



Memorandum of Understanding



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on July 22, 2024 by and between:

The **Indian Institute of Technology Ropar** (IIT Ropar, hereafter)

AND

The **University of Ladakh** (UoL, hereafter)

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE MoU

The objectives of this MoU are:

- a. The objective of this co-operation is to foster collaboration and facilitate the advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity, best effort, mutual benefit and frequent interactions.
- b. IIT Ropar and UoL agree to explore the possibility of engaging in the following areas of collaboration but not limited to:
 - Exchange of intellectual know-how and resources between the institutes.
 - Partnership in innovation and entrepreneurship driven opportunities and resources.
 - Sharing of scientific-technical network, R&D infrastructure and resources.
 - Partnership of collaborative consulting and R&D projects.

2. PROPOSED MODES OF COLLABORATION

IIT Ropar and UoL propose to collaborate through the:

- a. Co-operation and promotion of teaching and research in areas of mutual interests,
- b. Facilitation of joint R&D proposals to various national and international funding agencies,
- c. Sharing of graduate programs in terms of teaching and learning, know-how and resources,
- d. Exchange of academic personnel for teaching/learning,
- e. Research collaboration for the joint PhD in the domains / areas of mutual interests for the existing and/or new groups on sharing basis for mutual benefits,
- f. Any other appropriate mode of interaction / collaboration agreed upon between IIT Ropar and UoL, and will be undertaken with appropriate written agreements when necessary.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

- a. Individual faculty involved at IIT Ropar and UoL agree to hold in confidence all information/data designated by the parties as being confidential which is obtained from either party or created during the performance of the MoU and will not disclose the same to any third party without written consent of the other party.
- b. The above confidential clause under this MoU excludes information/data possessed by either party before entering into this MoU or independently developed and/or information already available through public domain, or information which is required to be disclosed by any law or disclosure of such information is directed by a court, tribunal or any competent authority.

4. TERM AND TERMINATIONS

- a. This MoU is open ended unless terminated by mutual consent of both the Parties. A party willing to terminate the MoU shall give a written notice of its intention to terminate, at least 90 days prior to the proposed date of termination of this MoU, which may be accepted by the other party within a period of 89 days from the receipt of such notice.
- b. Either party shall have the right to terminate this MoU with 90 days written notice to other party.
- c. This MoU may be amended in the best interest of collaborating partners by mutual written agreement of the parties at any time.
- d. The termination of the MoU whether mutual or unilateral, shall not affect obligations as of the participant under any R&D and Innovation Agreement.
- e. In case of termination, the confidentiality clause obligation shall survive such termination in all possible circumstances.

For IIT Ropar

For UoL

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. All intellectual properties including any patent, copyright, design, etc. (hereinafter referred to as the "IPs") which are developed jointly or which arise out of activities undertaken jointly by the Parties under this Agreement will be owned on the basis of extent of contribution made by each party (hereinafter referred to as "Joint IPs"). A Party shall own all the rights in the IPs arising solely out of its own activities carried out using its own resources under this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Sole Party IPs"). Each Party shall be entitled to file applications for protection of its Sole Party IPs. In respect of joint IPs, applications can be filed for protection by joint consent only, and the expense incurred on patent filing will be borne by both parties.
- b. Sharing of authorship in publications arising out of or in connection with joint activities shall be authored jointly by the Parties in accordance with their respective contributions to the publication. Publications arising out of or in connection with the activities undertaken under this Agreement solely by a Party using its own resources, shall be authored by the said Party. Each Party before publishing its Sole Publication shall provide the other Party a draft of manuscript before submitting for publication and the other Party shall inform within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of the draft, if it wishes to protect any IPs and in case such other Party decides to pursue protection of IPs, the Party proposing publication shall not submit said manuscript for publication, for a further period of three (3) months to allow the other Party to protect its Sole Party IPs. This period may be extended by mutual consent of both the Parties.
- c. The signed MoU signifies only a strong intent and commitment towards the goals specified in the document. Both the institutes will have to follow all the rules/regulations and obtain appropriate sanctions for implementing all the joint activities.

6. SIGNED IN DUPLICATE

This MoU is executed in duplicate with each copy being an official version and having equal validity. By signing below, the parties, acting by their duly authorized officers, have caused this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be executed, effective as of the day and year first above written.


Prof. (Dr.) Rajeev Ahuja,
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भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान रोपर
In presence of: **Indian Institute of Technology Ropar**
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Prof. (Dr.) SK Mehta
Vice Chancellor, University of Ladakh



Date / Place: IIT Ropar / 22. 07. 2024

For IIT Ropar

For UoL