



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

AROGAYA- CIBioD AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

AND

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY

This MoU is entered into on April 11, 2025 between **Arogaya CIBioD Affordable Healthcare Foundation** (hereafter referred to as **A-CIBioD**), a non-profit Section 8 Company.

AND

Guru Nanak Dev University (hereafter referred to as GNDU), a public State University in Amritsar, Punjab.

BACKGROUND

Arogaya-CIBioD Affordable Healthcare Foundation (A-CIBioD) is a Section 8 not-for-profit company rooted in the Centre for Innovation and Bio-Design (CIBioD), a health-tech innovation incubation center established at Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, under the aegis of ICMR.

A-CIBioD comprises a multidisciplinary team of medical doctors, technologists, and public health professionals collaborating with esteemed institutions such as IIT- Ropar, Panjab University, NITTTR and SLIET.

AND

Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU) has been placed among Top Ten “High Performing State Public Universities” across India by Ministry of Human Resource Development. The University is continuously improving its NIRF ranking for consecutive last seven years and by securing 48th position in NIRF ranking in 2023 and it has become a part of elite group of top 50 universities. The WEEK- Hansa Research Best University survey 2019 has placed Guru Nanak Dev University at 7th rank in North Zone Multi-Disciplinary Universities and at 14th rank in All India Multi-Disciplinary Universities. GNDU has bagged 11th Rank in the State Universities of India in the “India Today Ranking-2020”. GNDU has also ranked 17th in India, announced by India Today (MDRA) survey 2019. GNDU has been placed amongst the top 23% Universities of the world by Centre for World University Ranking 2024 (CWUR). Guru Nanak Dev University has been tracked by Nature Index amongst top four institutions in Punjab and top 10 institutions in North India.

OBJECTIVES

Both A-CIBioD and GNDU are, now

- Recognizing the importance of research and development, innovation and training in the areas related to medical instruments, affordable healthcare, bio-designing and other allied areas and facilitate innovation and deployment of solutions.
- Appreciating the need for integrating the reservoir of highly qualified manpower in the fields of expertise available at both places and foster relationships between academia and practitioners.
- Desiring to channelize their efforts by pooling their expertise and resources and to form a nucleus for promoting Research & Development and training by exploiting the unique expertise, intellectual and infrastructural capabilities of both parties.

FINANCIAL TERMS

There is no direct financial obligation on either institution unless specifically agreed to. The financial requirements of individual institutions for joint project proposals will be separately mentioned in joint projects while submitting to funding agencies. Before the start of any activity, financial terms will be decided pertaining to that particular activity in advance.

DURATION

This agreement shall come into effect on the day of the approval by both institutions and continue to be valid and in force for a period of three (03) years.

TERMINATION

Either institution may terminate this agreement provided that a written notice of this intent is given to the other at least 01 month prior to the termination.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)

Rights regarding publications, patents, royalty, ownership of software, design, product developed, etc. under the scope of this MOU, shall be decided by the two parties by mutual consent.

Intellectual Properties which are in possession of A-CIBioD prior to this agreement or to be acquired outside the collaborative project with GNDU will remain the exclusive property of A-CIBioD.

Intellectual Properties which are in possession of GNDU prior to this agreement or to be acquired outside the collaborative project with A-CIBioD will remain the exclusive property of GNDU.

Intellectual Property/ies that may come about in the course of execution of collaborative projects) between A-CIBioD and GNDU will be the joint property unless otherwise mentioned clearly in project proposals or project-specific agreements.

CONFIDENTIALITY

During the Term of MOU, either party may provide to the other proprietary and confidential information that it considers essential for the conduct of any PROJECT for their sole discretion. GNDU and A-CIBioD agree to hold PROPRIETARY INFORMATION in confidence and to protect it against disclosure to the public and third parties. Accordingly, both GNDU and A-CIBioD shall employ protective measures fully commensurate with those used by them to protect their own trade secrets and other confidential information from disclosure to the public and third parties, but in no event less than ordinary degree of care required by law to preserve the secrecy of information that under such law is deemed confidential. By way of

example, such efforts will include the act of obtaining the execution of suitable confidentiality agreements from other parties and from other persons to whom such information is disclosed in the course of execution of the PROJECT and to retrieve the connected documents on completion of the project where given for the same.

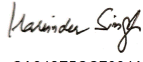
Any difference of opinion arising on any matters under the preview of the MoU will be referred to Director, A-CIBioD and Dean- Academic Affairs, GNDU for resolution through mutual consent.

Both the parties hereto set their hands and signed the agreement on the day, month, and year mentioned above. It has been executed in two originals; one has been retained by A-CIBioD and the other by GNDU.

Signed by:

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(Director)
**Arogaya CIBioD Affordable Healthcare
Foundation**

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