

Memorandum of Understanding



Between

**Maharaja Agrasen University
Baddi, Himachal Pradesh, India**



and

**Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College
Sri Anandpur Sahib, Punjab, India**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on this 26th day of May, 2023 between Maharaja Agrasen University having their campus at, Atal Shiksha Kunj, Nanakpur, Pinjore Nalagarh National Highway, near Barotiwala, Tehsil Baddi (Distt. Solan) Himachal Pradesh - 174103, represented by its Vice Chancellor - Dr. R K Gupta, as the **First Party**

and

Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Sahib, Punjab, 140118, represented by its Principal – Dr. Jasvir Singh, as the **Second Party**

WHEREAS, Maharaja Agrasen University (MAU), was established in the year 2013 and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. The University established under Maharaja Agrasen (Establishment and Regulation) Act (Act. No.15 of 2013) is situated in the picturesque backdrop of Kasauli Hills. The University is sponsored by MATES with a vision to establish institutions of higher learning, particularly in the field of technical and professional education of international standards. In pursuance of this vision, MATES established Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology (MAIT) and Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies (MAIMS) at Delhi.

MAU has the requisite infrastructure and allied faculty for those who aspire to become truly global professionals ready for the best placements. With more than 2500 students and 200 faculty members from almost every part of the country, the University has made tremendous progress. Maharaja Agrasen University has been adjudged as the "Best Emerging University of

India” by a Consortium of 25 Chairpersons of the Industry, and has been awarded “CCI Technology, Educational Excellence Award, 2014”.

WHEREAS, Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Sahib established in 1968 is a Government Aided Autonomous College affiliated to Punjabi University, Patiala. The Autonomous status provides the opportunity to be flexible towards professional development and generate opportunities for the upliftment of academic standards and excellence. The College can redesign new courses and restructure the already existing ones to make them more locally relevant and globally competent. The College has got 'A' grade from NAAC. It also has 'College with Potential for Excellence' status and 'Star Status' of Department of Bio-technology, Government of India and is also covered under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. It is committed to deliver quality education in undergraduate and postgraduate streams of Commerce, Science, Management, Computer Science, Agriculture, Humanities and other professional courses. The College has been spreading the light of knowledge while being a source of purposeful education for the entire belt covering Punjab and the neighbouring states of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana. Students of nine states are studying in the College.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MOU

In the spirit of friendship and with mutual interest in cooperation, the areas of cooperation will include any programme offered at either University as thought desirable and feasible on either side and that both sides will contribute to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two organizations and to promote joint educational and cultural collaborations.

Cooperation shall be carried out through such activities as:

1. Exchange of faculty and/or staff.
2. Exchange of students.
3. Joint teaching, research, or cultural activities.
4. Joint organization of seminars and academic meetings.
5. Faculty/Staff professional development.
6. Exchange of academic materials and other related information.
7. Special short-term academic programs.

DURATION AND EVALUATION OF MOU

1. This MOU will come into operation with effect from the date of signing and will remain in force and effect for a period of three years or until the Termination Date. Either party may request termination of this agreement, in writing, ninety days prior to the proposed termination date.
2. A joint evaluation of the MOU will be initiated by the designated representatives of the two Universities six months prior to the expiration date. Following the evaluation, the MOU may be renewed and extended for an additional five year period.
3. Amendments to this MOU may be requested, in writing, by either party and approved by the authorized signatories of the two institutes.

AREA OF COLLABORATION

1. Areas of collaboration may be proposed by either institute and may include, but are not limited to above activities. Any other related academic, cultural or research activity may be undertaken on mutual understanding between the two institutes.
2. Any specific activity developed under this MOU shall be detailed in a subsequent agreement, signed by each institute's authorized signatory, which will describe the scope of the proposed activity, intended outcomes, budget, and responsible departments or individuals.
3. All activities shall be subject to the availability of funds and with the approval of each institute's authorized representatives.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The parties agree not to discriminate on the basis of religion, race, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, handicap, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

The parties specifically intend to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time. If any part of this Agreement is determined to violate central, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith revisions to any such provisions. If the parties fail to agree within a reasonable time to

revisions required bringing the entire Agreement into compliance, either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty days prior written notice to the other party.

