Memorandum of Understanding between University of Ladakh, Leh, India and Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, India

To promote research and development relevant to the domains of interest to the proposed <u>Centre Of Excellence</u> for <u>Himalayan Studies</u> (hereafter referred to as COEXIST), at the Union Territory of Ladakh (UTL) and to broaden research horizons in other areas, the University of Ladakh, Leh, (hereafter referred to as UOL) and the Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, (hereafter referred to as IITJMU), collectively referred to as "the parties," agree to the following terms of collaboration:

- 1. The parties agree to explore research and development opportunities between UOL and IITJMU in the domains of interest to COEXIST and other research areas.
- 2. The UOL agrees to provide space mutually agreeable to both parties for establishing COEXIST at the UTL.
- 3. The expenses for the establishment of COEXIST would be shared by both parties in a mutually agreeable manner.
- 4. The parties agree to propose collaborative/standalone projects in the domains of interest to COEXIST and other areas.
- 5. Each party agrees to host faculty from their institution at the COEXIST for the duration of their project.
- 6. Each party agrees to accept research students, Post Doc Fellows from their institution at COEXIST during the period of their research project.
- 7. The parties agree to explore joint scientific and academic research projects beneficial to both.
- 8. Each party agrees to create opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to work on projects and to engage in internships.
- 9. The UOL agrees to deploy and help to deploy products developed as part of this centre in Ladakh.

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Themes of joint activities, the conditions for utilizing the results achieved, and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation shall be negotiated for each specific case.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

The duration of this agreement shall be for five years from the date of signing. This agreement may be terminated by mutual consent and on the basis of written notice, whenever one party makes such a request. In the event of termination, appropriate arrangements will be made to allow faculty or students already participating in a program of study to complete the same as applicable.

Any collaborative arrangements set up under the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding will be the subject of specific formal agreements.

Signed on 24th day of October, 2021

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