

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

This document of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed between the two parties-(i) Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan, India (will be referred as the **first party** hereafter in this document) and (ii) Berhampur University, Brahmpur, Odisha, India (will be referred as the **second party** hereafter in this document) on 19th October the year 2024 for the elevation of academic pursuit of both the Institutions in the light of NEP-2020.

This document (MOU) is signed to augment the skills and capability of the students and faculties as mutually agreed upon :

1. to exchange on a reciprocal basis students (Post Graduate and Doctorate) by mutual agreement between both the institutes for limited period of time for the purpose of education and /or research.

Both parties agree that student exchange will be guided by the principles listed below. A home institution refers to the institution where a student is a full-time student, and from where he/she is expected to complete the degree. A host institution refers to an institution that receives a student for a brief period of time to undertake a pre-determined programme of study or research.

- i. Such students will be selected by mutual agreement between the home institution and the host institution.
- ii. The exchange student will continue to be treated as full-time student at his/her home institution. An exchange student will be considered as full-time "exchange" student at the host institution.
- iii. His/her programme of study at the host institution will be determined by mutual consultation between his/her academic advisor at the home institution and his/her "interim" academic advisor identified by the host institution.
- iv. The host institution will evaluate an exchange student's performance in each course or module, award a letter grade or marks, and issue a letter to that effect.

- v. The home institution may award to the exchange student credits earned at a host institution, but only after the home institution has established correspondence between courses taken at the host institution vis-a-vis those offered at the home institution.
 - vi. If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the host institution will evaluate the exchange student's performance in the research, and issue a letter to that effect, together with a technical "report" of the research carried out.
 - vii. If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the home institution will take note of the performance evaluation and the technical report, and take steps in accordance with its own procedures.
 - viii. Both parties to provide suitable accommodation and other facilities for student exchange.
 - ix. To avail travel expenses, students can apply for existing funding programs at their respective home universities.
 - x. The exchange students will pay tuition and other fees at their home institution.
2. to exchange on a reciprocal basis faculty members by mutual agreement between both the institutes for limited periods for the purpose of education and /or research.

Both parties will encourage members of their faculties to undertake short visits to, or take up fixed-term visiting assignments at, each other's institution as per the existing norms. Terms and conditions for each visit or assignment, including those concerning stipend, travel, and housing, name of the concerned faculty member will be worked out between both the parties.

3. to carry out Collaborative Research and Exchange information on research and educational programs.

Both parties will exchange information on research and educational programmes and teaching/learning material and other literature relevant to their educational and research programmes. Further, both are agreed to jointly explore ways to share teaching/learning material, and other relevant literature, while respecting each other's intellectual property and other rights.

4. to jointly organize short-term continuing education programmes on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein.

Both the parties agree to help identify and invite faculty members from the other institution to participate in conferences, workshops and short-term courses. The terms and conditions for such participation will be worked out by mutual agreement.

5. to conducting and participating in webinars/ seminars/ Workshops/ conferences, etc. on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein. They may be organized in joint collaboration of both the parties.
6. to jointly propose and engage in such research or training programmes sponsored by funding agencies, and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein.

Other terms and Conditions:

1. Both the parties further agree that detailed planning, terms and conditions that guide each activity identified above will be separately determined and agreed upon mutually. These terms shall include a technical description of the proposed activity, financial arrangements, and person(s) responsible for its implementation, etc.
2. Both the parties further agree to help identify and invite faculty members from the other institution to participate in research or development programmes. The terms and conditions for such participation will be worked out by mutual agreement between both the parties.
3. The period of this M.O.U will be for Five years from the date of signature of competent authorities of both parties. Either institution may terminate the MoU by giving written notice of six months in advance to the other institute. Once terminated, neither of the parties will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other institutes may suffer.
4. This MoU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both institutes.
5. In case, there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic co-operation, the Heads of both Universities will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

6. Both parties agree to respect intellectual property rights of one another. Further, the intellectual property rights that arise as a result of any collaborative research or activity under this MoU will be worked out on a case-by-case basis, and will be consistent with the officially laid down IPR policies of the two Universities.
7. Each institution shall appoint member/ committee from their side to coordinate for the implementation of this MOU on its behalf.

This document, which is in four (4) pages, is well read by both the signatories on behalf of their respective party and signed on 19/10/2024.

This MOU signed by:

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