



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala(Punjab)

And

I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU)

Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala (Punjab), India (hereinafter referred to as "JGND PSOU" and the context so admits include its successors and assignees) and I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU) agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to promote cooperation in the fields of education and academic research given as below.

Now it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. PURPOSE

- The primary objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to promote academic, research, and institutional collaboration between the Universities in the areas of resource sharing, curriculum development, research and development, joint projects, study material preparation and sharing, audio-visual resources, and use of infrastructure facilities, in accordance with the rules and regulations of both institutions.
- In alignment with the vision of promoting academic excellence, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala (Punjab) I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU) hereby enter into this MoU to pursue joint educational initiatives and serve as Knowledge Partners for various academic and professional courses offered by the university.

2. BACKGROUND

A. Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala (JGND PSOU):

Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University (JGND PSOU) is the first State Open University for Open and Distance Learning in Punjab, established under Punjab Act No. 19 of 2019 (Notification No. 23-Leg/2019 dated 20.12.2019) by the State Legislature of Punjab, and is empowered to award degrees as specified by the University Grants Commission under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. The University

offers undergraduate and postgraduate programmes through seven Schools and has introduced more than 40 skill-oriented, career-focused courses aligned with industry and societal needs. JGND PSOU recognizes the importance of international academic exchange and the benefits of making its courses and programmes accessible to a wider learner community. Guided by its motto SEWA (Skill Enhancement, Employability, Wisdom, and Accessibility), the University is committed to flexible, inclusive, learner-centric, and skill-based education aimed at enhancing employability and lifelong learning.

B. I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU):

I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU) was established on 16 January 1997 by an Act of the State Legislature to promote technical, management, and pharmaceutical education at the degree level and above. It was originally named Punjab Technical University and was renamed in 2015 in honour of Late Sh. Inder Kumar Gujral, former Prime Minister of India. The University is mandated to create centres of excellence in emerging technologies and to promote training, research, and development. IKGPTU offers a wide range of programmes across multiple streams. 150 affiliated institutes under its umbrella. IKGPTU offers a wide range of engineering, technology, and non-technical programmes across diverse disciplines.

C. SCOPE OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION/MoU

- **Academic and Research Collaboration:** Both Parties shall collaborate to develop and strengthen academic and research programmes across various disciplines, including interdisciplinary initiatives aligned with emerging societal and industry needs.
- **Academic Resource Sharing:** Both Parties agree to share academic resources such as faculty expertise, library resources, laboratories, learning materials, and academic infrastructure, subject to availability, prior approval, and the policies of the respective institutions.
- **Curriculum and Education System Development:** The Parties may jointly collaborate in the design, review, revision, and development of curricula, syllabi, and academic frameworks, aligned with best practices and the specific academic and skill-based requirements of the both institutions. Such collaboration shall be advisory in nature and implemented through statutory approval mechanisms.
- **Skill-Oriented and Domain-Specific Programmes:** Both Parties shall collaborate to develop and strengthen domain-specific and skill-oriented programmes offered by both institutions, aimed at enhancing employability, professional growth, and lifelong learning opportunities for students.

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- **Research and Development (R&D):** Both Parties shall encourage collaborative research and development activities, including:
 - Joint research projects and initiatives
 - Sharing of research findings and expertise
 - Development of joint publications
 - Organization of research-oriented events such as seminars, workshops, conferences, and symposia, in accordance with mutually agreed terms and applicable research policies.
- **Joint Academic, Training, and Extension Projects:** The Parties may undertake joint academic, research, consultancy, training, and extension projects, including projects sponsored by government agencies, funding bodies, or industry partners. Specific roles, responsibilities, financial commitments, and deliverables shall be defined separately through mutual consent.
- **Faculty Development and Capacity Building:** Both Parties shall jointly organize Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), capacity-building initiatives, and short-term training programmes to equip faculty members with updated knowledge, advanced skills, and innovative teaching methodologies.
- **Study Material Development and Sharing:** Faculty members of both Parties may jointly develop, review, adapt, and share print and digital study materials for academic use. Such materials shall be used strictly for non-commercial educational purposes, with copyright and licensing governed by mutually agreed terms, preferably under Creative Commons licensing, wherever applicable.
- **Audio-Visual and Digital Resource Sharing:** Both Parties may share audio-visual, online, and digital learning resources, including recorded lectures, multimedia content, online modules, and interactive learning materials, subject to prior approval and compliance with intellectual property rights.
- **Faculty and Expert Exchange:** Both Parties shall facilitate faculty and subject-expert exchange programmes to strengthen expertise in areas of mutual academic interest and societal relevance.
- **Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, and Online Activities:** Both Parties shall jointly organize and participate in conferences, seminars, workshops, panel discussions, online interactive sessions, and other academic activities to promote academic engagement and explore future opportunities for students and faculty.
- **Exchange of Scholarly Information:** Both Parties shall promote the exchange of scholarly information, including publications, research outputs, and other academic materials of mutual interest, to foster knowledge sharing and collaborative learning.

