



Central University of Odisha,  
Koraput



Gangadhar Meher University  
Amruta Vihar, Sambalpur

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# *Memorandum of Understanding*

*Between*

*Central University of Odisha, Koraput (CUO)*

*And*

*Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur*

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**This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made by and between Gangadhar Meher University hereinafter referred to as GMU, Sambalpur, Odisha, (Which expression unless excluded or is repugnant to the context shall include its successors and assignees) on the First Part**

**AND**

**Central University of Odisha, Koraput (CUO) hereinafter referred to as CUO having its office at Koraput, Odisha (Which expression unless excluded or is repugnant to the context shall include its successors and assignees), on the other part.**

Each referred to individually as a “Party” and together as the “Parties”.

**Objective:** The MoU was drawn up and agreed upon to establish academic, socio-cultural, literary and allied cooperation between Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur, Odisha, and Central University of Odisha, Koraput.

#### **ARTICLE- 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MoU is:

- To enable cooperation between **G.M. UNIVERSITY, SAMBALPUR, ODISHA, and CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ODISHA, KORAPUT (Departments of English, Odia, Hindi and Sanskrit).**
- To strengthen the relationship between the two Universities by developing collaborations in various academic, research, internship, project, training, and faculty and student’s development activities on areas of mutual interest, specifically in the literature and language domains of English, Odia, Hindi and Sanskrit.

#### **ARTICLE-2. SCOPE/AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Objectives:

The MoU relates to proposed links between the GMU, Sambalpur, and CUO, Koraput with special reference to the four literature and language departments of English, Odia, Hindi and Sanskrit.

Both the parties propose to participate and co-operate in mutual discussions and joint activities concerning the following:

Establishment of Academic, socio-cultural, literary and Research partnerships which provides opportunities for both the Universities to carry out and publish joint research papers, joint projects, initiate socio-cultural activities, and undertake joint efforts for development of literature and languages as envisaged in this MoU.

Responsibilities:

Both the parties do hereby agree to undertake the following:

- Joint research, including publications and other appropriate activities, between staff and/or students from each institution;
- Facilitates the exchange of staff, students, and researchers for teaching, study, research including literary, socio-cultural activities and programs.
- Undertake academic and research work and organize programs jointly on issues relating to English, Odia, Hindi and Sanskrit literatures and languages.
- Provide the laboratory, studios, academic and research facilities as well as infrastructure.
- Provide mentor advice and support to the other party for growth of its academic and research activities in the relevant disciplines.
- Identification of areas of possible mutual academic, cultural, and research interest.
- Identification of potential opportunities and initiatives to take forward the above-mentioned activities.
- The dissemination of information and the sharing of experiences among staff and students.

Both parties also agree to encourage the following activities, in particular, to promote academic and cultural cooperation in the following areas:

- a) Institutional exchanges between students and staff;
- b) Organization of joint seminars, symposia, conferences, short courses, annual literary and cultural festivals, training, and meetings on academic, cultural, and research issues;
- c) Exchange of information about developments in teaching, student development, and other activities.
- d) Cooperation in any other areas as agreed to by both the Parties from time to time.

### **ARTICLE-3. DURATION, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT**

- 3.1. This MoU will be effective from the date of signing by both parties for a period of 5 years and may be subject to extensions by mutual consent in writing.
- 3.2. Either party may terminate this MoU by giving six (6) months advance notice in writing.
- 3.3. The provisions of this MoU may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the parties in writing.
- 3.4. The amendment, termination, and expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of the amendment, termination, or expiration unless otherwise agreed upon between the two parties.

### **ARTICLE-4: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

- 4.1 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) generated during the Research, under this MOU shall be shared under the mutual understanding of the parties at the point of filing of the patent/ copyrights. General rules however could be the following:
  - 4.1.1. Joint Intellectual Property (“Joint IP”): The Parties shall agree that the application for patent registration/ copyrights and/ or any other registrable rights shall be filed in joint names.
  - 4.1.2. The IPR generated by GMU, Sambalpur, shall file, prosecute, maintain and extend patents/ copyrights or other appropriate register-able rights concerning such Joint IP and shall keep the CUO informed about the status of all such actions. Similarly, The IPR generated by the CUO, shall file, prosecute, maintain and extend patents/ copyrights or other appropriate register-able rights concerning such Joint IP and shall keep GMU, Sambalpur informed about the status of all such actions.

Both the parties shall execute necessary documents and provide their assistance to protect the interest of both the Parties under this clause.

### **ARTICLE-5: CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 5.1. During the validity of this MoU and three [3] years thereafter, G.M. University, Sambalpur undertakes on its behalf and behalf of its students/ employees/ associates/ representatives, and the Central University of Odisha undertakes on behalf of its students/ employees/ associates/ representatives to maintain strict confidentiality and prevent disclosure thereof, of all the Confidential Information and data exchanged/ generated about Academic, Literary, Cultural activities and Research work under this MoU for any purpose other than following the MoU.
- 5.2. Notwithstanding anything stated in this MoU, GMU, Sambalpur faculty members/ associates involved, and CUO's Faculty/ associates/ representatives shall not, in any event, disclose Confidential Information related to Intellectual Property to any third party.
- 5.3. The obligations outlined in this clause shall survive any termination or expiration of this MoU for a period of three years.

#### **ARTICLE-6. SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

- 6.1. Modalities of each type of collaboration, associated activities, and financial aspects shall be mutually agreed upon on a case-by-case basis in a separate Memorandum of Agreements (MoA).
- 6.2. Each party will take approval from the other party in writing to use the latter's name and logo for the activities hereunder on a case-by-case basis.
- 6.3. Both parties here shall do their utmost to ensure the smooth and efficient implementation of the mentioned programs.
- 6.4. The two parties will consult with each other for any subsequent associated agreement informally and attempt to resolve disputes or misunderstandings that may arise in the administration of this MoU or any subsequent associated agreement informally.

#### **ARTICLE-7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall not give rise to any financial obligation by one Party to the other.
- 7.2. Each Party shall bear its own cost and expenses in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This MoU is prepared in two identical sets. Each party holds one original copy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have each set their hand to this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING on the 18.07.2024 at / G.M. University, Sambalpur / Central University of Odisha, Koraput.

For and on behalf of

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<b>In the presence of the witnesses</b>	
1. Padmasree Damayanti Beshra	1. Dr. Uma Charan Patil Deputy Registrar Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur. 18.7.24
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