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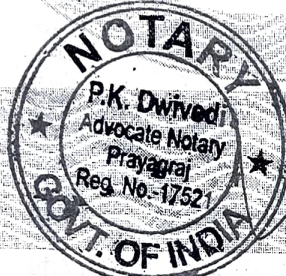
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**The Memorandum of Understanding**  
**on**  
**“Teachers’ Professional Development**  
**and Quality Research”**

Made as of August 01, 2024

Between

**University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, U.P.**

&

**Inter University Centre for Teacher Education,**  
**BHU), Varanasi, U.P.**



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

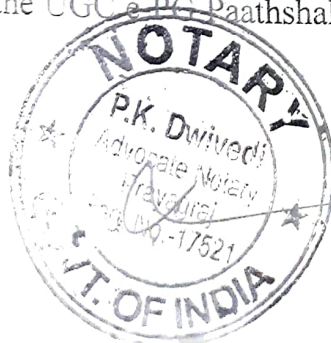
### I. The Parties

The University of Allahabad, a central university established on 23 September 1887, situated in the Prayagraj represented through its registrar or the authorised officer, as one party and the Inter University Centre for Teacher Education, Banaras Hindu University (IUCTE, BHU) established by Honorable Prime Minister on 25 December 2014 under section 12 (CCC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) as autonomous body situated in Varanasi, U.P.; and hereinafter jointly referred as parties, have agreed to enter and to sign this MoU in support of the development of academic co-operation and collaboration between the parties.

### Background of the parties:

**The Allahabad University:** University of Allahabad has always occupied an esteemed place among the Universities of India for over a century. Established on 23rd September 1887, it is the fourth oldest University of India after Calcutta, Bombay and Madras University. The university has four faculties—Arts, Commerce, Law, and Science—four university institutes—Institute of Inter-Disciplinary Studies, Institute of Professional Studies, Institute of Gandhian Thoughts and Peace Studies, and National Centre of Experimental Mineralogy and Petrology—and five independent university centres: Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, Centre for Women's Studies, M.N. Saha Centre of Space Studies, and Centre of The University of Allahabad aims to be a global intellectual centre. In the Banyan tree insignia, "Quot Rami Tot Arbores" means "as many branches, so many trees." The phrase encourages us to pursue numerous academic subjects, symbolised by the branches, to create a wide wisdom forest. It moulds young minds to build future nations. With a commitment to quality education, research, and cultural richness, the university aims to become one of the world's top institutions, fostering innovation and producing leaders who shape the future, exploring the frontiers of knowledge and enriching people's lives. The University has boasted an impressive list of alumni, including former presidents, prime ministers, ministers, Supreme Court justices, and senior bureaucrats, all of whom have made significant contributions to India's defence sector.

After establishing an M.Ed. programme in 1942, the University of Allahabad Department of Education has implemented the UGC SAP DRS Phase-I for five years. The department collaborated with CIET, NCERT, New Delhi on the UGC e-PG Pathshala Project. National



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University Grants Commission under section 12 (ccc) has established Inter University Centre for Teacher Education, Banarās Hindu University (IUCTE, BHU), Varanasi for providing services and programmes for a group of universities and institutions. The speech given by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi Ji at Banaras Hindu University on 25th December 2014 while laying the foundation of the Inter University Centre for Teacher Education clearly set out the purpose for this Centre. He emphasized in his address that India as a country with highest youth population should dream of developing "Quality Teachers" as there lies a huge demand of good teachers across the globe. He clearly proclaimed "ACHCHHI SHIKSHA-ACHCHHE SHIKSHAK". Hence the IUCTE adopting it as its Motto and commits itself to evolve as a knowledge Centre where not only policy framework relating to different aspects of preparation, induction and continuous professional development of university and college teachers are being developed but also latest techno-pedagogical- assessment interventions for teachers are being evolved and disseminated to help them become world-class teachers. IUCTE intends to nurture a culture of professional excellence and promotion of quality original research in the field of teacher education in particular and in whole gamut of higher education in general. IUCTE is also focusing on the recommendations of National Education Policy 2020 pertaining to teacher education and working on preparing the teachers who can realize and implement the goals of NEP-2020 along with other local & global expectations. Hence the capacity building of teachers and those involved in the professional development of Teachers in higher education is a major task, that is being taken up by the Centre.

## **II. Goals and Objective**

*In order to promote co-operation between University of Allahabad, Prayagraj hereinafter referred to as "University of Allahabad Prayagraj" and the Inter University Centre for Teacher Education, Banaras Hindu University (IUCTE, BHU), Varanasi, both the institutions agree as follows:*



The both the institutions shall encourage direct contact and co-operation between their faculty and administrative staff, departments and research institutions for promotion of in-service and pre-service teachers' training, teaching -learning approaches across the discipline and research.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** Form of co-operation shall be-

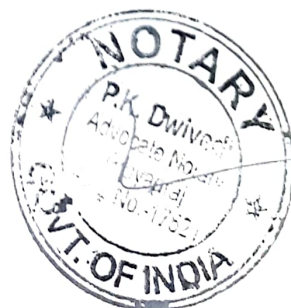
Within mutually acceptable fields, the following general forms of co-operation for programmes or activities will be explored for potential negotiation:

- Mutual exchanges of faculty members on a well-identified and well worked area of expertise & interest.
- Conduct research on topics of mutual interest which suited to objectives of both the Institutions.
- Organized joint academic activities and training programmes for the faculty members of various disciplines.
- Develop online MOOCs programme for continuous professional development of teachers.
- Organizing joint conferences, symposia and other academic activities on the subjects of mutual interest.
- Exchange of Resources, Academic Data, Scientific Information, Intellectual Property, Articles & Publications.
- Collaborate for quality research and innovation in pedagogical and technological advancements.
- Collaborate for advancement of Curriculum, Pedagogy, Assessment and Quality Research.