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- **Infrastructure and Facility Sharing:** The I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (PTU) shall facilitate the establishment of Learner Support Centres/ Regional Centres of JGNDPSOU within its constituent and regional campuses. Further, I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (PTU) shall extend support to PSOU in establishing LSCs in its affiliated colleges. Both Parties shall also share academic infrastructure, including seminar halls, conference halls, auditoriums, classrooms, laboratories, and other facilities, in accordance with the rules, regulations, and schedules of the host institution.
- **Guest House and Accommodation Facilities:** Guest house and accommodation facilities may be extended to faculty members, officials, researchers, and invited experts of the collaborating institution, subject to availability, advance intimation, approval, and payment of applicable charges.
- **Other Areas of Cooperation:** Both Parties may explore additional areas of collaboration as mutually agreed upon in writing from time to time, in order to expand and strengthen the partnership.

3. MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Both Institutions will appoint a contact person from the respective side to have implementation of MOU. If necessary, separate subsidiary agreements may be signed for one or more of the activities mentioned above for specific details and terms and conditions. All activities under this MoU shall be subject to availability of resources and approval by the competent authorities of the respective organizations.

4. TERMS

- This MoU will establish the basic terms included in a future collaboration agreement (the "Partnership") between the parties,
- The terms contained in this MoU are not comprehensive, and it is expected that additional terms may be added, and existing terms may be changed or deleted.
- The Collaboration agreement, duly executed by the parties, will be in force.
- The parties are not prevented from entering into negotiations with third parties with regard to the subject matter of the document.
- Provisions contained in this MOU will conform to the laws governing the operation of the parties in their respective jurisdictions.
- The purpose of the partnership will be Education and Research.
- Both parties commit to the values of diversity, inclusivity and equity in workplace and the learning environment.

5. **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

There will be no financial liability of the Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, (Punjab) and I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU) with this agreement for carrying out of any activity arising from this MoU. There will be no financial implications at the time of signing the MoU. Should any financial obligations arise in the future for any event or assignment, they will be determined based on the mutual consent of both partners.

6. **DURATION OF MoU**

This MoU will come into force on the date of its execution by the authorized signatories of JGND PSOU, Patiala and IKGPTU, Jalandhar and shall remain in force for a period of Five years (5) and may be renewed upon its expiry with the agreement of both parties. If the MoU remains dormant for the consecutive years it will be deemed to have lapsed.

Both the institutions shall reserve the right to terminate the MoU by giving six months' notice in writing to the other party. The termination of this MoU shall not affect the implementation of the activities already established under it prior to such termination.

7. **AMENDMENTS**

This MoU may only be amended by mutual agreement evidenced in writing by a duly authorized representative from both the organizations.

8. **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The parties agree not to discriminate on the basis of religion, race, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, handicap, political affiliation, disability or status. Similarly, no course material shall contain any such material which is derogatory to any religion, race, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, handicap, political affiliation, disability or status.

9. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

The parties specifically intend to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time.

10. **USE OF NAME**

None of the parties shall use the name, logo, likeness, trademarks, image or other intellectual property of either of the other parties for any advertising, marketing, endorsement or any other purposes without the specific prior written consent of an authorized representative of the other party as to each such use.

11. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties as to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior discussions, agreements and

undertakings of every kind and nature between them, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter. This Agreement may subsequently be modified only by a written document executed by both parties.

12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Any intellectual property arising out of the implementation of this MoU shall be secured and maintained by mutual consent according to the provisions of the applicable regulations of Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala - Punjab and Institution of I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University.

13. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute, conflict of interest or problems arising from the application or interpretation of this MoU shall be resolved by mutual discussion and in good faith by the designated representatives of both the organizations.

14. LEGAL STATUS

Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the parties. This MoU is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic cooperation.

The aforesaid MoU is Signed on 11 day of Feb, 2026

(Authoritative Signature, First Party)

Signature: Rattan Singh
Name: Prof. (Dr.) Rattan Singh
Designation: Vice Chancellor
Date: 11/02/26

(Authoritative Signature, Second Party)

Signature: Susheel Mittal
Name: Prof. (Dr.) Susheel Mittal
Designation: Vice Chancellor
Date: 11-02-2026

Witness

1. Signature: Amtoj Singh
Name: Dr. Amtoj Singh
Designation: Associate Dean (Academic)
Date: 11/2/26

Witness

Signature: R.P.S. Bedi
Name: Dr. R.P.S. Bedi
Designation: Dean (P&EP)
Date: 11-02-2026