

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Directorate of Defence Services Welfare, Punjab and Punjabi University, Patiala
for Award of Graduation Degree to eligible Ex-Servicemen

By & Between

Punjabi University hereinafter referred to as the 'First party' of the one part

And

Directorate of Defence Services Welfare, Punjab with its headquarters at Chandigarh-160022, under Govt. of Punjab herein after referred to as the 'Second Party' of the other Part.

1. WHEREAS the Indian Armed forces i.e. Army, Navy and Air Force has a very large base for providing employment to the youth of India at the intake levels of Secondary & Higher Secondary level of education, The onus of training the serving soldiers for the purpose of guarding the nation and providing higher educational and technical qualification for providing equal re-employment opportunity on release, lies, with the Ministry of Defence For this purpose GOI letter No15012/8/82-Estt (D) of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances dated 12-02-1986, provides for issuance of a Graduation Certificate to Ex-Servicemen (ESMs) on completion of terms of engagement.
2. WHEREAS though the GOI stipulates the issue of graduation degree to all eligible ESMs, this certification is being questioned by various employing agencies due to reasons of ignorance and the validity of the issuing authority. Hence, there is a necessity of executing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a UGC recognized University i e Punjabi University Patiala for issue of Graduation Degree to the eligible ESM, in consonance with the GOI letter No 15012/8/82-Estt (D) of Ministry of personnel, Public Grievances dated 12-02-1986 and the parameters laid down by the Punjabi University Patiala.

3. WHEREAS, it is the statutory objective of the Punjabi University Patiala to disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional research and extension facilities. It has also recognized and accepted the necessity to issue graduation degree to ESM, in consonance with GOI letter No 15012/8/82-Estt (D) of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances dated 12-02-1986 which falls within the purview of the academic responsibilities vested with the University.
4. **OBJECTIVE** : This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) places on record the mutual intent for academic collaboration between Directorate of Defence Services Welfare, Punjab and Punjabi University, Patiala, for academic progression of ESMs of Indian Armed Forces by providing 'Graduation Degree' keeping in consonance with GOI letter No. 15012/8/82-Est (D) of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances dated 12.02.1986 and the parameters laid down by the Punjabi University Patiala.
5. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ISSUE OF GRADUATION CERTIFICATES TO ESM.**
- (a) The first party has agreed to provide graduation Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Defence and strategic studies i.e. B.A. (DSS), to all the eligible ESMs who will successfully fulfilled the criteria laid down by GOI letter No 15012/8/82-Estt (D) of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances dated 12-02-1986 and the parameters laid down by the Punjabi University Patiala.
- (b) Requests for issue of graduation certificates to eligible ESM will be vetted and forwarded by District Defence Services Welfare Officer (DDSWO) to the Nodal office who will complete and forward in the form of registration list and credit/grade sheets as per existing University format with the different subjects covered in the respective Graduate Degree.

- (c) Requisite fee as levied by the University towards issue of graduation degree will be borne by individual ESM and future revision of these charges will be as per mutual agreement of Punjabi University, Patiala and Directorate of Defence Services Welfare Punjab.
- (d) On receipt of request from ESM through Nodal office, the University will issue graduation degree within a time frame of 90 days.
- (e) Any complaint arising with respect to fee structure, delay in certification etc., will be reported by the ESM to their respective District Defence Services Welfare Officer.
- (f) A Coordinator from both parties will be appointed to oversee the implementation of MoU. The second party on the part, has nominated DDSWO Patiala who will liaise with the officers of first party in dealing with all issues arising on Certification.
6. **APPROVAL:** This MoU is subject to the approval of the competent authorities of both parties and also subject to the relevant laws for the land. The approval would be deemed to be in place once the MoU is signed.
7. **DATE OF EFFECT** : The MoU takes effect from the date, it is signed by the authorized representative of the parties and will be in force for a period of five years after which it would be reviewed through a joint consulation.
9. **MODIFICATION** : The terms on the MoU may be modified, if and when required with the written consent of both the parties.
10. **TERMINATION** : Either party shall be entitled to terminate this MoU, in case of default of terms by the other party or by serving a reasonable notice of a period of 06 months. But the termination of the contract will not effect the rights of Ex-serviceman enrolled prior to the date of cessation of contract.

On behalf of Punjabi University, Patiala

On behalf of Directorate of Defence Services Welfare, Punjab


Name: Prof. Arvind

Designation : Vice-Chancellor

Place : Chandigarh

Date: 27th March, 2023

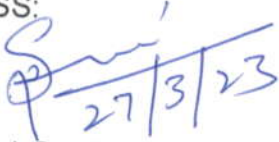

Name: Brig. Bhupinder Singh Dhillon (Retd.)

Designation : Director, Defence Services Welfare, Punjab

Place : Chandigarh

Date: 27th March, 2023

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Prof. (Dr.) Sanjiv Puri
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Cdr. B.S. Virk (Retd.)
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