
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
GUJARAT INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT, INDIA
AND
UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH, UT Ladakh, INDIA**

This Memorandum of Understanding [MoU] (the “Memorandum”) is made between The **Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management [GIDM]**, Gujarat, India, represented by the Director General, GIDM; and The **University of Ladakh [UOL]**, Leh-Ladakh, India, represented by the Vice Chancellor, UOL.

About Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management [GIDM]

The Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM) is registered as an autonomous society under the Government of Gujarat. The Institute has been entrusted with the responsibility of human resource development, capacity building, training, research and documentation in the field of Disaster Risk Management. As per the GIDM’s objectives and mandates, it focuses on enriching the capacities – in specific areas of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, relief, recovery, rehabilitation, reconstruction and sustainable development - of the officials and other functionaries of the state and district administration for response to emergencies and in the longer run, it will take up similar capacity building for other stakeholders in the country.

University Of Ladakh [UOL]

The University of Ladakh was established in 2019 and is the only trans-Himalayan Institute of higher learning and research. Its inception aimed to foster excellence in higher education and position itself as the foremost academic hub in the nation, with a specific focus on the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Article I: Objective

Given the background of the two parties and the potential areas of partnership, this Memorandum represents a Framework of Cooperation between GIDM and UOL specifically on joint training services, strengthening training capacity, joint research activity, documentation and case study, consultancy/ advisory services on relevant matters and development and sharing of DRM technical expertise through mutually identified means and modalities. GIDM and UOL will collaborate to identify ways to implement the objectives of this memorandum of understanding by working together wherever applicable in their respective ongoing programs and projects.

Article II: Areas of Cooperation

Given the shared primary mandates of the two parties on enhancing the cooperation between the two institutions and developing Academic and Professional Exchanges, Scientific Research, Consultancy/ Advisory Services on relevant matters and other activities, the MoU would collaborate under the following:

- 1. Joint Development and Delivery of Prioritized Training Courses on Disaster Risk Management***
 - i. To jointly conduct prioritized trainings on specific themes and sub-themes on Disaster Risk Management as identified and agreed upon by GIDM and UOL.
 - ii. Work towards the development of training curriculums, review and updating of the curriculums for effective training delivering to intended specific audiences.
 - iii. Develop training package including participants' workbooks, supplementary reading materials, case studies and exercises and facilitator guidebooks as resource pools for the training which could also be used for future similar trainings.
 - iv. Enhancing Outreach and Upgrade training provision through IT-based solutions jointly by undertaking Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) that may be conducted in collaboration with specialized institutions at national and international levels, if necessary. Both institutions may share expertise, technical solutions, Instructional Design, User interface and User Experience for the development of online training.

2. *Strengthen Disaster Risk Management training capacities*

- i. To jointly conduct Training Need Assessment and come up with strategic planning for training services development that well addresses specific and diverse demands of potential intended target groups and current gaps in capacity building on Disaster Risk Management.
- ii. To co-operate, assist and share technical expertise to develop training capacity on various themes of Disaster Risk Management including transfer of necessary knowledge and training skills for effective DRM training, joint capacity building activities for GIDM and UOL training resources persons and facilitators.
- iii. GIDM and UOL to identify potential areas to enrich and expand joint-training services to keep up with market demands and the emerging global trends on Disaster Risk Management.

3. *Support and Promote Disaster Risk Management Knowledge, Experience Sharing and Joint Projects*

- i. Jointly explore the opportunity for staff empowerment through staff exchange for short duration, in-house workshops for knowledge sharing and transfer, and other learning activities under mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- ii. Explore the opportunity to develop joint initiatives to promote Disaster Risk Management knowledge building including joint research, seminar and academic meetings, study documentation and case studies on specific Disaster Risk Management themes and sub-themes.
- iii. Support and promote existing Disaster Risk Management networks, forums, working groups and other formal and informal forums and other alternative channels for Disaster Risk Management knowledge sharing at State, National and International levels.
- iv. Consultancy/ Advisory service on relevant matters as and when required.
- v. Jointly contribute towards Policy formulation in the domain of the use of Science and Technology in Disaster Risk Management to support state and central governments along with agencies/ organisations working in this field.
- vi. Based on the requirements/interest of the students and faculties of various streams of the UOL, joint activities /internships /projects may be identified and undertaken under this collaboration.

Article III: Special Provisions

The GIDM and UOL will collaborate to identify ways to implement the overarching objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding. The decision to participate in any proposal or activity will be based on resources available to the respective organizations at the time. This memorandum of understanding does not preclude GIDM and UOL from collaborating with other organizations. This memorandum of understanding may be altered by mutual written consent of both parties. Any dispute arising in connection with the interpretation or application of this memorandum of understanding shall be settled through consultation and mutual agreement.

Article IV: Institutional Arrangements:

The Director General / Any other Officer duly authorised by the Director General will represent the Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management, Gujarat, India and The Vice Chancellor / Any other Officer duly authorised will represent the University of Ladakh, Leh-Ladakh, India.

Article V: Duration, Termination and Amendment of the MoU

1. This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties and remain valid for a period of **five (5) years**, and subject to extensions signed by authorised representatives of both parties.
2. Either party may terminate this MoU by giving three months advance notice in writing provided, however, that either party may immediately terminate this MoU upon written notice if it determines that its continued participation would violate any laws, regulations, policies or rules applicable to such parties, jeopardise the health or safety of its faculty, students, or staff, or adversely affect its accreditation, licences, or tax status.
3. The provision of this MoU may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the parties in writing.
4. The amendment, termination and expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing formal project agreements at the time of amendment, termination and expiration unless otherwise agreed between the parties.

This MoU is prepared in two identical copies. Each party holds one original copy duly signed by the GIDM and UOL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, acting through their duty authorized representatives, have executed this Memorandum in their respective names on dates hereinafter mentioned.

Agreed and signed for and on behalf of

University of Ladakh

**Gujarat Institute of Disaster
Management**

Name:

Name: R D Chaudhari

Designation:

Designation: Director (F & A)

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R D Chaudhari

Date: *10/11/2024*

Place:

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Date: *13/03/2024*

Place: *Gandhinagar*