



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(MOU)**

BETWEEN

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

AND

**HEMVATI NANDAN BAHUGUNA GARHWAL
UNIVERSITY (HNBGU)**

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The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on ~~1st December~~ ^{1st December} 2023 between **Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP)** and **Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU)** for taking forward academic collaboration, and sharing expertise, resources, knowledge and institutional strengths for promoting research & extension activities in higher education.

Background

The Indian Himalayan Central Universities' Consortium (IHCUC) was established in 2019 under the patronage of Niti Aayog, UGC, and the Ministry of Education, Government of India, as a multi-institutional forum and policy platform conducting cooperative multidisciplinary research and exchanging knowledge & experiences on important issues of the Indian Himalayan region, such as sustainable environmental management, livelihood generation, migration, agroecology, tourism, socio-cultural, and political concerns. The consortium, which was initially based at HNB Garhwal University in Srinagar, Uttarakhand, was a collaboration of 13 central universities and a national institute comprising Central University of Kashmir, Central University of Jammu, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim University, Rajiv Gandhi University Arunachal Pradesh, Assam University, Tezpur University, Nagaland University, North-Eastern Hill University, Mizoram University, Manipur University, and Tripura University as well as CSIR-IHBT Palampur. IHCUC brought out five thematic reports comprising '*Enumeration and Valuation of the Economic Impact of Female Labor in the Hills*', '*Agroecology in the Himalayan States with special emphasis on Marketing*', '*Development of Eco-Friendly and Cost-Effective Tourism in Hills*', '*Opportunities of Livelihood to check Migration from Hills*', and '*Water Conservation and Harvesting Strategies*'.

During the Visitor's Conference-2023 in New Delhi a discussion among the vice chancellors of various universities reiterated the utter need to advance collaboration in higher education institutions to foster development in academics, research, capacity building, and societal growth as envisioned in the New Education Policy 2020. Accordingly, this MoU between HNB Garhwal University and Central University of Himachal Pradesh is being proposed with a goal to further improve the calibre and excellence of higher education at both institutions. It aims to increase the partnerships and share academic achievements, best practices, exchange of faculties/students, resources and facilities, and undertake R&D on priority topics for the welfare of their respective stakeholders.

Preamble

Whereas

Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP and CU Himachal) is a central research university located in Dharamshala, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, India. The university was founded in 2009 under the Central Universities Act 2009 (No. 25 of 2009) enacted by the Parliament under the government's policy to establish Central Universities in each of the state. It has been accredited by NAAC with A+ grade. The University has 12 schools and 33 Departments/Centres across that offers 05 Undergraduate (UG), 28 Postgraduate (PG), 29 Research Degree (RD) programmes, 02 B.Voc. Programmes, 16 PG Diploma Courses and 25 Certificate Programmes. The university a student strength of 2500.

Whereas

The **Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University** (formerly known as **Garhwal University**) is an academic educational university established in Srinagar (Garhwal), Uttarakhand in 1973 (vide U.P. State Government notification no. (10)/(865)/15/(75)(85)/64, dated 23 November 1973) after several years of community movement with an aspiration to start an Institution of higher education in the region. It was renamed as Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University in 1989 in commemoration of the memory of a leading statesman Shri Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna. The University was upgraded as a Central University on 15th January 2009 by an Act of Parliament i.e. the Central Universities Act 2009. The University is made up of four independent campuses Birla Campus Srinagar (BCC Srinagar- HQs) in Srinagar, Chauras Campus (Tehri Garhwal), B. Gopal Reddy Campus Pauri (BGR Pauri), and Swami Ram Teerth Campus Badshahithaul Tehri (SRT Tehri). The University has 14 Schools (11 in Campuses) and 50 Departments and offers 14 UG, 54 PG, 03 Diploma and 06 PG Diploma programmes. Besides, Ph.D. is offered in 43 subjects. The student enrolment is 13000 in three campuses whereas the strength of the existing faculty is 266 against the sanctioned positions of 478. Over the years the University has shown commitment towards regional and community development in its teaching/learning/educational courses, research programs, and other outreach and extension initiatives thus contributing immensely to the development of the society and the nation.

And Whereas

And both the Universities are keen to perform a significant role as frontrunners in teaching, education, research, and other related fields. For this purpose they are willing to extend their network with

institutions of higher learning and research having common profession or academic interest by signing memorandum of understanding (MoU). Both the parties have come forward for academic collaboration, and sharing expertise, resources, knowledge and institutional strengths for promoting research & extension activities in higher education. Thus, both have expressed their willingness to consider implementing joint programmes to support research, education and extension through their respective institutions, namely Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University.

Article I: Objective

1.1 Providing a general framework for long term collaboration and mutual understanding in areas of academics, research, education and extension between Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University.

1.2 Both parties, subject to the terms of this MoU; laws, rules, regulations and policies of their respective institutions and the general laws, rules, regulations and policies in force from time to time, shall endeavour to develop, augment, promote and enhance collaboration and cooperation in mutually identified areas/ subjects.

