MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

between

THE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI (DU)

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH (UOL)

PREAMBLE:

Recognising that academic collaborations with institutions across India and abroad through relevant mutually beneficial programmes are important, the University of Ladakh (UOL) and the University of Delhi (DU) have decided to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) this day the 5^{th} of August, 2021 for pursuing the following programmes of mutual interest:

1. Overall objectives:

- 1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall serve as a written understanding of mutually agreed principles between UOL and DU to undertake activities of mutual interest in the two institutions.
- 1.2 The general purpose of this collaboration is to provide research opportunities to students and researchers of the two institutions in increasing the effectiveness of teaching and research; jointly organising seminars, conferences and academic workshops on topics of mutual interests; publishing books, monographs and seminars disseminating knowledge in general; organising capacity building programmes; exchanging of faculty/staff and students; conducting joint research and publication activities and exchange of academic resource material and other information.

Specific objectives of the MOU:

- Pursuit of scientific and academic collaboration between the two academic and research centres of the two institutions.
- Exchange of faculty/staff and students.

- > Organising faculty development programmes.
- Providing hands-on experience to students of UOL regarding various advanced technologies available in various wings of DU to expand their knowledge horizon.
- Encouraging and facilitating inter university student and faculty visits to enable learning through academic interactions and programmes on both offline and online modes.
- > Joint organisation of research and publication activities in various departments/centres.
- Joint organisation of seminars, conferences and academic workshops on topics of mutual interests.
- Organisation of cultural exchange programmes and sports activities in both institutions.
- Exchange of expertise in the revision of existing curricular programmes in order to respond to the current demands of industry and other employment generating entities.
- Joint organisation of workshops on Massive Open Online Learning Course (MOOC) and Information & Communication Technology (ITC).
- Sharing of library resources and providing access to laboratory facilities.
- Organising joint Ph.D. programmes.
- Organising joint post graduate courses under the Meta-University Programme.

2. Authorities and responsibilities:

- 2.1 On behalf of University of Ladakh, the Vice-Chancellor of the university shall be the responsible authority for overall implementation of the MOU, unless the responsibility is delegated by him/her to other competent person(s) of their respective institutions. On behalf of the University of Delhi, the Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be the responsible authority for overall implementation of the MoU, unless the responsibility is delegated by him to a competent person(s).
- 2.2 However, for the purpose of technical and administrative coordination and day-to-day routine matters, the respective institutions may appoint/delegate the responsibility to designated coordinators.

3. Commencement, renewal, termination and amendment of the MOU:

- 3.1 This MOU shall come into force upon affixing signatures of the representatives of the two partner institutions and shall remain effective for five (5) years with effect from the date of its signing.
- 3.2 If either partner institution wishes to continue with the collaboration beyond five (5) years, a fresh proposal shall be submitted for mutual consent and either of the institutions may notify the other for doing so not less than six (6) months prior to the expiry of the MOU.
- 3.3 This MOU and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications, if any, shall be made by mutual agreement and any amendment to or extension/cessation of the MOU shall be formalised by the exchange of letters between the two institutions.
- 3.4 Progress of this MOU will be monitored by the Vice-Chancellor of UOL and the Vice-Chancellor of DU, or their nominees, through periodic meetings. Any change/ modification/termination as introduced/suggested by the Review Committee (comprising Vice Chancellors of the two universities and such other members as may be mutually decided upon by them) shall be accepted by both the institutions.

4. Disputes and termination of MOU:

- 4.1 Either party may terminate the MOU, or a part thereof, any time during the term of five (5) years by giving three (3) months' notice to the other party.
- 4.2 If there are ongoing projects/activities, student exchange, etc. whose closure at that stage shall impact the interest of the students/researchers, it will be taken to its completion as if no termination has taken place.
- 4.3. Any dispute arising between the parties shall be resolved amicably through mutual discussion.

5. Effective date of MOU:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be effective for five years from 05.08.2021 to 04.08.2026.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF the Parties here to, through their duly authorized representatives, have signed and executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the day, month and year mentioned herein below.

SIGNATURES:

On behalf of University of Ladakh

On behalf University of Delhi

(VICE CHANCELLOR)

(VICE CHANCELLOR)

Place: **Leh** Date: **05**.08.2021

Witness: (Registrar, UOL)

Place: **Delhi** Date: **05**.08.2021

Witness: (Registrar, DU)