

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between



THE UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH (UOL)

And

USI-CENTRE FOR MILITARY HISTORY AND CONFLICT STUDIES (USI-CMHCS)

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 Centre for Military History and Conflict Studies, United Service Institution of India, New Delhi (USI-CMHCS) have decided on 11 January 2024 to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for pursuing 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 USI-CMHCS to undertake activities of mutual interest to the two institutions. The following programmes are of mutual interest:
 - UOL and USI-CMHCS can jointly offer a one-year PG Diploma in International Conflict Studies;
 - ii. Two-year MA in International Conflict Studies (MAICS);
 - iii. Other undergraduate, postgraduate & research programs of mutual interest;
 - iv. Jointly organising seminars & workshops on topics of mutual interest;
 - v. Any expense or operational budget arising from the programmes shall be addressed on a case-by-case basis under a separate agreement.

2. Authorities and Responsibilities:

- 2.1. On behalf of the University of Ladakh, the Vice-Chancellor of the university shall be the responsible authority for the overall implementation of the MOU, unless they delegate the responsibility to other competent person(s) of their institution. On behalf of the USI-CMHCS, the Director of the centre shall be the responsible authority for the overall implementation of the MOU, unless they delegate the responsibility to other competent person(s) of their institution.
- 2.2. However, for technical and administrative coordination purposes 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 USI-CMHCS, or their nominees, through periodic meetings. Any change/modification/termination as introduced/suggested by the Review Committee, comprising Vice-Chancellor (UOL), Director USI-CMHCS, 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:

- Either party may terminate the MoU, or a part thereof, at any time during the five (5) years term by giving the other party three (3) months' notice.
- 5. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be effective from 11 January 2024 to 10 January 2028.

SIGNATURES:

On behalf of the University of Ladakh

On behalf of USI-CMHCS

Prof. S.K. Mehta

(Vice-Chancellor)

Place: Leh

Date: 13 January 2024

Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd)

(Director USI-CMHCS)

Place: New Delhi

Date: 11 January 2024

Witness: Desleyong Hangyal COF - VOL

Witness: Dr. Archna Tyagi

(Senior Research Fellow USI-CMHCS)