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Of  
Understanding  
Between*

THE UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH (UOL)



MAHABODHI INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION  
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**&**

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## **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 **Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre (MIMC)**, Leh have decided to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for pursuing the 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 MIMC to undertake activities of mutual interest to the two institutions.

1.2 The general purpose of this collaboration is to provide research opportunity to students and researchers of the two institutions in increasing the effectiveness of teaching; jointly organising seminars, conferences and academic workshops on topics of mutual interests; seminar and workshop volumes etc.; disseminating knowledge in general; organising capacity building programmes; exchanging of faculty/ staff and students; and exchanging and other information.

2. **Specific objectives of the MOU** to develop various courses at the UOL in collaboration with MIMC for learning of the practical aspects of courses/subjects listed below:

2.1 Department of Buddhist studies with special focus on following topics:

- Engaged Buddhism
- Ahimsa – Non violence and Vishwa-Shanti – World Peace Studies
- Compassion
- Yoga for Holistic Health
- Meditation/Mindfulness for mental health and peace
- Word Peace Education
- Interfaith harmony

2.2 MIMC and the UOL will jointly undertake:

- Various workshops, seminars, conferences and symposiums on themes and topics of common interest like yoga, meditation, cultural preservation, compassion in action, world peace and inter-religious harmony etc;
- Collaborate on various research-based studies;
- Various Exchange programs will also be planned between the two in terms of researchers and scholars from around the world. MIMC gets a galaxy of visitors every year including renowned scholars, researchers, environmental and world peace activists and thinkers. They can be recommended to visit

UOL as visiting guests and give lectures/presentations to the students and faculty members of the UOL;

- capacity building and skill development programs and training for the various TGTs and PGTs employed in Mahabodhi Residential School, Leh Ladakh;
- MIMC will connect and coordinate Buddhist department of the UOL with some of the leading Buddhist universities in South-East Asian countries;
- MIMC will also recommend and connect the students' community from various international universities to engage in various exchange programs with the University of Ladakh.
- University of Ladakh and MIMC shall jointly establish **High Altitude Research and Training Centre** for Yoga and Meditation/Mindfulness with a special focus on Defense Personals who are serving our nation at some of the most challenging terrain of high Himalaya.

### 3 Authorities and responsibilities:

3.1 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 MIMC, President shall be the overall authority of the same unless the power is delegated to someone else.

3.2 However, for technical and administrative coordination purpose and day-to-day routine matters, the respective institutions may appoint/delegate the responsibility to designated coordinators.

### 4 Commencement, renewal, termination and amendment of the MOU:

4.1 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.

4.2 If either partner institution wishes to continue with the collaboration beyond five (5) years, either of the institutions may notify the other for doing so not less than six (6) months prior to the expiry of the MOU.

4.3 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.

4.4 Progress of this MOU will be monitored by the Vice-Chancellor of UOL and the President of MIMC or their nominees, through periodic meetings. Any change/modification/termination as introduced/suggested by the Review Committee (comprising Vice Chancellor of UOL and President of MIMC, and such other members as may be mutually decided upon by them) shall be accepted by both the institutions.

### 5. Disputes and termination of MOU:

5.1 Either party may terminate the MoU or a part thereof, any time during the term of five (5) years by giving one (01) month's notice to the other party.

5.2 This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be effective from 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 to 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2026.

**SIGNATURES:**

On behalf of University of Ladakh

Name ( Shwehla )

Place: Leh

Date: 10 Nov. 2021.

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Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre

Name ( Sanghuseva )

Place:

Date:

Witness

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