Article II: Scope of Collaboration

Both the parties (CUHP and HNBGU) shall endeavour to take necessary steps to encourage and promote collaboration and cooperation, hereby agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- 2.1 Promoting higher education and effective implementation of NEP- 2020
- 2.2 Facilitation of research and education, projects, and programs in various academic disciplines
- 2.3 Student and Faculty Development
- 2.4 Exchange of Faculties, Research Scholars, and PG students
- 2.5 Sharing of knowledge and academic research resources, and cooperation for synthesizing knowledge on mutually identified subjects/topics
- 2.6 Mutual organization of workshops, conferences, meetings, trainings, capacity building, and literacy and awareness campaigns for stakeholders / society
- 2.7 Seeking funding and in-kind resources for these cooperation activities
- 2.8 Transfer of Course Credits and Credit Sharing
- 2.9 Launch of New Academic programmes and courses

2.10 Bring out joint publications, policy recommendations, documents, etc.

Any other area(s) mutually agreed by the partner institutions

Article III: Scope and Modus Operandi

3.1 Through this Memorandum of Understanding, Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University have agreed to talk about ways to exchange resources and collaborate on consultancy, advising, and R&D programs for their mutual benefit.

3.2 Programs and projects will be chosen based on their merits and a mutual understanding of the financial commitments and level of collaboration during the MOU's operational duration. Joint working groups shall hold periodic meetings as agreed upon to review and determine the best course of action.

3.3 The parties agree to help one another logistically. Both parties are allowed to propose complementary collaboration programs for assignments. However, each case will be judged on its own merit, the competence offered by the institutes, and with cooperation from both parties.

3.4 The structural composition of the team from each party will be determined upon jointly, and qualified personnel from both organizations will be supplied to carry out the task with skill. After talks on a case-by-case basis reached by mutual consent, each program and case will be chosen on the basis of merit and mutual understanding, and individual agreements will be signed for each assignment.

3.5 If the parties decide to carry out a program or activity under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding (including those previously mentioned), the periodicity, scope of liability, and conditions of such cooperation must be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by the parties through separate agreements prior to the start of the specific program or activity. Any such agreement will specify the conditions and character of the project or activity, the obligations of each party, the required spending plan, and the financial obligations, if any, of the parties.

3.6 This MoU will also be interpreted to allow both institutions to assist, complement, and work together at their respective regional stations as well as across India in areas of research and extension.

Article IV: Financial Provisions

4.1 The financial arrangements to cover expenses for the cooperative activities undertaken within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be jointly decided by both the parties on a

case-by-case basis subject to the availability of funds and existing financial laws, rules, regulations and policies of the respective university.

Article V: Intellectual Property Rights and Confidentiality

- 5.1 Intellectual property rights must be protected in accordance with all current laws, rules, regulations, and government policies in India.
- 5.2 The results of the research will be jointly patented, and the patent's benefits will be shared equally in accordance with mutual understanding.
- 5.3 The parties concur that any scientific research materials, planning and execution plans, and any financial and legal documents related to the agreement will not be disclosed, divulged, shared, or copied in any way throughout the duration of the agreement or the time mentioned in the Memorandum of Understanding. For the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding, this non-disclosure clause applies to all personnel from Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University who are participating in joint initiatives.
- 5.4 Both organizations should collaborate on the publishing of the research's findings, and both organizations' writers should get equal credit for their contributions.
- 5.5 The Parties shall ensure that all personnel involved in the programs, activities, and/or activities covered by this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) do not interfere with the latter's internal political independence, sovereignty, or territorial integrity. They also shall ensure that no commercial endeavors are undertaken and that no activities are undertaken that are inconsistent with the objectives of this MoU and any other written agreement.

Article VI: Revision and Amendment

- 6.1 This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised, modified, or amended in whole or in part upon written request from either party.
- 6.2 Any change, modification, or alteration that both parties unanimously agree upon must be documented in writing and become a part of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- 6.3 Both parties shall agree on a date for the revision, modification, or alteration unanimously to take effect.
- 6.4 And before or after the date of any revision, change, or alteration, the rights and duties resulting from or based on this Memorandum of Understanding will be unaffected.

Article VII: Dispute Settlement

7.1 In case of any dispute and disagreement in relation to this Memorandum of Understanding, the Vice Chancellors of both institutions will work together to resolve it.

Article VIII: Entry into Effect, Duration and Termination

8.1 This MoU shall enter into force on the date of the completion of the signing by the Parties. It shall remain in force for the duration of 05 (Five) years from the date of signing of this MoU and may be extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

8.2 Unless agreed otherwise by the Parties, the termination of this MoU shall not affect the validity and duration of any ongoing arrangement, activity and contract made under the MoU until the completion of such arrangement, activity and contract.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the undersigned have signed this MoU.

Signed in duplicate on this 01 day of Dec., two thousand and Twenty three.

For CUHP

For HNBGU



Vice Chancellor


Vice Chancellor

Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP),
Dharamshala, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh

Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University
(HNBGU), Srinagar (Garhwal), Uttarakhand

Witness:

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(Prof. Suman Sharma, Registrar)

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Prof. Pardeep Kumar, Dean (Acad)

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