

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

**Guru Nanak Dev University
Amritsar, Punjab (India)**

and

**School of Planning and Architecture
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh (India)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being entered into on 22nd day of December, 2022.

Between

Guru Nanak Dev University, located at Amritsar, Punjab, hereinafter referred to as 'GNDU', legally represented by its Vice Chancellor, as 'Party I'.

And

School of Planning and Architecture, located at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as "SPAV" legally represented by its Director as 'Party II'.

About GNDU, Amritsar, Punjab

GNDU, established at Amritsar (Punjab) on November 24, 1969 has a long tradition of pursuing excellence in teaching and research in science, technology, humanities, social sciences, performing arts and sports. It is one of the premier institution of the country, accredited at "A++" grade (highest level as per modified criteria notified on 27.07.2017) by NAAC and is conferred with status of "University with Potential for Excellence" by UGC. The University supports excellence and innovation in its academic programmes and promotes excellence in research, teaching and collaborative activities at national and international levels.

SPA, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

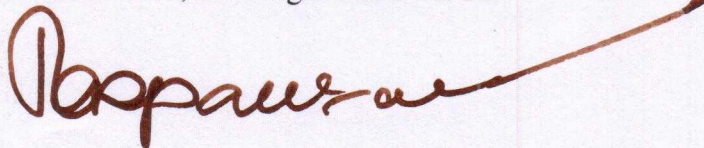
SPA, Vijayawada is one of the three institutes of national importance, under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Established in 2008 as an autonomous institute and a fully centrally funded technical institution offering education in the fields of Planning and Architecture. The School has distinguished itself and has grown as a role model in the professional education offering under-graduate, post-graduate and doctoral programmes, while at the same time fostering research of a high order in these areas. All efforts are being made to develop the School as a place of excellence for innovation, creativity and research.

1. The purpose of cooperation between GNDU and SPAV is to promote cooperative research and to facilitate exchange of ideas, development of new knowledge, and to enhance global research acumen through these Hubs. The modes of cooperation would include:
 - a) Faculty visits for collaboration in research and teaching;
 - b) Student mobility programs for learning and research
 - c) The development and implementation of cooperative research projects, professional development programs, and capacity-building efforts aimed at enhancing policy implementation;
 - d) The dissemination of research findings through scholarly publications, and white papers; and
 - e) Efforts to ensure sustainability of the collaborative programs.
2. To achieve the goals of this cooperation, both parties will, in so far as the means of each allow:

- a) Promote institutional exchange by inviting faculty, students, and researchers of the partner institution to participate in appropriate research and professional activities;
 - b) Exchange information pertaining to the agreed-upon research areas;
 - c) Organize symposia, conferences, and meetings on timely research issues; and
 - d) Develop and carry out joint research programs and consultancy assignments.
3. Each Party will assign a Nodal Person to coordinate different research, consultancy and other activities of mutual agreement.
4. In addition, Both the parties will be pairing institutions for the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' (EBSB) programme of Government of India. The EBSB activities will be mutually decided by both parties and implemented.
5. Prior to the initiation of any particular project or activity, the specific terms of cooperation and exchange for the same will be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible representatives of both institutions.
6. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements for specific research and professional activities must be mutually agreed upon.
7. In addition, the scope of the activities will be subject to funds available at the institutions for the type of collaboration undertaken. Nothing in this Agreement obligates either party to commit or transfer any funds, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the parties.
8. The Parties agree that in the course of implementing this MOU, they will not engage in unlawful discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, social class, national or ethnic origin or disability.
9. This MOU will remain in force for a period of three years initially, from the date of signing the MOU. Prior to the expiry date, the MOU may be reviewed for possible renewal for a further period as decided mutually by the Parties. In addition, either party may terminate the MOU in advance of its normal expiration by informing the other party within thirty (30) days prior written notice.
10. Amendments to this MOU may be made at any time after consultation and agreement between the two Parties. Any such amendments must be in writing signed by both Parties. The MOU can also be suitably modified, as agreed to in writing by both the Parties, to reflect an increased scope, nature of engagement/activities including financial commitments, if any.
11. Neither party may use the name, logo or trademarks of the other party in any advertising, promotional or sales literature, or other publicity, public announcement or suggestion of endorsement without the prior written approval of the other Party.
12. Neither Party shall disclose confidential information of the other Party to any person or third Party or use of such confidential information for its own purpose at any time without the written consent of the other Party.

13. Any idea, innovation, training materials, management processes or documentation arising out of this collaboration shall be the intellectual property of the Party that has developed the material. Both Parties may however use such intellectual materials, but with appropriate acknowledgement to the contributions made by either Party.
14. No Institution covered under this MoU shall be liable for any failure to perform its obligation where such failure is a result of Acts of God, which are here defined as force majeure.
15. Both Parties agreed that in case of any dispute or difference between both arising out of the MoU and in the interpretation of any of the provisions thereof, it shall be resolved mutually by discussion only.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Institutions, have signed this MoU.

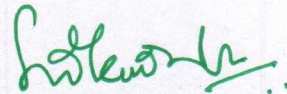


Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu
Vice Chancellor
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Amritsar

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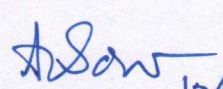


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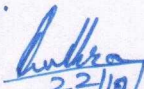
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Witness 3: 
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DR. AMITAVA SARKAR

Witness 2: Prof. (Dr.) Ameesh Dera

Witness 4: 
22/11/2022
Prof. (Dr.) Ashwani Luthra