



Department of Science, Technology &
Environment, Government of Punjab



Punjabi University
Patiala

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on the 5th day of November, 2019 at Chandigarh.

Between

The Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh (herein under referred to as 'DSTE-GoP' which expression shall where the context so admits include its successors and permitted assigns) of one part.

And

Punjabi University, Patiala (hereinafter referred to as 'Punjabi University' which expression shall where the context so admits include its successors and permitted assigns) of the other part.

Whereas, the Parties recognize the need to jointly address the issues of state importance pertaining to the environment, climate change and public health to achieve the overall goals and objectives of newly launched Mission Tandrust Punjab 2.0.

And whereas, the Parties recognize the need for promoting Research and Innovation (R&I) ecosystem in the State and particularly using Research and Innovation to enhance competitiveness, boost economic growth and create quality jobs.

And whereas, the Parties have expressed the desire to work together to promote collaborative programmes to make Punjab the R&I Hub and the healthiest State with healthy environment so as to enhance the adaptive capacity and resilience of the State towards emerging challenges.

In witness whereof the Parties now agree to the following:

Article-1 : Broad areas of Cooperation

1. The DSTE-GoP and Punjabi University have identified the following areas of mutual interest for cooperation:

- (i). Collaborate to establish Knowledge Cluster/Corridor to attract institutes, knowledge-based industry as well as technology-based companies in the region;
- (ii). Partnership to undertake state specific collaborative programs in areas of Biotechnology, Food Technology, Manufacturing, 3D Printing, Nutraceuticals, Knowledge Management, Computer Science, Language, Art and Culture, Public Policy etc;
- (iii). Mobilize R&D Companies to setup their research centres in the campus to develop Research Park in priority areas;
- (iv). Jointly organize Industry-Academia meets, Summits/Conclaves, capacity building & awareness programmes to promote research and innovation in the State;
- (v). To promote Centres of Excellence being set up by Punjabi University;
- (vi). Any other area of cooperation that may be mutually agreed upon.

2. The DSTE-GoP and Punjabi University have jointly identified above said areas for both short and long-term collaboration and will continue to identify additional actions, as required from time to time. The scope of work, financial implications, source of funds, terms of reference & time lines would be determined and mutually agreed to, on a case to case basis.

3. Both Parties will jointly identify financial resources and facilitate implementation of mutually identified activities.

4. Without prejudice to their endeavours to work together, both the Parties shall be free to work independently with other organizations as well, in the areas of mutual cooperation as identified in Para 1 above.

5. Neither Party shall incur any liability, financial or otherwise, on behalf of the other party, without prior written consent of the other Party.

6. The DSTE-GoP and Punjabi University may decide mutually all other matters and activities that have not been specially mentioned or provided in the MoU.



Article-2 : Validity

This MoU shall be valid for FIVE years from the date of its execution. However, agreements concluded under this MoU shall be valid till the end of contracting obligations and responsibilities of the concerned Parties. The validity of this MoU can be further extended with the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.

Article-3 : Termination

This MoU can be terminated by either party by serving one month notice in writing, without assigning any reason, subject to completion of assignments in hand.

Article-4 : Governing Law

Laws of India shall govern the MoU.

In witness thereof, the undersigned duly authorized thereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

R.K. Verma, IAS
Principal Secretary
Department of Science, Technology
Environment, Govt. of Punjab

B.S. Ghuman
Vice- Chancellor
Punjabi University, Patiala

Witnesses:

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5/11/19
(Gurpreet Kaur)
(Professor)