

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN



SHOBHIT INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

(NAAC "A" Grade Accredited, 12-B Status Deemed to be University, under section 3 of UGC Act 1956)
NH-58, Modipuram, Meerut - 250110, Uttar Pradesh, India

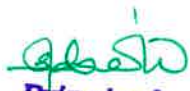
AND



NIRMALA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Autonomous Institution affiliated to Bharathiar University
Accredited with A++ Grade by NAAC in the 4th cycle with CGPA 3.78
Red fields, Coimbatore - 641 018
Tamil Nadu, India

19 AUGUST 2024


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**This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is entered into
on this 19th Day of August 2024 by and between**

SHOBHIT INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, India (hereinafter referred to as “SIET”), NAAC “A” Grade Accredited, Deemed to be University, under section 3 of UGC Act 1956, the First Party and represented by its Registrar;

AND

NIRMALA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, COIMBATORE (AUTONOMOUS), COIMBATORE, TAMIL NADU, INDIA (hereinafter referred to as “NCW”), the Second Party and represented by its Principal.

SIET and NCW shall hereinafter be referred to singularly as “the Party” and collectively as “the Parties”.

WHEREAS

A. **SHOBHIT INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, Meerut (SIET)** has been granted Deemed to-be University Status by the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (now called Ministry of Education), Department of Higher Education vide its Notification No. F-9-37/2004-U.3 (A) dated November 8, 2006 under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act 1956 and Accredited with NAAC “A” Grade, and has also been granted prestigious 12-B status by UGC. The university is located in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, India. It is a research-intensive, multi-disciplinary university that shares the values of high-quality teaching within an environment of internationally competitive research.

SIET believes in strategic growth as envisaged in its mission and vision, to impart quality education through vertical and horizontal integration. SIET envisions to be an internationally recognized as a premier Indian University with a global perspective, and as a brand in technical education, research and industrially relevant innovations at national and global level, and to be a key node in national and global knowledge network for research.

Considering the research contribution, the University has been recognized as Scientific and Industrial Research Organization by the DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. The University has been ranked one amongst the India's Top 23 Technical Universities in India, one amongst the India's Top 3 Technical Universities in India with highest number of Patent published in the past three years, and one amongst India's Top 4 Technical Universities in Best Faculty Student Ratio at M.Tech. Level. (Source: India Today University Rankings 2023 and National University Survey 2022).

Apart from different Faculties, Schools, and Departments in niche academic and research areas, the University has established Specialized Centers for strengthening National Vision. To name few Centers of Excellence (COEs) are, Centre for Agricultural


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Informatics & e-Governance Research Studies (CAIRS), Centre for Informatics Development Solutions and Applications (CIDS) and Centre for Health Informatics and Computing (CHIC). They work in association with Industry partners and reputed NGOs to undertake policy research and also empower the promising graduates through academic and research programs. Such programs facilitate adoption of technologies in sectors such as agriculture (Crop, Livestock and Fisheries), Industry (MSMEs) and Health, to facilitate digitalized transformation in developing countries.

- B. **NIRMALA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, RED FIELDS, COIMBATORE (NCW)** is a Catholic Institution of Higher Education for Women, established in the year 1948, under the direction of the religious society of the Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation of Mary founded by Rev.Fr. Joseph Louis Ravel in the year 1853. The College has now emerged as one of the premier institutions of learning, propagating higher values of education and learning, with hopes and dreams to achieve her goal "Knowledge Purifies, Charity Enhances".

Nirmala College for Women has a long tradition of service and concern for the socially and economically marginalized section of the society. The College offers a vibrant environment by creating a platform to develop students' potential. In recognition of the high academic performance and service, the College was accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC during the academic year 2003-04 and accredited with A++ Grade by NAAC in the 4th cycle with CGPA 3.78 in the Year 2023, and was conferred the autonomous status in the year 2007.

The college has been recognized under the Star College Scheme of DBT, Government of India from 2012. The college was upgraded to the Star status in 2017. Six Science Departments are included under the Star College Scheme. DST-FIST at the zero level has been awarded to the College in 2017. The College has miles to go with its rich tradition to fall back on and as an Institution, an eternity to look forward to.

- C. The NCW has adopted, under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Programme of the Government of India, Nine Tribal Villages (Renganathapuram, Rayaruthpathi, Perumpathi, Perukaipathi, Perukaipathiputhur, Kunjurpathi, Manguli, Pasumani and Pasumaniputhur) in the Palamalai Hills, Periyanaikanpalayam Block, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. To facilitate, the NCW desires to have Shobhit Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed to be University) Meerut as its Mentor University, to promote a Centre for Agricultural Informatics and e-Governance Research Studies (CAIRS) – A Centre for Excellence in Smart Agriculture in Tribal Areas.
- D. The Parties believe that collaboration and co-operation between themselves will promote more effective use of each of their resources, and provide each of them with enhanced opportunities. The Parties also intent to cooperate and focus their efforts on cooperation within area of Skill Based Training, Education, Placement, Industrial Visit, Expert Lecture, Collaborative Research etc.

- E. The Parties are desirous of entering this Memorandum of Understanding to declare their respective intentions and to establish a basis of cooperation and collaboration between the Parties upon the terms as contained herein.

