

Memorandum of Understanding

This **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** is entered on March 24, 2021 by and between:

a. **I.K Gujral Punjab technical University, Jalandhar**

And

b. **Friends Union for Energizing Lives** (hereinafter referred to as FUEL) duly registered under the Indian Trusts Act 1882, and having its office at FUEL, Forest Trails Township, Near Sales office, Paranjape Schemes, Near Manas Lake, Paud Road, Bhugaon, Pune, Maharashtra 412115.

This MoU is drawn up and agreed upon to establish the cooperation between I K Gujral Punjab Technical University and FUEL to bridge the divide that exists between industry and academia in the skill ecosystem and provide skilling support to the youth to enhance their employability.

Background and Purpose of Parties Involved

a. **I.K.Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU)** was established by an Act of State Legislature on 16th January, 1997, to promote technical, management and pharmaceutical education in the state at degree level and above. It was established as Punjab Technical University and renamed as I.K.Gujral Punjab Technical University by State Government in the honor to Late Sh. Inder Kumar Gujral, Former Prime Minister of India, in 2015. The University has the mandate to set up centres of excellence in emerging technologies and for promoting training, research and development in these areas. The University has undertaken the task of training students to help in the development of skilled manpower in this sector in the country in general and in the state in particular. With this goal in mind, the university is promoting a number of courses in different streams in regular as well as distance education programmes. At present University have 121 AICTE and 65 UGC institutes affiliated with it.



- b. **Friends Union for Energizing Lives–FUEL**, a credible non-profit organization which provides Career Guidance and Skilling to the students throughout India. FUEL has received the highly prestigious Ashoka Fellowship which is awarded to leading social entrepreneurs for their exemplary solutions to social issues.

FUEL aims to work for the Mission 2021 as envisioned by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam for FUEL to reach career guidance support to over 1 crore students. FUEL believes that through the provision of essential life skills; Indian youth can achieve excellence in their professional life. It has a track record of several years, having already reached 1 million students across India, and is supported by India's leading corporate's and foundations.

Recently FUEL had a great opportunity to interact with the **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi** during the **"Champions of Change"** event organized by the NitiAyog from PMO's office in Delhi.

Significant Recognition

- Appreciated by Hon'ble President of India Shri. Ram Nath Kovind

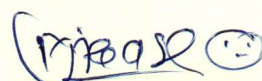
Vision: FUEL has a vision to empower the youth and enable them to become the torch bearers of tomorrow.

Goals:

- To reach students through career counseling and guidance over 1 crore (10 million) students
- To support mechanics & drivers through trainings for better sustainability & livelihood
- To Train under privileged youth with future skills & vocational skills from rural and semi urban areas in India
- Provide 360-degree career support to enable youth to choose the right careers and excel both personally and professionally.

Context of the MoU

I K Gujral Punjab Technical University taking consistent efforts towards integrated development of Youth as agents of change and expertise of FUEL and its years of experience in the field brought the two parties together. Realizing the skill gap that exists and ensuring that India's huge demographic dividend should not become demographic burden, both the parties thought to come together for more meaningful and sustainable intervention in the lives of youth.



Scope of Work

- a. To establish a cooperative arrangement towards - strengthening the identified objectives.
- b. Review and co-create initial roadmap for students in the I K Gujral Punjab Technical University for improvement in the employability potential through interventions such as Aptitude training, Future Skill Development, Personality Development, and Soft Skills Initiatives.
- c. Establish a mechanism for formulation of strategy and review of progress in mutual consultation with each other with intent to bring efficiencies in the existing schemes through convergence of efforts.

Roles and Responsibilities

FUEL's Roles and Responsibilities

- a. To deliver Aptitude training, Future Skill Development, Personality Development, and Soft Skills Initiatives with the support of Corporate Social Responsibility.
- b. Mapping of student on skill development, education, and entrepreneurship based on psychometric/ skill test and counseling.
- c. To facilitate that during skill training student spend reasonable time at industry internships for the on-the-job-learning.
- d. To facilitate employment to the skilled student with the support of industry.

(University Name) Roles and Responsibilities

- a. Facilitate co-creation and execution of agreed plan with FUEL.
- b. Facilitate functioning of the persons engaged by the FUEL in the project
- c. To share required policy inputs and data with FUEL.
- d. Assist FUEL in connecting with industry.

Terms and Conditions

- a. This Memorandum shall commence from the date of its signing and shall continue for a period of one year.
- b. This Memorandum is not a legally binding contract and under no circumstances does this Memorandum subject either of the Parties to liability for breach, whether material or minor, of contract or any other liability under national or international law or any other applicable law.



- c. The Parties may nominate an identified individual to establish a "Joint Working Group" to manage and execute the cooperative activities mentioned in this MOU.
- d. Parties may use other party's logo/branding only after prior permission from each other.

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This MoU is prepared in two identical copies. Each Party holds one original copy duly signed by the competent authority.

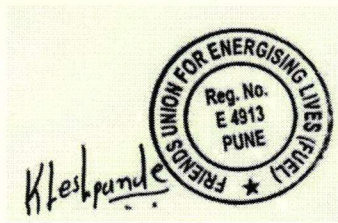
Signed

Date: March 24, 2021

For and on behalf of:

Friends Union for Energizing Lives (FUEL)

Ketan Deshpande



Founder Chairman and CEO, FUEL

I.K.Gujral Punjab Technical University

Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma

(Vice chancellor)

Witness:

Manoj Girase

Project Incharge FUEL

Witness:

Er. Navdeepak Sandhu

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