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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(MoU)

between

**SHRI GURU RAM RAI UNIVERSITY, DEHRADUN**

Patel Nagar, Dehradun – 248 001, Uttarakhand, India

and

**COUNCIL FOR TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CTPD), INDIA**

*Let's Connect and Collaborate to Empower Teachers*

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is entered into on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ ("Effective Date") at Dehradun, by and between:

**Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun**, a private University established in 2017 under the Shri Guru Ram Rai Education Mission and recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956, having its campus at Patel Nagar, Dehradun – 248 001, Uttarakhand, India, represented herein by its Vice-Chancellor (hereinafter referred to as "SGRRU" or the "University", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns), being the **First Party**;

AND

**Council for Teachers Professional Development (CTPD), India**, a registered not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the professional development of teachers, working towards teacher empowerment, capacity building, research, innovation and educational transformation across schools, colleges and universities, having its registered office at \_\_\_\_\_ (Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_), represented herein by its authorised signatory (hereinafter referred to as "CTPD" or the "Council", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns), being the **Second Party**.

SGRRU and CTPD are hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

### 1. Preamble and Background

**1.1** The quality of an education system cannot exceed the quality of its teachers. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 places continuous professional development (CPD) of teachers and faculty at the centre of educational reform, envisaging that every educator undertakes at least fifty hours of structured CPD each year and that higher education institutions build a strong culture of research, mentoring and academic leadership. National initiatives such as the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, NISHTHA, ARPIT and the digital ecosystems of SWAYAM and DIKSHA reflect the same national priority: a well-prepared, continually upskilled teaching workforce.

**1.2** Universities are uniquely positioned to advance this agenda, yet structured, sustained faculty development often requires specialised institutional partners. Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun, through its multidisciplinary faculties — including its School of Education — serves a large community of students and educators in Uttarakhand and the wider region, and seeks to strengthen the professional capabilities of its faculty and of teachers associated with it.

**1.3** The Council for Teachers Professional Development (CTPD), India, works to empower teachers through professional development, research, innovation, collaboration, leadership development, digital transformation,

Indian Knowledge Systems and policy engagement, guided by its philosophy, "Let's Connect and Collaborate to Empower Teachers."

1.4 Recognising their shared commitment to teacher empowerment, academic excellence and the implementation of NEP 2020, and in furtherance of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), the Parties wish to establish a framework of cooperation through this MoU.

## 2. Purpose and Scope

2.1 The purpose of this MoU is to establish a collaborative, non-exclusive partnership between SGRRU and CTPD for the professional development of teachers and faculty, joint academic and research activities, and the shared advancement of NEP 2020 objectives.

2.2 This MoU records the broad intent of the Parties and the areas in which they propose to cooperate. Specific programmes, projects or activities undertaken under this MoU shall, where required, be governed by separate written activity plans, letters of engagement or project-specific agreements setting out detailed terms, deliverables, timelines and financial arrangements, consistent with this MoU.

## 3. Objectives

The objectives of this collaboration are to:

- Design and deliver structured Continuous Professional Development (CPD), Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), refresher courses and orientation programmes aligned with NEP 2020 and relevant UGC/NCTE norms;
- Strengthen the pedagogical, digital, research and leadership competencies of faculty members and school teachers associated with the University;
- Promote a culture of research, innovation, publication and academic writing among educators;
- Support the University's institutional development priorities, including Outcome-Based Education, assessment reforms, and preparation for quality assurance and accreditation processes such as NAAC, NBA and NIRF;
- Facilitate knowledge exchange in areas such as educational technology, Artificial Intelligence in education, Indian Knowledge Systems, inclusive education and academic integrity;
- Jointly organise conferences, seminars, workshops, webinars and training programmes of regional and national relevance.

## 4. Areas of Collaboration

Subject to mutual consent and to applicable law and institutional policy, the Parties may collaborate in the following areas:

- Faculty and Teacher Development — CPD programmes, FDPs, induction and refresher courses, mentoring and train-the-trainer initiatives;
- Research and Publication — joint research, research methodology workshops, support for scholarly writing, and collaborative publications;
- Academic Events — co-hosting national/international conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops and lecture series;

- Curriculum and Pedagogy — support for NEP-aligned curriculum design, blended and digital pedagogy, and competency-based assessment;
- Quality Assurance and Accreditation — capacity building and documentation support for NAAC, NBA, NIRF and Outcome-Based Education;
- Resource and Expertise Sharing — exchange of resource persons, experts and academic materials, subject to the policies of each Party;
- Certification — joint or co-branded certification of participants in programmes conducted under this MoU, as mutually agreed;
- Any other area of mutual academic interest agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

