

Consortium of Higher Educational Institutions of India

The Consortium for Higher Educational Institutions (CHEIs) of India is a joint initiative by three higher education institutions of India. The Consortium seeks to develop academic collaboration for scaling-up implementation of NEP-2020, skilling & entrepreneurship, sharing of resources and also to advance the research contributions for solving the problems of the local and regional communities. This Consortium includes Jawaharlal Nehru University, Central University of Punjab and Central University of Andhra Pradesh.

I -Introduction of Institutions of the Consortium

1. **Jawaharlal Nehru University:** Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi was established under Jawaharlal Nehru University Act 1966 by the Parliament of India. The University, inter alia, promotes international understanding and a scientific approach to the problems of the society and has over the years acquired the reputation of being one of the primer Universities for its high standards of teaching and research.
2. **Central University of Punjab, Bathinda:** The Central University of Punjab (hereinafter referred to as the CUPB) was established in 2009 by an Act of the Parliament of India. The university has a mission to provide a wide range of instructional and research facilities across disciplines, promote innovation in teaching and research, and cross-pollinate new ideas, technologies and worldviews.
3. **Central University of Andhra Pradesh:** University of Andhra Pradesh has been established in 2018 by an act of the Parliament of India. The University envisions be an institute of excellence in the sphere of higher education committed to providing an environment conducive to learning, offering relevant academic programs to promote individual and professional development for a knowledge society.

II-Purpose of Agreement

All the participating institutions have recognized the importance of strong collaboration between HEIs in terms of research, academic activities and social outreach with an aim to

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meaningfully upscale implementation of reforms envisioned in NEP 2020. Further, the consortium aims to focus on other areas like the advancement of knowledge-based enterprises, appropriate technical and management skills for future technology development, information exchange, and work towards effective research institution-academic partnerships for contributing towards knowledge-driven society with human-values and universal brotherhood.

Joint responsibilities:

- i. Exploring the possibilities of offering joint degree/diploma/certificate courses to advance the field of education, research and promote cutting-edge 21st century research.
- ii. Provide a forum for collaboration in academics, research and to share infrastructure, equipment, library and other resources.
- iii. Exploring the possibilities of joint supervision of PhD programs, internship and dissertation work of graduate and postgraduate students.
- iv. Conduct joint training programs, seminars, webinars, and conferences to promote knowledge and enhance research and other skills.
- v. Joint research projects for attracting extramural funding.
- vi. Collaborative efforts to address the environmental and health issues of the region.
- vii. Promote faculty-student exchange
- viii. Promote entrepreneurial activity and to organize joint placement drives.
- ix. Joint consultancy work.

III Period and its extension

This Consortium will come into effect from the date of signing the MoU by Head of all participating institutions and will be effective initially for five years and which is extendable depending upon the progress in terms of tangible outcomes. The set objectives will be periodically reviewed to assess the progress and also to recognize new areas for collaboration.

IV Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

1. General clauses:

- Each party shall provide proper protection of Intellectual Property Rights arising from collaboration under this Consortium in accordance with their respective Acts, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Rules and policies.

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- The parties shall not assign any rights or liabilities deriving from IPR created by inventions/activities carried out under the Consortium to any third party without the approval of concerned stakeholders.

2. Commercialization:

- In the case of research results in any product or technology with a potential to commercialize via collaborative efforts, the rights to commercialize the technology will lie with the contributory participants.
- Publication(s): Any publication, document, and/or research paper from the parties' collaborative effort under this consortium shall be jointly owned. The use of the parties' names, logos, and/or official emblems in any publication, document, or paper shall require prior authorization from all the parties.
- In the case of joint degree programmes, revenue will be decided on the basis of the resource utilization of the partnering institutions.

3. Confidential Information


- All information and documents exchanged pursuant to this consortium will be kept confidential and used only under the conditions specified by each party. Without the prior written approval of the other party, a party will not use the information for purposes other than those indicated.
- The disclosing party retains exclusive ownership of any sensitive information. The parties agree that the disclosure of sensitive information does not provide or suggest to the recipient any license, interest, or right in any intellectual property right of the other party.
- Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, unpublished information found or conceived by the scientists or technicians and exchanged under the provisions of this consortium will not be transferred to a third party.

V Disclosure Information

- a. All the parties agree that except for a court order requiring disclosure, they shall not disclose any documents or information in the public domain.
- b. All data generated through this consortium shall be subject to explicit written approval signed by the concerned parties.
- c. The provisions in this article shall survive termination or completion of the consortium.

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VI Amendments

No amendments or alterations to this consortium shall be valid unless agreed upon by all the participating institutions after proper discussion and valid documentation. The modifications/changes will be effective as of the day they are made or introduced.

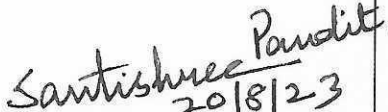
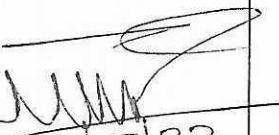
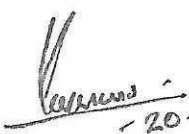
VII Joint Working Committee & Financial obligations

A joint working group will be set up with representatives from all the parties to facilitate the execution of the activities of the consortium. Every organization will nominate two representatives for discussion and working of the Consortium. Financial obligations will be discussed separately, whenever required.

VIII Termination

The termination of this consortium shall not affect the validity or duration of specific collaborative programmes already being taken thereunder, unless decided otherwise by the parties by mutual consent. Any disputes arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the consortium shall be settled amicably by negotiation and consultation among the concerned parties.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, all the parties herein to have signed this consortium on the dates indicated below.

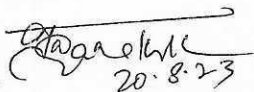
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