

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

between

**Indira Gandhi National Tribal University,
Amarkantak, M. P. (IGNTU)**

and

University of Ladakh (UOL)

1. Brief introduction of the Universities:

The Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak

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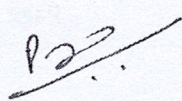
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2. Objectives and Modes of Collaboration

- I. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to foster collaboration, exchange of faculty, students, ideas and research programmes/facilities of IGNTU and UOL.
- II. IGNTU and UOL may collaborate for designing and developing research and academic curriculae of the Tribal Research Institute to be established in UOL's Kargil Campus.
- III. IGNTU and UOL may float mini-projects related to tribal issues of Ladakh. Through joint research initiatives, IGNTU and UOL may approach various funding agencies of the Government of India and/or any other national/international funding agency.
- IV. IGNTU and UOL may collaborate for the establishment of a Biodiversity Research Centre in UOL's Kargil Campus.

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3. Collaboration for Research & Development

- I. The Parties agree to investigate ways of identifying and inviting academicians, researchers, faculty members and other competent persons from other institution to participate in ongoing research or development of programmes of mutual interest.
- II. Further, the Parties agree to jointly identify and pursue opportunities for formulation and submission of new research project proposals or training programmes for possible funding by Government and external agencies, if needed.
- III. It is foreseen that when a member of either institution visits the other institution on invitation, or as part of such joint research project, or to organize a collaborative programme, such a visit will be subject to the regulations of the other institution.
- IV. The parties agree to involve students of both the institutions under apprenticeships/internships/research associates in various projects arising from time to time.

4. Exchange of Human Resources

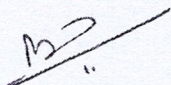
The Parties agree to explore ways of encouraging collaboration between researchers/faculty members from the two institutions. Specifically, the two institutions would identify appropriate researchers/faculty members as Principal Investigator(s)/Principal Co-Investigator(s) at their respective ends and encourage members of their researchers/faculty to undertake short visits for lectures, facilitate research projects at either end, etc. The terms & conditions for each visit or an assignment, including those concerning stipend, travel and housing, would be worked out between the partner institutions. The resource sharing of the reading/training materials of the libraries can also be accessed mutually among the parties.

5. Intellectual Property

- I. IGNTU and UOL agree to respect each other's rights to Intellectual Property (IP). All background IP used in connection with this MOU shall remain the property of the Party that introduces it. No license shall be granted to any Party to use another Party's Background IP, unless specifically agreed to in writing. Further, the IP rights that arise as a result of any collaborative research or joint activity under this MOU shall be subject to separate written agreement/s on the ownership and management of such IP and each Party agrees to respect the ownership of IP of the other Party in all dealings, consistent with officially laid down IPR policies of the partner institutions.
- II. No Party to this Memorandum shall use the name, logo or any other designation of any of the other Party without prior written consent.

6. Tenure and Termination

- I. This MOU will take effect from the date it is signed by the Vice Chancellors of the two institutions. It will remain valid for a period of five years and may further be extended for such duration as mutually agreed upon, in writing, by the Parties.
- II. Either institution may terminate the MOU by giving written notice to the other institution, six months in advance. Once terminated, neither Party will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other party may suffer. However, IGNTU and UOL will ensure that all activities in progress are allowed to complete successfully.



7. Arbitration

- I. Any issues that are not addressed or stipulated in the MoU shall be discussed and resolved through negotiation in good faith and such resolution will be incorporated as written amendments to the MOU by mutual agreement between two Parties.
- II. No disputes are foreseen in the implementation of the MOU. The two Parties, however, agree that if any dispute arises between them, efforts will be made to settle the same as amicably as possible. If the dispute still remains unsettled, it will be referred for resolution bilaterally to the Vice-Chancellor, IGNTU and Vice-Chancellor, UOL. The decisions so arrived at shall be final and binding on the parties to this MOU.

3. Effective date of MOU:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be effective for five years i.e. from 17th August,2021 to 17th August,2026.

SIGNATURES:

On behalf of University of Ladakh

(Registrar)

Name: Imteeaz Kacho

Place: Leh

Date: 17.08.2021

Witness:

**(In-Charge, Centre for Himalayan &
Trans-Himalayan Studies, UOL)**

Name: Dr. Sonam Joldan

**On behalf Indira Gandhi National Tribal
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Name: P. Siluvainathan

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Name: Prof. NSHN Moorthy

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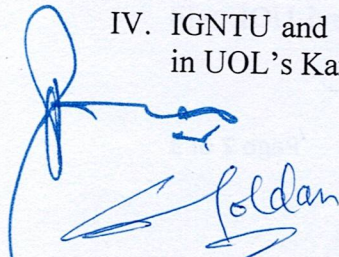
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