### III. Duration of the MOU:

This is a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between University of Allahabad and the Inter University Centre for Teacher Education, Banaras Hindu University (IUCTE, BHU), Varanasi. This MoU shall have an initial term of three years from the date of sign and may be renewed for another period of three years' term after reviewing the activities performed under this MoU unless written notice by one party to another party for not renewing the MoU is given not later than one (1) month before the expiry of the current term. This MoU may be terminated at any time by mutual written consent or by three (3) months' notice in writing by either party.

### IV. Non-Binding:



1. This Document does not create a binding agreement between the Party and shall not be enforceable. Only the future agreement, duly executed by the Party, shall be enforceable. The terms and conditions of any future agreement will supersede any terms and conditions contained in this document. The Party are not prevented from entering into negotiations with other third parties with regard to the subject matter of this document.
2. It is agreed that the terms and conditions of any agreed programme and activity contemplated in this MoU shall be the subject matter of separate written agreements to be negotiated and agreed upon by both Parties and/or any third parties, wherever applicable. Provided that, the decision as to whether initiate and/or implement any programme or activity shall be at each party's sole discretion.
3. Both parties agree that this memorandum creates no financial obligations on either party, and all financial liability shall be born by each party(ies) for their own expenses.

#### **V. Dispute Resolution**

If a dispute or difference arises between the parties out of or in connection with this MOU, either party may give the other a written notice specifying the dispute or difference within 30 days of the date of the notice, a person holding a position of senior management of each party must meet and undertake negotiations in good faith and on a without prejudice basis with a view to resolving the dispute or difference. *If the dispute(s) may not resolve by such negotiations the mutual decision of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of University of Allahabad and Director, IUCTE-BHU shall be final.*

#### **VI. Variation**

The parties may agree to vary any of the requirements of this MOU. Such agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

#### **VII. Advertising and Announcements**

Unless required by law, an announcement, circular or other public disclosure including promotional materials such as newsletters, brochures, flyers or annual reports, referring to the contents or subject matter of this MOU, must not be made or permitted by a party without the prior written approval of the other party.



### VIII. Confidentiality:

The parties agree and undertake to keep confidential at all times any confidential information or data that may be exchanged, acquired or shared in connection with any programme or activity conducted pursuant to this MoU save where the same is already in the public domain, obligated by law or otherwise defined in any subsequent agreement on the subject matter.

### IX. Implementation and Monitoring:

The parties shall on regular basis keep each other informed of and consult on matters of common interest which in their opinion are likely to mutual collaboration.

- The parties shall set specific timeline and manner of monitoring and review of the execution of the area of co-operation.
- The parties shall with the mutual consent further extend the duration of collaboration.

The committee of the following person shall monitor and implement:

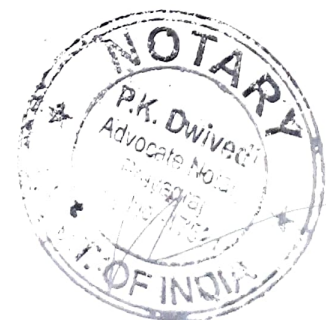
- Director, IUCTE-BHU, Varanasi – Coordinator and Nodal Officer at IUCTE-BHU
- Nominee of Director, IUCTE-BHU, Varanasi- Member
- Head, Department of Education, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj- Convener & Nodal officer at University of Allahabad.
- Registrar, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj- Member

Every notice, request or any other communication required or permitted to be given pursuant to this MoU shall be in writing, in English/Hindi and delivered personally or sent by registered or certified post via courier or email (which shall be acknowledged by the other Party) to the Parties at the addresses stated below:

University of Allahabad, Senate House Campus, University Road, Old Katra, Prayagraj (Allahabad), Uttar Pradesh – 211002, India

Attention:

Name: Prof. Sangita Srivastava



Position: Vice-Chancellor

Email: vc@allduniv.ac.in, vcoffice@allduniv.ac.in

Inter University Centre for Teacher Education (IUCTE), BHU, IUCTE Campus, Sundar  
Bagiya, Nariya-B.L.W. Road, Varanasi - 221005

Attention:

Name: Prof. Prem Narayan Singh

Position: Director

Email: directoroffice@iucte.ac.in

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have caused this MoU to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

For and on behalf of

University of Allahabad, Prayagraj

For and behalf of

Inter University Centre for Teacher  
Education (IUCTE), BHU

Registrar

University of Allahabad, Prayagraj

Date: .....



Director/ST. A.O.

Inter University Centre for Teacher  
Education (IUCTE), BHU

ST. Administrative Officer  
Date: .....

Varanasi

Witness 1.

*[Signature]*  
29/07/2024  
Department of Education  
University of Allahabad

Witness 1.

*[Signature]*  
20/07/2024  
Prof. Asheesh Puriastava  
Dean (Academics & Research) IUCTE

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*[Signature]*  
29/07/2024  
Education Department  
Allahabad University

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*[Signature]*  
20/07/2024  
Dr. Roja Pathak  
Asst. Prof., IUCTE.



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ADVOCATE PRAYAG