Mandi accordingly enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as given below.



## 2. AGREEMENT

Accordingly, NITTTR, Chandigarh and SPU, Mandi hereby agree to work jointly to improve the quality of technical education by sharing the expertise and infrastructure mainly for training, research and offering customized courses as per demands. The scope of mutual partnership is briefed as under:

- 2.1 NITTTR Chandigarh and SPU Mandi will jointly offer credit based training programmes in specific areas at various levels which will lead to award of certificates/PG Diploma/Advanced Diploma/Diploma/ Post Graduate Degree certified by NITTTR Chandigarh and SPU Mandi. The curricula and Assessment criteria will be designed jointly by NITTTR Chandigarh and SPU Mandi.
- 2.2 The two institutes will launch joint programmes in cutting edge and demand driven fields for industry/corporate personnel in mutually agreed areas leading to award of joint certification/ P.G. Diploma/any other degrees.
- 2.3 The two institutes will undertake Joint research activities and joint supervision of research work.
- 2.4 The two institutes will organize joint conferences or symposia on subjects of mutual interest.
- 2.5 The two institutes will organize International Training programmes on the mutually agreed areas.
- 2.6 The two institutes will undertake any other joint academic activity which is beneficial to the two institutions and is mutually agreed to from time to time.

Both the Institutions shall extend mutual support as detailed under section 3 and 4. In Programmes through which revenue is generated, the surplus revenue after costs shall be shared by the two institutes through mutual agreement.

## 3. COMMITMENT BY NITTTR, CHANDIGARH

- 3.1 In order to promote technical teacher training requirements at national and international level NITTTR, Chandigarh will work jointly with SPU Mandi to organize the programmes and activities, in accordance with the stipulation of the scope and nature of collaboration as stated under 2.1 to 2.6 of the forgoing section.
- 3.2 In disciplines where NITTTR, Chandigarh has exclusive strength, it will be responsible for organizing academic activities including providing resource faculty for the training programmes, dissemination of instructional material and general conduct of the programmes, which would be jointly identified from time to time.
- 3.3 In disciplines where SPU Mandi has exclusive strength, NITTTR, Chandigarh shall provide its expertise in managing the training programmes, tapping the client system for participants, external experts and providing other required logistic support.
- 3.4 NITTTR, Chandigarh shall identify, formulate, and jointly conduct joint certification/ PG Diploma//MS courses for industry and academicians in relevant and demand driven



areas. The programmes shall be conducted in flexible mode leveraging provisions in NEP-2020 like Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) and Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit (MEME) mainly in Training to Degree format.

- 3.5 NITTTR, Chandigarh shall offer manpower and infrastructure facilities like state-of-the-art laboratories and studios for conduct of above mentioned training and certification programmes. It will offer free lodging and boarding at NITTTR to faculty and official from SPU Mandi coming to conduct the mutually agreed programmes.

#### **4. COMMITMENT BY SPU, Mandi**

- 4.1 SPU Mandi will facilitate and award certification/degree in collaboration with NITTTR Chandigarh
- 4.2 SPU Mandi shall provide necessary infrastructure facilities e.g. classroom, conference hall, laboratories, library etc. free of cost that may be necessary for smooth conduct of the programmes as and when needed.
- 4.3 SPU Mandi will provide free boarding and lodging to experts, NITTTR Faculty and staff in its Guest House/ Hostel.
- 4.4 The in-house expertise of SPU Mandi will be made available for the conduct of the training programmes.
- 4.5 SPU Mandi shall continually partner with NITTTR, Chandigarh in identifying, preparing, and disseminating knowledge through mutually agreed delivery mechanisms.

#### **5. TENURE OF THE MOU:**

The said MoU shall be valid for a period of 03 years from the date of agreement and can be further extended on mutual consent. 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 party can terminate the MoU by giving a notice of 30 days.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. OPERATIONAL MECHANISM**

- 7.1 All communication shall be addressed to the Head of the respective institutions that may authorize any senior official to do so on their behalf.
- 7.2 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).

**8. PROTECTION OF INTELLECUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS/OWNERSHIP**

- 8.1 Each party will protect, within its territory, intellectual property rights of the other party in force in their respective countries. All copyrights of the documents produced in support of any activity under this MOU shall rest with SPU Mandi and NITTTR Chandigarh.
- 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 Any development of new product in joint collaboration will have joint IPR rights.

**9. CONFIDENTIALITY**

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 any such circumstances such as R.T.I. or any other legal requirement, each party may do so with intimation to other party.


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

This MoU is being signed today, the ...6<sup>th</sup>... day of December, 2024, in the presence of the witnesses.

  
Vice Chancellor  
SPU Mandi


  
Director  
NITTTR, Chandigarh

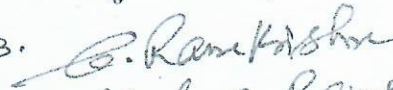
**Witnesses:**

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2.  (Prof. Machhoyee  
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3.  (Prof. C. Ramprakash  
Dean (Admin. & Finance))