### 5. Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties

The indicative responsibilities of the Parties are set out below. Specific responsibilities for each activity shall be detailed in the corresponding activity plan.

| Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Council for Teachers Professional Development (CTPD), India                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide creatives, venue, infrastructure and administrative support for jointly organised programmes held at the University.</li> <li>Organise minimum two programs in a year one online and one offline (like National Conference &amp; FDP/Training Program).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design academic content, curricula and training modules for CPD/FDP and other programmes.</li> </ul>    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominate faculty and teachers as participants and share their developmental needs.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide qualified resource persons, subject experts and trainers.</li> </ul>                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify institutional priorities (accreditation, OBE, research) for joint action.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support research, publication and academic-writing initiatives of the University's faculty.</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant necessary internal approvals and appoint a Nodal Coordinator for the MoU.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appoint a Nodal Coordinator and coordinate scheduling, delivery and reporting of activities.</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate participation of students and staff and issue joint certificates, as agreed.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share good practices, frameworks and templates aligned with NEP 2020 and regulatory norms.</li> </ul>   |

In addition, both Parties shall jointly develop an annual action plan, monitor progress, ensure quality of programmes, and maintain proper records of activities conducted under this MoU.

### 6. Duration, Renewal and Review

- 6.1 This MoU shall come into force on the Effective Date and shall remain valid for a period of three (3) years, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Clause 12.
- 6.2 This MoU may be renewed or extended for a further term by mutual written consent of the Parties, on such terms as may be agreed at the time of renewal.
- 6.3 The Parties shall review the progress and effectiveness of this collaboration at least once a year through their respective Nodal Coordinators.

## 7. Financial Arrangements

**7.1** This MoU does not, by itself, create any financial obligation on either Party. It is a statement of intent to cooperate in the areas described above.

**7.2** The financial terms for any specific programme or activity — including fees, honoraria, cost-sharing, and reimbursement of expenses — shall be agreed upon in writing on a case-by-case basis before that activity is undertaken, and shall be recorded in the relevant activity plan or agreement.

**7.3** Each Party shall bear its own routine administrative and personnel costs unless otherwise agreed in writing.

## 8. Intellectual Property Rights

**8.1** Each Party shall retain ownership of all intellectual property, materials and resources that it owned prior to, or independently of, this MoU.

**8.2** Intellectual property, teaching materials, research outputs or publications jointly created under this MoU shall be owned jointly by the Parties, or as otherwise agreed in writing in the relevant activity plan, with due acknowledgement to both Parties.

**8.3** Neither Party shall use the intellectual property of the other for any purpose beyond the scope of this MoU without prior written consent.

## 9. Confidentiality

**9.1** Each Party shall keep confidential any non-public information received from the other Party in the course of this collaboration and shall use it solely for the purposes of this MoU.

**9.2** This obligation shall not apply to information that is or becomes publicly available without breach of this MoU, is independently developed, or is required to be disclosed by law or by any competent authority. This clause shall survive the expiry or termination of this MoU.

## 10. Coordination and Monitoring Mechanism

**10.1** Each Party shall nominate a Nodal Coordinator who shall serve as the principal point of contact for all matters relating to this MoU.

**10.2** The Parties shall constitute a Joint Coordination Committee comprising representatives of both Parties to plan, oversee, monitor and evaluate activities undertaken under this MoU. The Committee shall ordinarily meet at least twice a year, in person or virtually.

**10.3** The Committee shall review the annual action plan, assess the outcomes and impact of completed activities, and recommend improvements and new areas of cooperation.

## 11. Use of Name, Logo and Non-Exclusivity

**11.1** Neither Party shall use the name, logo, emblem or other identifying marks of the other Party in any publication, advertisement or communication without the prior written consent of that Party.

**11.2** This MoU is non-exclusive. Nothing in it shall prevent either Party from entering into similar arrangements with other institutions or organisations, provided such arrangements do not conflict with the obligations under this MoU.

## 12. Amendment and Termination

**12.1** This MoU may be amended, modified or supplemented only by a written instrument signed by the authorised representatives of both Parties.

**12.2** Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving the other Party not less than sixty (60) days' prior written notice.

**12.3** Notwithstanding termination, any programme or activity already in progress shall, unless the Parties agree otherwise, be completed in accordance with its agreed terms, and obligations relating to confidentiality, intellectual property and any accrued financial commitments shall survive termination.

## 13. Dispute Resolution

**13.1** Any dispute or difference arising out of or in connection with this MoU shall, in the first instance, be resolved amicably through mutual discussion between the Nodal Coordinators and, if necessary, the heads of the two institutions.

**13.2** If the dispute is not resolved amicably within thirty (30) days, it shall be referred to arbitration by a sole arbitrator appointed by mutual consent, in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as amended. The seat and venue of arbitration shall be Dehradun, and the proceedings shall be conducted in English.