NOW THIS MOU WITNESSES AS FOLLOWS:


ARTICLE 1: OBJECTIVE

The Parties, subject to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and the laws, rules, regulations, and national policies from time to time in force in each party's Institution, shall endeavor to strengthen, promote and develop academic, cultural, and research co-operation between the parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 2: AREAS OF COOPERATION

2.1 Both parties agree to encourage the following activities, in particular, to promote national and international academic cooperation in the following areas:

- a) **Establishing a Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Informatics and e-Governance Research Studies (CAIRS)** Network Research Value Chain comprising of Public Health: (Allopathy and AYUSH), Plant Health, Water Health, Soil Health, Environmental Health, Geo-informatics and Bioinformatics related to Agriculture etc., at Village level.
- b) Introducing Programs under Industrial 4.0 - To undertake Emerging technologies like AR/VR, AI and ML, BLOCK CHAIN etc., for different sectors, and also new courses to add more value so as to make students Industry 4.0 / 5.0 ready.
- c) Institutional exchanges between faculty and staff from each partner institution;
- d) Acceptance of undergraduate and graduate students of each partner institution for periods of study and/or research;
- e) Organization of symposia, conferences, short courses, and meetings on research issues;
- f) Exchange of information pertaining to developments in teaching, student development, and research institutions;
- g) Mutually promote information and activities of the other Party within the scope of the Memorandum of Understanding on their respective websites (subject to prior written approval for the use of any logos or trademarks); and
- h) Intent to cooperate and focus their efforts on Cooperation within area of Skill Based Training, Education, Industrial Visit, Expert Lecture. Cooperation in any other areas as agreed to by the Parties from time to time.


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- 2.2 For the purpose of implementing the co-operation in respect of any areas stated in paragraph 2.1, the Parties shall enter into agreements subject to terms and conditions as mutually agreed upon by the parties including clauses on “confidentiality”, “suspension”, “protection of intellectual property rights” and “settlement of disputes”.
- 2.3 Any specific activity/project developed under this MOU shall be detailed in a subsequent agreement signed by each institution’s authorized signatory, which will describe the scope of the proposed activity/project intended outcomes, budget and responsible departments or individuals and approval of institutions’ authorized signatories.
- 2.4 Specific project shall be undertaken by both the parties on a project-to-project basis subject to availability of funds.

ARTICLE 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall not give rise to any financial obligation by one Party to the other.
- 3.2 Each Party shall bear its own cost and expenses in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding

ARTICLE 4: EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding serves only as a record of the Parties’ intentions and does not constitute or create any legally binding or enforceable obligations, or express or implied, under domestic or international law.

ARTICLE 5: NO AGENCY

Nothing contained herein is to be construed so as to constitute a joint venture partnership or formal business organization of any kind between the Parties or so to constitute either party as the agent of the other.

ARTICLE 6: ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND DURATION

- 6.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective as of the date of signatures of both parties, or if the dates vary, then the date of the later signature.
- 6.2 This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect for a period of FIVE (5) years.
- 6.3 This Memorandum of Understanding may be extended for such further period as may be agreed upon in writing by both parties.


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ARTICLE 7: TERMINATION

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party with a minimum of THIRTY (30) days Written Notice. Activities in progress at the time of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be permitted to conclude as planned unless otherwise agreed.

ARTICLE 8: NOTICES

Any communication under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be in writing in the English language and delivered by registered mail to the address or sent to electronic mail address of SIET or NCW, as the case may be, shown below or to such other address or electronic mail address as either Party may have notified the other Party and shall, unless otherwise provided herein, be deemed to be duly given or made when delivered to the recipient at such address or electronic mail address or other address which is duly acknowledged:

To SHOBHIT INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, Meerut

Address: The Registrar
Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology
(Deemed to be University)
NH-58, Modipuram, Meerut – 250 110, Uttar Pradesh (Delhi NCR), India
Tel: 9675190001 | E-mail: registrar@shobhituniversity.ac.in

To Name of the Institution


Address: The Principal
Nirmala College for Women, (Autonomous)
Red fields, Coimbatore
Tel: +91 422 2223469, +91 422 2220888
E-mail: principal@nirmalacollegeonline.ac.in

ARTICLE 9: PERIODIC REVIEW

The parties agree that the person's nominated herein below as the point of contact for each party (or their respective nominees) shall meet once a year or in between if required to for periodic review to accomplish the objectives of this MOU as per the mutually agreed time schedule.

Point of contact of SIET: **Prof. M. Moni**
Professor Emeritus and Chairman
Centre for Agricultural Informatics and e-Governance Research
Studies (CAIRS)
Mobile No: 9968686247 | moni@shobhituniversity.ac.in

Point of contact of NCW: **Dr. Sr. Mary Fabiola**
Principal, Nirmala College for Women, (Autonomous), Coimbatore;
nirmalacollege@rediffmail.com | Mobile No: 9486423469


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ARTICLE 10: LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Neither party shall be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages, or damages for loss of profits, revenue, data or use, in covered by either party or any third party in connection with this MOU or the subject matter of this MOU, whether is an action in contract or port or any other legal theory, even if the party has been advised of the possibilities of such damages.

ARTICLE 11: GOVERNING LAW/ ARBITRATION/ VENUE

The laws of India shall govern this MOU. Any dispute between the parties shall be resolved by mutual discussions between Vice Chancellor of SIET and Principal, Nirmala College for Women, (Autonomous) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.

ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this MOU may be requested, in writing, by either party and approved by the authorized signatories.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Memorandum of Understanding has been duly signed in duplicate at Nirmala College for Women, (Autonomous) Coimbatore on this Day of 19th August in the Year 2024.

Signed By : 
Principal
Nirmala College for Women
(Autonomous)
Coimbatore - 641 018.



For and on behalf of
The Principal
Nirmala College for Women,
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Coimbatore
Tamil Nadu, India

Signed By :



For and on behalf of
The Registrar
Shobhit Institute of Engineering &
Technology, Meerut
(Deemed to be University)
NH-58, Meerut, Delhi NCR, Uttar Pradesh


Date:

Date:


Witnessed by:

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Dr. PRIYA PREMLATHA


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