MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

between

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY HYDERABAD



and

UNIVERSITY OF ALLAHABAD (CENTRE OF BEHAVIOURAL AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES)



For facilitating

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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This Memorandum of understanding, hereinafter called MoU is entered on 12th January, 2024

Between

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY HYDERABAD, an Institute of National Importance under Ministry of Education, Government of India, located at Kandi, Sangareddy, Telangana State herein after called "IITH" individually as institute

And

the UNIVERSITY OF ALLAHABAD, (CENTRE OF BEHAVIOURAL AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES) located at Senate Hall Campus, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh 211002, herein after called "UoA (CBCS)", a UGC centre with potential for excellence set up in 2002 to impart high quality education at the post-graduate level in the form of MSc and PhD degrees in the Cognitive Science.

The aforesaid institutions are hereinafter referred to collectively as institutes.

1. Preamble

- 1.1. Whereas, based on the mutual wish to establish the fruitful cooperation both Institutions hereby confirm their wish to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for research collaborations.
- 1.2. Whereas, IIT Hyderabad has the expertise in Cognitive Science particularly related to research using methods such as Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, Sensorimotor learning, Neurodegeneration and Artificial Intelligence and agree to collaborate with UoA (CBCS).
- 1.3. Whereas, UoA (CBCS) has all necessary lab facilities (particularly EEG/ERP, eye tracking and functional MRI) and expertise for teaching and research in the field of Cognitive Science.

2. General Provisions

2.1 Objectives of the MOU:

The aim of this MOU is to stimulate and facilitate the collaborative research which serve for technical upliftment of both institutes.

The specific objectives of the MOU are:

- a. To provide technical support for the research scholars, faculty members and students to carry out the research work.
- b. To promote and enhance research interaction between IITH and UoA (CBCS). Students can visit the institutions to utilize the lab and research infrastructure. However, no student exchange for any degree requirement is permitted.
- c. Joint supervision of Postgraduate and Ph.D. students.
- d. To undertake collaborative R&D work/R&D Projects.

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e. To do joint publications arising out of collaborative work facilitating combined project Investigators/Co- Investigators for National and International projects.

Whereas IITH and UoA (CBCS) are willing to jointly participate in the research activities. One Co-ordinator from each organization shall facilitate proper exchange of the proposed activity.

2.2 Intellectual Property Rights:

All background intellectual property shall remain the property of the Party disclosing the same to the other Party for the purposes of the collaboration. The use of such Background IP shall be limited to performing each Party's obligations under the collaboration.

The Parties shall jointly own results of clearly defined collaborative projects and exchange programs. This joint ownership also entitles each Party to explore commercialization. However, transfer of jointly developed technology and associated sharing of revenue shall be governed by a separate agreement, at the time of constituent.

Further, the Research and Development (R&D) information outcomes will be shared by both the collaborating parties in an equal manner, this includes patenting and other such avenues of IPR.

Any publication shall be by mutual consent of the coordinators and should include participants from both the organizations.

2.3 Confidentiality:

If one institution receives any information from the other under a clearly defined nondisclosure agreement, necessary and reasonable care will be taken to protect the intellectual property received from Disclosing Party.

2.4 Duration of MoU:

This MoU will be in force for a period of FIVE Years from the date of its signing and it will be renewed after five years depending upon the successful implementation of the MoU between two institutes - IITH and UoA (CBCS).

2.5 Amendments to the MoU:

Amendments if any, before the expiry of this MoU, shall be made in writing by the Director of IITH and Vice-Chancellor of University of Allahabad or their authorized representatives after mutual agreement.

Additional activities proposed within the framework of the general terms of this MoU will be formally incorporated as an addendum to this MoU, provided addendum is agreed to and signed by both the parties.

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2.6 Coordinators:

Prof. Bhoomika R. Kar, Head, Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, will act as coordinator from University of Allahabad and Dr. Neeraj Kumar Assistant Professor of Cognitive Science Department of Liberal Arts, IIT Hyderabad will act as a Coordinator from Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad.

2.7 Financial Provisions:

This MoU does not commit any specific financial obligation or liability on either Party. Each Party shall be responsible for its own costs in connection with all matters relating to the collaborations under this MoU except to the extent specifically mentioned in this MoU. All the expenses on implementation of the programmes under this MoU incurred / to be incurred by the Parties such as travel expenses, personal expenses, per diem, expenses on accommodation, health etc shall be borne by the respective Party. However, in case of invited lectures all such expenses of the invitee shall be borne by the inviting host party. In case of extremal funding of any programme, under this MoU is considered necessary either Party by mutual consultation. may explore the same.

Nothing in this MoU constitutes or shall construe a Party as the partner, agent, employee or representative of the other Party. A Party to this MoU must not act independently of the other Party and does not have the right or power to commit the other Party on any matter or to incur an obligation on behalf or pledge the credit of the other Party without the prior written approval of the other Party.

2.8 Liability:

No liability will arise or be assumed between the Parties as a result of this MOU.

2.9 Jurisdiction of Courts:

The Courts having jurisdiction at Hyderabad and the Honourable High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad shall have the exclusive jurisdiction on matters arising out of this MoU.

3.0 Resolution of Dispute:

Any dispute arising out of this MoU or relating to its interpretation, the same shall be amicably resolved either through mutual consultation or by referring to the Arbitration Tribunal consisting of Sole Arbitrator to be appointed by the parties to this MoU and the decision of such arbitrator shall be final and binding on both the parties. The venue of the arbitration shall be such place as may be fixed by such arbitrator and the arbitration proceedings shall take place under the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 and any modification or re-enactment thereof.





For and on behalf of IIT Hyderabad

Signature

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