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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY (CSU)
AND
INDICA (Indic Academy)**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is made and entered into on this
06 day of October 2026,

BETWEEN

Central Sanskrit University (CSU), having its headquarters at 56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi - 110058, India, is a Central University established under the Central Sanskrit Universities Act, 2020 and functioning under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, mandated to promote and develop Sanskrit and allied disciplines (hereinafter referred to as "CSU", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns), of the one part.

CSU is the world's largest multi-campus Sanskrit university and serves as the nodal agency for Sanskrit-related policies and schemes of the Government of India. With its headquarters in New Delhi, 14 campuses, 26 Adarsh Mahavidyalayas and Adarsh Shodh Sansthans, and affiliations to more than 250 institutions across the country, the University plays a leading role in the preservation, promotion, and advancement of Sanskrit language and literature, Indian Knowledge Systems, and traditional disciplines through teaching, research, publications, academic outreach, interdisciplinary scholarship, digital education, and skill-based academic programmes. Accredited with an A++ Grade by NAAC and ranked in the 150-200 band under NIRF, CSU is committed to becoming a world-class institution for

Sanskrit and Indian Knowledge Systems while promoting Sanskrit learning globally in alignment with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

AND

INDICA (Indic Academy), a not-for-profit institute for Indian Knowledge Systems, Culture and Traditions and a division of the International Forum for India's Heritage, a registered charitable trust having its registered office at **2-55/V/A, Villa No. 104, Hill Ridge Villas, ISB Road, Gachibowli, Hyderabad - 500032, Telangana, India** (hereinafter referred to as "**INDICA**", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns), of the other part.

INDICA is a leading institution dedicated to the preservation, protection, promotion, presentation, advancement, and transmission of India's civilisational knowledge systems, culture, and traditions. Since its inception, it has built a vibrant ecosystem for the study, practice, and dissemination of India's civilisational heritage through scholarship, education, research, publications, institutional partnerships, public engagement, and cultural initiatives.

Over the years, INDICA has developed more than 140 online courses, established 14 knowledge centres comprising 5 INDICA-owned Centres, 3 Joint Venture Centres, and 6 Associate Centres, organised 24 national and international conferences, 43 academic symposiums, and 19 masterclasses, published more than 60 books and over 3,000 articles, and honoured 155 eminent Gurus representing diverse knowledge traditions of Bharat through its Grateful to Gurus initiative.

Working with a wide network of scholars, practitioners, educators, institutions, and learners across India and the world, INDICA undertakes academic, research, publication, translation, documentation, capacity-building, and outreach initiatives across diverse domains of Indian Knowledge Systems, Culture and Traditions. Guided by the vision of the well-being of all beings, it seeks to preserve, revitalize, and transmit the intellectual, philosophical, literary, artistic, scientific, and cultural heritage of Bharat while fostering its contemporary relevance and application.

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Both Parties recognize the complementary strengths of their institutions and the importance of advancing Sanskrit, Indian Knowledge Systems, classical languages, interdisciplinary research, digital education, capacity building, and knowledge dissemination in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. They therefore agree to establish a long-term institutional partnership to collaborate in areas of mutual academic, research, and institutional interest.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish an umbrella framework for long-term institutional collaboration between Central Sanskrit University (CSU) and INDICA in areas of mutual academic, research, educational, and institutional interest. Through this MoU, the Parties seek to leverage their complementary strengths to promote Sanskrit, Indian Knowledge Systems, classical languages, interdisciplinary research, digital education, capacity building, publications, and knowledge dissemination in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

2. Objectives

- To promote excellence in Sanskrit and Indian Knowledge Systems.
- To strengthen institutional collaboration in education, research, publications, and outreach.
- To develop innovative academic programmes and educational resources.
- To promote the preservation, documentation, and dissemination of India's civilisational heritage.
- To provide an umbrella framework for future collaborative initiatives.

