



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

2025

BETWEEN

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH, LEH (LADAKH UT)

and

FACULTY OF COMMERCE, HINDU COLLEGE, MORADABAD, UTTAR PRADESH

Preamble

The University of Ladakh (UoL) was established in 2019 and is the only Trans-Himalayan University in the country for higher learning and research. The University has its headquarters in Leh, and Campuses in both Leh and Kargil districts. University has six-degree colleges as constituent colleges. Department of Economics, University of Ladakh and Faculty of Commerce, Hindu College Moradabad have agreed for institutional collaboration in education and research. The primary objective is to promote interaction and collaboration between faculty, staff, and students of the two institutions through visits and exchange programmes, carry out joint academic and research programmes, joint supervision of doctoral and masters students, and develop research infrastructure on a reciprocal basis. The relationship also aims at enhancing the technological, social, and cultural relations of both states and regions. This document presents a general framework for such a relationship. It also includes some specifically identified areas of cooperation, which may be updated from time to time.

Hindu College Moradabad is one of the oldest and most renowned institution of western U.P. It is affiliated to Guru Jambheshwar University, Moradabad. The college is being aptly managed by renowned scholars, erudite and diligent civilians of Hindu Educational Society. The college started its journey as Junior High School in 1911, later on, it got affiliation for High School in 1916 and for Intermediate in 1937. The college got the status of Graduate in 1949 and Post Graduate in 1950. The Department of Commerce at Hindu College is a significant part of its academic structure, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Hindu College Moradabad is the only aided college for the students of more than 40 intermediate colleges in District Moradabad for Commerce Stream. The faculty is known for its experienced educators. They have contributed to research in their fields. The first HoD was Shri B. D. Chaurasia; Dr. R. C Agarwal hold the post of HoD for the longest period. Presently, 14 post are sanctioned and out of them 8 are filled, remaining six are vacant right now. More than 200 students have done their Ph.D. in Commerce from this department. The prominent scholar of this department is the current MLA of the Moradabad City Mr. Ritesh Gupta, the other notable persons are Sri. R. P. Rastogi Ex-RM, State Bank of India, South Zone, CA Sneha Gupta, CA Anant Agarwal, Prof. A. S. Saxena, DAV College, Kanpur, Prof. Sanjeev Mehrotra, Almora, UK, Prof K. Kumar, HNB University, UK etc,. At present the intake of the department is 960 in UG and 160 in PG course.

Coordination

Dr Kailash B. Goswami shall be the Coordinator from Department of Economics, University of Ladakh and Dr. Ajeet Kumar Maurya shall be the Coordinator from Faculty of Commerce, Hindu College, Moradabad (Uttar Pradesh). The participants and Coordinators may change from time to time as decided by the appropriate authority of the respective institutions. The coordinators will hold a review of the activities under this MoU twice every year, and submit a short report to the office of University of Ladakh and Hindu College Moradabad.

Scope of Cooperation

The following areas of cooperation have been identified under this MoU.

- (i) <u>Faculty exchange programme</u>: The two parties will explore opportunities for interaction among members of the faculty as well as create Visiting Faculty positions. The total duration of visits from each side is expected to be approximately equal. Each such visit shall require the approval of the respective institutions.
- (ii) Student exchange programme: The two parties agree to participate in student exchange programme at the respective institutions. Visits under such programmes may be for a short duration, such as summer/winter terms or short courses, or for a longer duration not exceeding two semesters. For visits exceeding two semesters, separate approvals will be needed. A detailed proposal document on this (including credit transfer arrangements) has to be approved by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before implementation.
- (iii) <u>Joint research projects:</u> The two parties will explore opportunities for undertaking joint research projects and may seek research funding from external funding agencies. Each such research proposal shall require the approval of the respective institutions.
- (iv) <u>Joint academic activities and events</u>: The two parties may formulate joint academic activities such as short courses, seminars, workshops or conferences based on mutual interests and available expertise in both the institutions. They may also share and carry out joint research in technology for distance and computer-based learning.

Non-discrimination

Department of Economics, University of Ladakh and Faculty of Commerce, Hindu College Moradabad agree not to discriminate against any person because of age, sex, national origin, race, ancestry, color, religious creed disability or handicap, or sexual orientation. Neither institution shall impose criteria for the exchange of faculty, staff, and students that would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

Code of Conduct

Visiting students and faculty will abide by the codes of conduct of the host Institution.

Intellectual Property

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual laws of its nation. Intellectual property developed during the visit of an exchange student/researcher/faculty/staff will be governed by the rules of the host institute unless otherwise specified.

Any Background Intellectual Property (BGIP) shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the Party to whom it belonged prior to the commencement of this MoU. If one Party receives any BGIP from the partner under a clearly defined non-disclosure agreement, necessary and reasonable care will be taken to protect the intellectual property received.

The two institutions shall jointly own results and Intellectual Property generated thereof for clearly defined collaborative projects and exchange programmes. This joint ownership of Jointly Developed Intellectual Property (JDIP) also entitles each party to explore commercialization. However, the transfer or sale of JDIP and associated sharing of revenue shall be governed by a separate agreement.

Financial Provisions

The collaboration is purely academic in nature and does not involve any legal or financial obligation on the part of the both institutions. The proposed partnership is expected to significantly enhance academic cooperation and promote mutually beneficial initiatives in teaching, research, and student learning.

Legal Status

This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation and is not legally binding on both the parties. Any disputes shall be resolved through mutual

Duration and Review

This MoU shall remain in force for a period of three (03) years from the date of signing. It may be extended, amended, or terminated with the mutual written consent of both parties, subject to a thirty (30) day prior notice. Ongoing projects at the time of termination shall continue as per agreed terms until their completion

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