

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



**UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH
(LADAKH UT)**

and



**SOMAIYA
VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY**

**SOMAIYA VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY
MUMBAI**

Preamble

The **University of Ladakh** was established in 2019 and is the only trans-Himalayan Institute of higher learning and research. The University has its headquarters in Leh. The University has Campuses in Leh, Kargil and Stakna and has six-degree colleges as constituent colleges. The University is offering core and applied academic programs. The University is catering the students passing out from various schools and colleges spread over more than fifty thousand square kilometers of the vast Ladakh region. With the intent to pursue research activities the University is also offering Ph.D. Programs in various domains. The University is trying hard to provide its students with the opportunity to reflect on life and get to realize their potential by excelling in higher education. We strongly believe that this University will play a significant role in the transformation of our country and our region in the coming years. Through our educational, research, and social contributions we will shape the future of our society. This confidence in our programs and belief in public good will be our motivation to work tirelessly and decisively. (hereinafter referred to as "UoL").

SOMAIYA VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY Constituted, managed and run under the provisions of the **Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai Act, 2019** (Mah. Act No.V of 2019), Somaiya Vidyavihar University is the self-financed University and the first private university in the city of Mumbai. It has many constituent colleges offering programmes in Engineering, Management, Civilization Studies, Religion and Culture, Humanities, Business Studies and Sciences, Education, Sports, and Research and Consultancy. The vision statement of the University (<https://www.somaiya.edu/en/our-vision/>) includes ".....our education will also include the ancient Indian tradition, its culture, its depth, and its knowledge."

In pursuit thereof the University offers a wide range of programmes in Civilisation Studies including Asia Studies, Kachchh, Desert and Ocean Studies, Himalaya and Mountain Studies; religious and cultural studies; ancient and modern languages and literatures; with the added dimensions of social engagement and interfaith understanding. Master's and doctoral programmes emphasize research skills, with students having access to digitized manuscripts, paintings and artifacts as primary resources. In addition, Minors, Diploma and Certificate programmes address the learning needs of the larger community. Site-based and experiential learning are important aspects of pedagogy, and students have opportunities for internships through partner institutions.


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Registrar



In recognition of the areas of mutual interest and the benefits to be gained through cooperative programs that promote sustainable academic collaboration in education and research, Somaiya Vidyavihar University and the University of Ladakh enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU is intended to stimulate and facilitate the intellectual life and cultural development of both institutions.

1. Objectives :

This MoU is intended to facilitate mutually beneficial programmes and activities so that students and faculty are well prepared for the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly interconnected world. It will draw upon the strengths of both parties to achieve outcomes that are in line with the respective programme objectives of both institutions and may include, but not be limited to:

- a) Cultural immersion program, exchange of students;
- b) Exchange of faculty, scholars and administrative staff;
- c) Research collaboration in the fields of mutual interests;
- d) Exchange and sharing of academic materials and information;
- e) Joint conferences, workshops, training programmes

2. Implementation :

In order to carry out and fulfill the aims of this MoU, each partner institution shall identify a contact person to coordinate the development and conduct of joint activities.

2.1. Either party may initiate proposals for activities under this MoU.

2.2. The financial and logistical arrangements required for each of the activities that are covered under this MOU will be separately discussed and agreed upon, by both the institutions.

3 Evaluation:

Both institutions will conduct an ongoing evaluation of the activities outlined in this MoU. Results of the evaluation will be shared by the two institutions and will be used to propose improvements to the terms of the agreement or extensions to those terms. Any changes to the terms must be ratified by each institution in writing.

4. Commencement, Duration, Renewal, Amendment and Termination:


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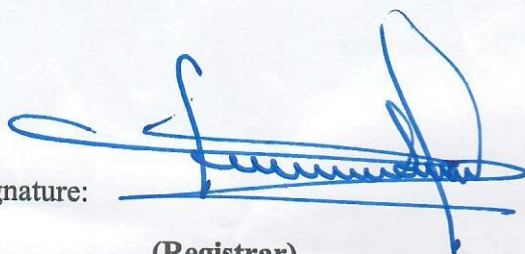
- 4.1. This MoU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for a period of three (3) years unless terminated, revoked or modified by mutual agreement between the parties. It may be renewed or extended by mutual consent for such period and terms as the parties may agree.
- 4.2. Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.
- 4.3. Either party may terminate this MoU at any time, provided that the terminating party gives written notice of its intention at least three months prior to termination. Ongoing activities under the Agreement shall not be affected by termination.
- 4.4. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as being legally binding and this MoU does not impose any financial obligation on the parties.
- 4.5. It is understood that both parties shall support and promote the spirit of this MoU to encourage external academic collaboration, and to facilitate as much as possible the academic progress and cultural orientation of all students, faculty and staff.

Signatures

Signed on behalf of the University of Ladakh

Signed on behalf of Somaiya Vidyavihar
University

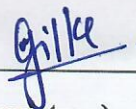
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