3. Scope of Collaboration

3.1 Academic Programmes

The Parties may jointly conceptualise, develop and offer certificate, diploma, degree- graduate and post graduate degree, executive education, continuing



education, faculty development, professional development, online, hybrid, modular, value-added and short-term programmes, subject to applicable statutory approvals.

3.2 Joint Academic Offerings and Programme Delivery

INDICA may act as the academic knowledge partner, implementation partner, and programme delivery partner responsible for programme design, curriculum development, faculty engagement, admissions, learner support, programme administration, digital delivery, teaching support, learner engagement, assessments, and day-to-day operational management.

CSU may provide academic oversight, curriculum review, quality assurance, examination oversight where applicable, faculty participation where appropriate, and certification in accordance with its statutes and regulations.

At outset, A PG Program - Master of Arts in Mahābhārata Studies (MA-MBH) shall be offered jointly by Central Sanskrit University and INDICA. Where, CSU shall confer the MA degree and ensure compliance with applicable UGC Regulations and NEP 2020 guidelines. INDICA shall collaborate with CSU in the academic design, development, implementation in accordance with the terms agreed between the two institutions.

3.3 Certification and Academic Recognition

The academic recognition shall be provided to the students. In case, a programme leads to a degree, such degree shall be awarded solely by CSU. In all other cases, programmes may culminate in joint certificates, certificates issued by CSU in collaboration with INDICA, certificates bearing the names and logos of both Parties, diplomas, academic credits, digital credentials, or any other form of academic recognition as may be mutually agreed for each programme through a separate Programme Agreement, subject to applicable statutory regulations.

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3.4 Knowledge Partnership

The Parties may collaborate in Sanskrit, Indian Knowledge Systems, philosophy, civilisational studies, Guru-Śiṣya Paramparā, manuscripts, translation, critical editions, commentaries, oral traditions, digital archives, public scholarship, indigenous knowledge systems and international dissemination.

3.5 Curriculum Development

The Parties may collaborate in curriculum design, syllabi, multilingual resources, MOOCs, digital learning resources and assessment frameworks.

3.6 Research Collaboration

The Parties may collaborate in joint research, funded projects, documentation, translations, digital humanities, publications, edited volumes, and research centres, subject to applicable approvals.

3.7 Publications and Knowledge Resources

The Parties may collaborate in the development of books, journals, monographs, translations, critical editions, conference proceedings, educational resources, documentaries, podcasts, and multimedia publications.

3.8 Faculty, Scholar and Student Engagement

The Parties may collaborate in faculty exchange, guest lectures, scholar residencies, internships, immersion programmes, dissertation support, competitions, and academic exchanges.

3.9 Capacity Building and Public Outreach

The Parties may collaborate in faculty development, curriculum workshops, conferences, seminars, lecture series, festivals, exhibitions, public lectures, and outreach programmes.



3.10 Digital Initiatives

The Parties may collaborate in digital repositories, AI-enabled learning resources, language technologies, digitisation and digital preservation.

3.11 Centres and Institutional Initiatives

The Parties may jointly establish Centres of Excellence, Chairs, Research Centres, Fellowships, Knowledge Hubs and other institutional initiatives through separate agreements.

3.12 Emerging Areas

The Parties may collaborate in additional areas of mutual interest consistent with their institutional objectives.

4. Implementation

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes the overall framework for collaboration between the Parties. The modalities for implementing specific collaborative initiatives under this MoU shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. Where necessary, such modalities shall be set out in separate agreements or annexures. Each collaborative initiative may specify responsibilities, timelines, deliverables, governance, financial arrangements, and other operational matters.

5. Governance

Each Party shall nominate a Nodal Officer. The Parties may constitute a Joint Coordination Committee to identify opportunities, review progress and facilitate implementation.

6. Financial Arrangements

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any financial obligation on either Party. Any financial arrangements relating to specific initiatives, if required, shall be set out in separate written agreements.



7. Intellectual Property

7.1 Pre-existing Intellectual Property

All intellectual property owned by either Party prior to the execution of this MoU shall remain the sole property of the respective Party. Nothing contained in this MoU shall be construed as transferring, assigning, or licensing any intellectual property rights of either Party unless expressly agreed in writing.

