MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

SILPAKORN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND

And

CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, INDIA

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as "MoU") is a general enabling document for inter-institutional cooperation between Silpakorn University, Thailand (hereafter referred to as "SU") and Central Sanskrit University, India (hereafter referred to as "CSU").

1. The purpose of this MoU is to establish academic cooperation and promote mutual understanding between the Parties through collaborative activities in the fields of Sanskrit, linguistics, cultural studies, and other areas of shared interest. Additionally, this MoU aims to promote international understanding, scholarly collaboration, cultural interaction, and friendship by supporting educational, professional, and cultural activities among faculty members and students of both institutions. The areas of cooperation shall include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered at either institution that is considered desirable and feasible by both Parties and that contributes to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two institutions.

2. The signing of this MoU represents a commitment of goodwill between the two institutions. Specific areas of cooperation shall be subject to the availability of funds and the mutual approval of SU and CSU. SU and CSU agree to carry out collaborative activities to achieve the following objectives:

(1) Exchange of students, academic faculty, and administrative staff:

(1.1) Faculty exchange programs for teaching, curriculum development, and collaborative research;

(1.2) Student/scholar exchange programs for collaborative research and cultural exchange;

(1.3) Joint workshops, seminars, and conferences in areas such as Sanskrit, Pali, Hindi, Ayurveda, Vastu Shastra, Jyotisha (Astrology/Astronomy), Ancient Architecture, Hora Shastra, Yogic Science, and Brahmi Lipi Studies.

(2) Joint and Dual Degree Programs:

(2.1) Development of joint and dual degree programs in Sanskrit and Hindi Studies, enabling students to pursue part of their coursework at CSU;

(2.2) Students from SU may undertake one semester of study in India as part of the exchange framework. Similarly, students from CSU may undertake one semester of study at SU.

(3) Joint research activities and publications;

(4) Participation in seminars and academic meetings;

(5) Exchange of academic materials and other information;

(6) Special short-term academic programs;

(7) Institutional support and infrastructure, including the allocation of official space within Sanskrit Studies Centre, Silpakorn University, for a dedicated "India Studies and Sanskrit Resource Centre," in coordination with the Indian Mission in Thailand and CSU;

(8) Any other activity mutually agreed upon in writing by both Parties.

3. The implementation of all activities described in Clauses (1) through (8) shall be carried out through mutual cooperation and discussion between the appropriate committees of both Parties.

4. The terms of mutual assistance and the necessary budget for each specific program or activity implemented under this MoU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both Parties prior to the initiation of such program or activity. The terms and conditions of each program or activity shall be negotiated on an annual basis.

5. Details of specific activities shall be set forth in separate agreements under this MoU. Each Party shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programs.

6. This MoU shall be valid for five (5) years from the date of signing by the authorized authorities of both Parties and may be extended by mutual written consent. Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing written notice to the other Party six (6) months prior to the intended date of termination. However, any ongoing projects shall continue until completion and shall not be affected by such termination.

7. Each specific program or activity jointly developed and implemented under this MoU shall be mutually reviewed by both Parties at regular intervals.

8. Nothing in this MoU is intended to, or shall be construed to, create a partnership, joint venture, or employment relationship between the Parties, or to impose either Party any rights, obligations, or duties arising from such relationships. Neither Party shall have any right or authority to bind or contract on behalf of the other Party.

9. This MoU is not intended to create legal relations and shall not be legally binding upon the Parties. Neither CSU nor SU shall be held responsible for any liability whatsoever. Furthermore, neither Party shall be required to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to any personal property to which this MoU relates.

10. Any amendment to this MoU shall be made in writing and signed by both Parties.

11. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultation.

12. This MoU shall be executed in two (2) counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original. One counterpart shall be retained by each Party. Together, the counterparts shall constitute one and the same agreement.

13. Any notice given pursuant to this MoU by one Party to the other shall be in writing and sent by registered mail (acknowledgement due), facsimile, or email to the following addresses, or to such other addresses as may be notified in writing by either Party.

For CSU:
Office of International Affairs & Collaborations,
Central Sanskrit University,
56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi 110058, India
Email: oiac@csu.co.in

For SU:
Silpakorn International Centre,
Office of the President, Silpakorn University,
215 Borommarachachonnani Road
Taling Chan District, Bangkok 10170, Thailand
Email: contact.inter@su.ac.th

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the dates indicated below.

Signed for and on behalf of

Silpakorn University (SU), Thailand

Tanasait Ngawhirunpat

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(Prof. Dr. Tanasait Ngawhirunpat)

President

Date: 3/8/2026

Signed for and on behalf of

Central Sanskrit University (CSU), India

Central Sanskrit University, Delhi
56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi-58
Under MHRD, Govt. of India

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(Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi)

Vice-Chancellor

3-8-2026

Date: .....

Witnesses:

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(Dr. Naruphol Wangthongchaicharoen)

Dean

Faculty of Archaeology

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(Dr. Wutthiphong Thawinsombat)

Managing Director

Sanskrit Studies Centre

Witnesses:

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(Prof. Madhukeshwar Bhat)

Director (Central Schemes) &

Director (Programmes) &

OSD to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

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(Prof. Amarjiva Lochan)

Member

Office of International Affairs & Collaborations