

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**GUJARAT INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT
RESEARCH (GIDR), AHMEDABAD**

and

NIRMA UNIVERSITY, AHMEDABAD

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For Academic and Research Cooperation, this MOU defines the principles, guidelines and procedures that GIDR and NU wish to develop based on subjects of mutual interest. This cooperation includes programmes and research in areas of mutual interest like research and publication, exchange of faculty and resource persons, capacity building workshops, seminars, conferences and exhibitions, the exchange of information etc.

PREAMBLE

The Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad (hereinafter referred to as GIDR), established in 1970, is a premier organisation recognised and supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and Government of Gujarat. GIDR is having its campus near Gota Flyover, Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad – 380 060, Gujarat. The broad thrust areas of research at the Institute include Natural Resource Management, Agriculture and Climate Change, Industry, Infrastructure, Trade and Finance, Employment, Migration and Urbanisation, Poverty, Human Resource Development and Regional Development, Institutions and Governance. The major strength of the Institute is a thorough understanding of the micro processes and a consolidated effort to link these to macro issues. The Institute has played a useful role in promoting empirical research in the country and the evolution of related conceptual framework and approaches.

The Nirma University (NU), Ahmedabad (hereinafter referred to as NU, and the expression shall include all its present and future Units), established in the year 2003 and having its Campus at Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad – 382481, Gujarat is a research-oriented, student-centric, multidisciplinary, not-for-profit state private university. Within a short period of its existence, it has emerged as a nationally renowned higher education institution. The University and its constituent institutes are highly ranked by different ranking agencies. Nirma University is duly recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act. The

University is accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The University is a member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). The University has a host of institutes, departments and centres, including Institute of Technology, Institute of Management, Institute of Pharmacy, Institute of Science, Institute of Law, Institute of Architecture & Planning, Institute of Commerce, Institute of Design, Faculty of Doctoral Studies and Research, Centre for Continuing Education, Centre for Entrepreneurship, Centre for Advanced Instrumentation, Centre for Robotics and Automation, and Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Data Science. These institutions offer numerous undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes.

Considering these factors and the mutual interests, GIDR and NU extended hands for collaborative efforts with each other under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Understanding the scope of collaborative participation in various programmes, to be mutually agreeable in future, the GIDR and the NU sign this MOU for jointly undertaking various activities in the field of Social Science related areas with the following terms and conditions and agree to carry out their respective responsibility as detailed in the MOU.

ARTICLE-I

The Parties, hereby, agree to promote the cooperation with their responsibilities as under:

1. Professors and Associate Professors from GIDR can act as Co-Supervisor in the PhD thesis of students of NU in the field of social sciences subject to fulfilling of the norms of Nirma University.
2. Any faculty member at the level of Professor/ Associate Professor and Assistant Professor of GIDR fulfilling the qualifications / requirements as such for PhD Co-Supervisor as prescribed in NU regulations, may be appointable by the Director General as per recommendations of the Departmental PhD Research Advisory Committee.
3. Both the parties shall recognize each other's campuses as approved research centre.
4. The facilities available at both the places, i.e., the GIDR and NU would be utilized on need basis.

5. The help rendered by GIDR will be properly acknowledged in the thesis, and any publication / award / patent emerging out of the research work carried out by the students in collaboration with GIDR will be jointly shared, and vice versa.

6. The research conducted at GIDR would be the property of GIDR and the research conducted at NU would be the property of NU.

7. The name of the GIDR should be reflected suitably in the thesis and publication, and vice versa.

8. GIDR and NU should organize joint seminars / workshops / conferences on the mutually agreed topics.

9. Faculty members of GIDR and Faculty members of NU should work on submitting joint research proposals to various funding agencies.

10. Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) / Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) working at GIDR can register as PhD student at NU as per the norms of the university. Faculty members from GIDR who are equivalent to Professor / Associate Professor / Assistant Professor can be recognized as Supervisors if they fulfill all the requirements of NU.

11. Faculty members from GIDR can work as invited experts to conduct some of the guest sessions at NU in the areas relevant to management and commerce.

ARTICLE-II

GIDR and NU may name any member of their staff to develop suitable work plan of the any collaborative area.

ARTICLE-III

Intellectual property, research publications and benefits arising out of commercialization of technologies generated out of co-operation under this agreement shall be jointly owned / shared by GIDR and NU.

ARTICLE-IV

A Joint Follow-up Committee will be set up with representatives from both the parties to meet periodically to follow up the execution of this MOU and suggest necessary measures for its deployment.

ARTICLE-V

During the tenure of this MOU and at any time thereafter, either party shall refrain and shall cause all its authorities, officers, employees, agents, consultants, advisors, guides, visiting professors and other representatives to refrain from divulging or disclosing to any other person/s any confidential document or restricted information concerning the other party. Except where such disclosure is compelled by judicial order or by other requirements of Law, a disclosure may be possible after informing the other party of same in advance.

ARTICLE-VI

The parties to this MOU may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend or delete any word, phrase, sentence, or article in this MOU at any time during the operation of the MOU.

ARTICLE-VII

The MOU shall be effective from the date of its signing by both the parties and shall remain in operation for five years or until either party serves notice on the other of its intention to terminate it, in which event; the MOU shall stand terminated at the end of one calendar month from the date of issue of such a notice.

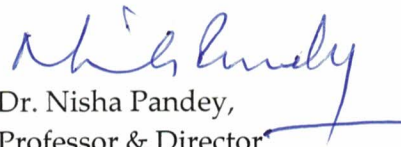
ARTICLE-VIII

The parties would act strictly according to the relevant provisions of law while implementing this MOU. In case of any dispute that may crop up during execution of MOU, the matter would be settled through arbitration by referring it to a Committee jointly appointed by both the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the two parties here into signed this Memorandum of Understanding on 06th January, 2024 at Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

For and Behalf of GIDR

For and Behalf of NU





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