FORCE MAJEURE

In the event, students are unable to complete the Program due to but not limited to: acts of God; war; acts of the government; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes, labor disputes or work stoppages; transportation contingency; and freight embargoes; other catastrophes or any similar occurrences beyond the reasonable control of both of the institutes, the initiator institute will assist the affected students in finding an alternate site/mode to complete the Program.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

- ❖ The aim of the exchange program is to provide students an opportunity to have experience of diverse academic environment as well as to gain a better understanding of related concepts borne under this MOU through education.
- ❖ The number of students exchanged under this MOU shall be not more than twenty students at a time from each institute end. The total number of mutual exchange students will be same from each institute during the term of MOU.
- ❖ The host institute has the right to decide acceptance of exchange students, by taking account of recommendation issued from the home institute for exchange students based on their academic record.
- ❖ The host institute will waive application fees, entrance fees, and tuition fees of the exchange students. Transportation, accommodation, food, clothing and other personal costs including the medical health insurance and medical care will be the personal responsibilities of the students themselves. However, the host institute may charge an amount for providing laboratory, library, internet facilities etc. The amount will be intimated at the time of making an offer.
- ❖ The host institute shall reserve or make available accommodation on campus for exchange students or assist them in locating suitable housing off campus if they so desire.
- ❖ The exchange student is treated as either the research student or specially registered student.

- ❖ The exchange students will be subject to the student rules of the host institute, while on exchange. Exchange students will be offered the same facilities as students of the host institute.
- ❖ Exchange students will study subjects or conduct researches which are pertinent to their field of study and are offered by the host institute.
- ❖ The acceptance of course work (lectures, seminars) taken at the host institute and the measure of achievement attained there will be communicated to the home institute.

FACULTY EXCHANGE

- ❖ The two institutes will actively seek to promote mutual faculty exchange for mutual agreed periods.
- ❖ Faculty exchange may assume various forms, such as individual short-time and long-term visits of faculties, joint research and development projects.
- ❖ Both institutes will try to seek external funding to facilitate these exchanges.
- ❖ Both institutes will encourage their faculty for co-author publications, joint research activities and joint projects subject to applicable copyright and / or other laws of each country, as well as rules and regulations of the respective institutes.
- ❖ The host institute will endeavor to, as much as possible; make available such facilities as will enable the faculty to obtain experience and training in its departments and institutes, including the use of its laboratories and libraries.
- ❖ The two institutes acknowledge that in the absence of an external funding agency, all expenses for travel, living and allied costs will be left to the discretion and the responsibility of the home institutes.

COORDINATORS

Both institutes will designate persons who will have responsibility for co-ordination and implementation of this agreement.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The intellectual property rights (IPR) that arise as a result of joint research and collaborative activity under the agreement will be worked out on a case to case basis and will be consistent with officially laid down IPR policies of the two institutes.

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Dated: 26th May, 2023

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

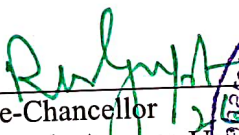
Information will be actively exchanged, including information about students, information on research and studies provided at the host/home organization, relevant information about faculty members and fields of research, and institute publications.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

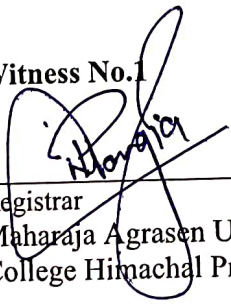
The two institutes shall attempt to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this MOU by direct negotiation between them within reasonable time of arising of such dispute.

In case of any dispute between the both the parties to the agreement hereunto the same shall be liable to be challenged within the jurisdiction of the Place/District where the agreement, so has been signed and executed.

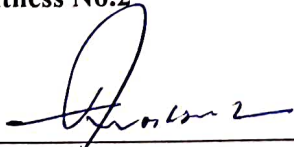
In witness hereof, both institutes hereto have offered their signatures.



Vice-Chancellor
Maharaja Agrasen University, Baddi
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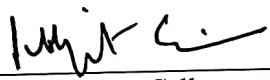
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Registrar
Maharaja Agrasen University, Baddi
College Himachal Pradesh

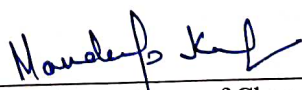
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Dean Academic/Dean Research
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College Himachal Pradesh


Principal
Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa
Sri Anandpur Sahib, Punjab
Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College
Sri Anandpur Sahib (Ropar) Pb.
Witness No. 1


Dean Placement Cell
Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa
Sri Anandpur Sahib, Punjab

Witness No.2


HOD, Department of Chemistry
Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa
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