7.2 Intellectual Property Created under Collaborative Projects

The ownership, use, protection, publication, licensing, and commercialization of any intellectual property created pursuant to collaborative projects undertaken under this MoU shall be determined through separate written agreements executed between the Parties for the respective project or initiative.

8. Branding and Publicity

Use of the name, logo or branding of either Party shall require prior written approval, except as mutually agreed for collaborative programmes.

9. Non-Disclosure and Limited Use of Information

Each Party shall exercise due care in handling all information, documents, data, records, materials, and other information shared by the other Party in connection with this MoU or any collaborative initiative undertaken pursuant to it and shall not disclose, reproduce, distribute, or use such information for any purpose other than the implementation of this MoU or the relevant collaborative initiative, except where disclosure is required by applicable law, regulation, or the order of a court or other competent authority, or where the information is already in the public domain or has been independently developed.

10. Amendments, Duration and Termination

10.1 Duration

This MoU shall come into effect on the date of its execution by both Parties and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Clause.



10.2 Amendment

This MoU may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

10.3 Termination and Effect of Termination

Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other Party. The termination of this MoU shall not affect any rights or obligations accrued prior to the date of termination. Any collaborative project, programme, or activity commenced under this MoU shall continue to be governed by the terms of the applicable project-specific agreement unless the Parties mutually agree otherwise.

11. Dispute Resolution

11.1 Amicable Resolution

The Parties shall endeavour to resolve amicably, through mutual consultation and good-faith negotiations, any dispute, difference, or claim arising out of or relating to this MoU.

11.2 Arbitration

If such dispute is not resolved within sixty (60) days of the commencement of consultations, it shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as amended from time to time.

11.3 Appointment of Arbitrator

The arbitral tribunal shall consist of a sole arbitrator mutually appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the arbitrator, the appointment shall be made in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.



11.4 Seat and Language

The seat and venue of arbitration shall be New Delhi. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in the English language.

11.5 Award

The award of the arbitral tribunal shall be final and binding upon the Parties.

12. General Provisions

12.1 Nature of the MoU

This MoU is intended to serve as an umbrella framework for collaboration between the Parties and does not, by itself, create any legally enforceable financial obligations, partnership, agency, joint venture, employer-employee relationship, or exclusive arrangement between them.

12.2 Independent Status

Except as expressly provided in a separate written agreement, neither Party shall have the authority to bind or incur obligations on behalf of the other Party.

12.3 Compliance with Laws

Each Party shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, statutory requirements, and institutional policies while carrying out activities under this MoU.

12.4 Force Majeure

Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in the performance of its obligations under this MoU to the extent such delay or failure results from causes beyond its reasonable control, including acts of God, natural disasters, war, civil disturbance, governmental action, epidemic, pandemic, or other force majeure events.

12.5 Notices

Any notice required under this MoU shall be made in writing and shall be delivered by hand, registered post, recognised courier service, or electronic mail to

the addresses notified by the respective Parties, or to such other address as either Party may subsequently notify in writing.

12.6 Entire Understanding

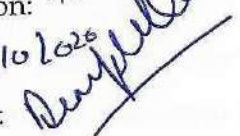
This MoU constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior discussions or understandings relating thereto, except where expressly preserved by the Parties in writing.

Signatures

For Central Sanskrit University

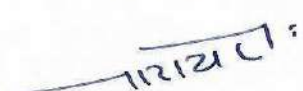
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For INDICA (Indic Academy)

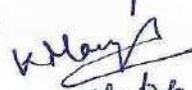
Name: SIMPLI KAUL
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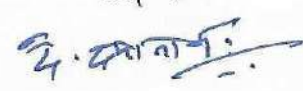
Witness 1

Name: Lalit Kumar Tripathi
Signature: 


P. R. L. NARAYANA SIMHA.

Witness 2

Name: K. Manoj
Signature: 
06/10/26


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