

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH)



భారతీయ సాంకేతిక విజ్ఞాన సంస్థ హైదరాబాద్
भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान हैदराबाद
Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

AND

University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar



11th September 2025

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This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is made on this 11th day of September 2025

By and Between

Director, Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH), a premier institute of science and technology and the very foundation is based on research and innovation (hereinafter referred to as "IITH"), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns.

AND

Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, a public university established under the University of Kashmir Act, having its main campus at Hazratbal, Srinagar – 190006, Jammu & Kashmir, India (hereinafter referred to as the "University"), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns.

Preamble:

Recognizing the need to foster a culture of scientific inquiry, innovation, and collaborative research.

Objectives:

The objective of this MoU is to To explore collaborations in the areas of bioengineering, advanced material, materials electrochemistry, sensors for advance warning systems for geotechnical monitoring, climate change, teacher training and student outreach

Scope of Collaboration:

The parties agree to undertake the following joint initiatives:

1. Facilitate short- and long-term research internships for undergraduate and postgraduate students between two institutions;
2. The organization and participation in joint academic and scientific activities such as seminars, workshops and international conferences;
3. Promote hands-on research training in cutting-edge areas of biological and interdisciplinary sciences;
4. Exchange of faculty through sabbatical and other academic visits;
5. Share laboratory and research infrastructure where feasible;
6. Identification of opportunities for exchanges and cooperation and joint research and development in disciplines of mutual interest;
7. Joint application and operation of research funding/grants, subject to the terms and conditions of the funding agency;

Implementation and Review:

- Each institution may nominate a Nodal Officer/Coordinator to monitor the progress of the programs and ensure timely implementation.
- Annual review meetings may be held to assess ongoing activities and propose future plans.
- Specific activities may be governed by detailed project agreements or work plans mutually agreed upon.

Funding:

- Each party shall bear its own costs unless otherwise agreed in writing. Joint proposals may be submitted to funding agencies for support of specific collaborative activities.

Nature of Agreement:

- It is the express intention of the “Parties” that nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed in any way as creating or establishing an employment or agency relationship between “Parties” and neither Party is authorized to bind the other in any manner.
- Non-exclusivity: Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent either Party from entering into similar agreements with other parties.

Obligations and Confidentiality:

- Both Parties shall indemnify and hold each other harmless against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including attorneys’ fees, arising out of, relating to, or otherwise connected with this Agreement or of its breach or if caused by the wilful or negligent act or omission in performing the work by the Party on their own or jointly.
- Neither this Agreement nor any duties or obligations imposed under this Agreement may be assigned by any Party to third parties without prior written consent.
- Parties acknowledge that, while performing the work under this Agreement, each Party will become acquainted with certain information and data of the other Party (hereinafter referred to as the “Confidential Information”). Nothing herein shall be construed as granting any license or property rights concerning such Confidential Information.
- Both Parties acknowledge that they will have confidential information of the other Party, which they shall not share with a third party unless ordered by the local government or court with intimation to the other party.

Force Majeure:

- Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement if such delay or failure results from events or circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of Vis major and pandemics, war, terrorism, strikes, or government restrictions ('Force Majeure'). The Party affected by such an event shall promptly notify the other Party in writing and make reasonable efforts to mitigate the effects of the Force Majeure event.

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR):

- Any intellectual property rights, including but not limited to materials, programs, content, methodologies, etc., developed during the performance of this agreement will be owned by both parties and in accordance with respective institutional policies and applicable laws.
- Exchange of scientific, academic, and technical information and appropriate academic materials and other information of mutual interest for which each Party holds intellectual property rights.

Duration and Termination:

- This MoU shall remain valid for a period of **Three (3) years** from the date of execution and may be extended by mutual consent.
- Either party may terminate this MoU by giving **three (3) months’ prior written notice**, subject to the completion of all ongoing activities in a mutually agreeable manner.

Dispute Resolution/Arbitration:

- Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this MoU including any question regarding its existence, validity, or termination, the Parties shall first attempt to resolve the matter amicably through consultation and negotiation. Failing which, the matter shall be referred to arbitration under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

Miscellaneous Clauses:

- **Amendment:** No modification, amendment, or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both Parties.
- **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties concerning the subject matter and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, or representations, whether oral or written, relating to such subject matter with respect to the said institution
- **Limited Liability:** In no event shall either Party be liable to the other for any indirect, incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages, including but not limited to loss of profits or revenue, even if such damages were foreseeable or the Party had been advised of the possibility of such damages.

Jurisdiction:

- This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India. Courts at Srinagar and Hyderabad shall have exclusive jurisdiction in case of any disputes.

Signatures:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MoU as of the date written above:

For Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH):

Name: Prof. B. S. Murty

Designation: Director



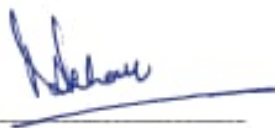
Signature: _____

Date: 11-09-2025

For University of Kashmir (UoK), Srinagar

Name: Prof. Nilofer Khan

Designation: Vice-Chancellor



Signature: _____

Date: 11-09-2025