**13.3** This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India, and the courts at Dehradun, Uttarakhand, shall have jurisdiction, subject to the arbitration provision above.

## 14. General Provisions

**14.1** Independent Status — The Parties are independent entities. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, agency or employer–employee relationship between them, or to authorise either Party to bind the other.

**14.2** No Legal Obligation — Except for the clauses on Confidentiality, Intellectual Property, Use of Name and Logo, and Dispute Resolution, this MoU expresses the good-faith intent of the Parties and is not intended to create legally binding financial or contractual obligations; such obligations shall arise only from specific written agreements executed under this MoU.

**14.3** Force Majeure — Neither Party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performance caused by events beyond its reasonable control, including natural calamities, epidemics, or governmental restrictions.

**14.4** Notices — All formal communications under this MoU shall be in writing and addressed to the respective Nodal Coordinators at the addresses of the Parties recorded above.

**14.5** Compliance — The Parties shall carry out all activities under this MoU in compliance with applicable laws, regulations and the guidelines of relevant regulatory bodies, including the UGC and NCTE, as applicable.

## 15. Execution

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have, through their duly authorised representatives, read, understood and signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two (2) originals of equal effect, each Party retaining one original, on the day, month and year first above written.

Signature: Chandra  
Name: Dr. VIPIN CHANDRA  
Prof. (Name of Vice-Chancellor)  
Vice-Chancellor  
For and on behalf of  
Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: Dehradun  
Vice-Chancellor

Signed in the presence of:

Witness 1  
Signature: Baer  
Name: Dr. Balbir Kaur  
Designation: Professor

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Authorized Signatory)  
President / Director  
For and on behalf of  
Council for Teachers Professional Development  
(CTPD), India  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 2  
Signature: Dr. Jagnu Khatter Bhatia  
Name: Dr. Jagnu Khatter Bhatia  
Designation: Director - VKS Circle  
CTPD India



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## CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

CTPD Institutional Partnership Award - 2026

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

*SGRR School of Education, Shri Guru Ram Rai University,  
Dehradun, Uttarakhand*

In recognition of outstanding institutional partnership and collaborative contribution to education.

*Conferred at CTPD ACE 2026, held at the Army Institute of Education, Greater Noida, on Saturday, 12 September 2026.*

**Dr. Sanjay Kumar**  
PRESIDENT, CTPD INDIA  
*Principal, Saraswati College of Professional Studies, Ghaziabad*

**Prof. Satyendra Gupta**  
CONVENOR, CTPD-ACE 2026  
*Dean, School of Education, GGS Indraprastha University, Greater Noida*

**Dr. Abhishasha Gautam**  
CONVENOR, CTPD-ACE 2026  
*Principal, Army Institute of Education, Greater Noida*

Certificate No. CTPD/ACE/2026/078

# REPORT ON SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

## SGRR College of Education and Council for Teacher Professional Development (CTPD), India

**Date:** 12 September 2026 **Venue :** Ghaziabad



Shri Guru Ram Rai College of Education, Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun, entered into a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the Council for Teacher Professional

**Development (CTPD), India** with the objective of promoting teacher education, professional development, capacity building, and academic collaboration.

The MoU was formally signed at **Ghaziabad** by **Dr. Sanjay Singh, President, CTPD**, on behalf of the Council, and **Prof. (Dr.) Balbir Kaur**, on behalf of Shri Guru Ram Rai College of Education.

The signing marked an important initiative towards strengthening professional development opportunities for teacher educators, teachers, and students through collaborative academic and training activities.

The SGRR University representation at Dehradun included:

- **Prof. Lokesh Gambhir**, Registrar, Shri Guru Ram Rai University
- **Prof. Sonika Kandari Prof.**
- **Prof. Malvika Kandpal**, Dean, SGRR College of Education
- **Prof. (Dr.) Balbir Kaur** Coordinator of the Programme
- **Dr. Ritu Sinha** Faculty Member

The collaboration with CTPD is intended to provide opportunities for joint academic programmes, professional development activities, workshops, seminars, training programmes, research-related initiatives, and other mutually agreed activities in the field of teacher education. The MoU will provide a platform for both institutions to share expertise, resources, and professional knowledge and to contribute towards continuous professional development in the field of education. The initiative reflects the commitment of **Shri Guru Ram Rai College of Education** towards establishing meaningful academic collaborations and providing enhanced professional learning opportunities to its students and faculty.

The MoU signing concluded with a shared commitment from both organisations to work together for the advancement of teacher education and professional development.



**DEAN**  
College of Education  
Shri Guru Ram Rai University  
Pathri Bagh, Dehradun