



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This **Memorandum of Understanding** ('MoU') is executed on this 5th day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six ("Effective Date") at Bengaluru.

### BY AND BETWEEN

**CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)**, a Deemed to be University declared under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956, and having its Central Campus at Dharmaram College Post, Hosur Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560029, (hereinafter referred to as "CU") which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its affiliates, successors-in-title and permitted assigns of the **FIRST PART**.

### AND

National Forensic Sciences University, Dharwad Campus, WALMI, Belur Industrial area, Dharwad, Karnataka 580011 (hereinafter referred to as "NFSU Dharwad Campus") which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean, successor-in-title and permitted assigns of the **SECOND PART**.

'Party' and 'Parties' shall mean the CU and NFSU Dharwad Campus, individually and collectively, as the case may be.

### WHEREAS:

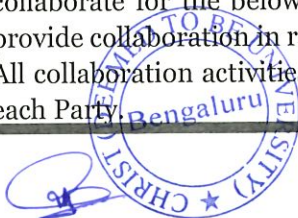
- The CU is a NAAC 'A+' Accredited University offering multi-disciplinary UG, PG and Research Programmes in Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences, Commerce, Management, Education, Law, Engineering and Architecture.
- The Second Party is the Dharwad Campus of National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), a Central Government University headquartered at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The Dharwad Campus functions under the administrative and academic oversight of NFSU Head Office, and offers education and research opportunities of very high standards in Forensics, Cybersecurity, Pharmacy, and Allied Sciences.
- The Parties are now entering into this MoU to set out their respective rights and obligations vis-à-vis the engagement contemplated herein.
- This MoU does not and shall not create any obligation enforceable at law or equity. Any undertakings in this MoU are expressions of intended cooperation and do not establish or imply any contractual rights or duties.

### NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MOU WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1 (Scope and Obligation)

The primary objectives of this MOU are to promote academic cooperation, research collaboration, and mutual development between the Universities. Through this MOU, both parties are prepared to collaborate for the below mentioned activities that seek to promote an academic exchange and to provide collaboration in research efforts.

All collaboration activities described in this Article shall be undertaken on mutually agreed terms of each Party.



- a) Joint research projects and academic publications
- b) Exchange of faculty, students and research scholars
- c) Organisation of seminars, workshops, conferences and training programs
- d) Sharing of academic resources, infrastructure and expertise
- e) Internship and project opportunities for students
- f) Placement, training for students and faculties

### **Article 2 (Commercials)**

Both parties are responsible for their own costs in relation to this Memorandum of Understanding unless otherwise agreed.

### **Article 3 (Term)**

- a) This MoU shall come into force on the Effective Date, and the term of this MoU shall be for a period of Three years (“**Term**”) from the Effective Date as mutually agreed to by the Parties, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this MoU or in case of any unforeseen exigencies or delays.
- b) The Parties may mutually choose to extend the Term for such further periods as they may deem fit. However, if no such period is arrived at the end of the Term, this MoU shall be deemed to have expired.

### **Article 4 (Termination)**

- a) Either Party may terminate this MoU at any time, with or without assigning any reason thereto, by giving prior written notice of three (3) months to the other Party.
- b) The Parties shall be entitled to immediately terminate this MoU upon a breach of any of the terms of this MoU by the other Party and upon failure of the Party in breach to rectify the breach within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of written notice of such breach from the other Party.
- c) The Parties may also, by mutual agreement, terminate this MoU. Upon termination or expiration of this MoU:
  - i) The Parties shall forthwith return all material, information and copies thereof belonging to the other Party.
  - ii) Neither Party shall use the other Party’s Confidential Information and/or the material collected/developed for the purpose of this MoU or any part thereof, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatsoever;
  - iii) Both parties shall execute their responsibilities for all ongoing programs as agreed.

### **Article 5 (Confidentiality)**

- a) The Parties shall retain in confidence and shall not, without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party (who shall be defined as the party who discloses Confidential Information to the other Party under this MOU), disclose or use in any manner any information that they may have been provided with or may have access to or materials disclosed or developed by it for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations under this MoU, whether marked as confidential or not (collectively “**Confidential Information**”) to any third party, unless such information or materials are required to be disclosed under any Laws of the country except that the University may use the information for its education, research or publication requirements.



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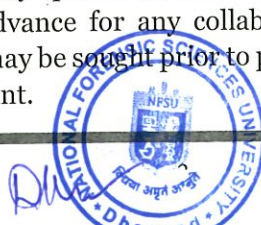
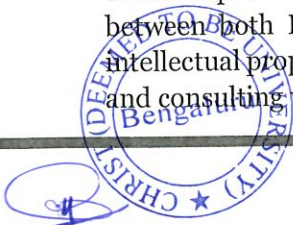
- b) For the purpose of this MoU, the expression “Confidential Information” shall not include the following:
- Information in the public domain without breach by the recipient.;
  - Information in the possession of the recipient prior to receipt from the disclosing party; or
  - Information acquired by the recipient from a third party is not under an obligation of confidentiality or non-use.
- c) Neither Party shall use the name of the other for any business or advertisement purpose except with specific written approval of the other Party.
- d) Upon termination of this MoU or receipt of a request thereof by the disclosing Party, the recipient Party shall promptly deliver to the disclosing Party all copies and originals of all documents, records, software, media and other materials containing any Confidential Information forthwith or destroy any such material or Confidential Information, upon receiving a written request from the disclosing Party; The disclosure of Confidential Information by either Party shall not amount to a license, assignment or transfer of any right, title or interest to the other Party. Each Party shall be the sole and absolute owner of all intellectual property in and with respect to its Confidential Information during the term of this MoU and thereafter;
- e) The recipient Party shall use the same degree of care that it would use to protect its own confidential information, but in no event less than a reasonable amount of care.
- f) Nothing in this Article shall be construed as creating any legally enforceable obligation on either Party; these are expressions of intent only.
- g) The confidentiality obligations under this Clause shall survive the termination of this MoU.

#### **Article 6 (Data Protection)**

- Both parties agree to comply with all Applicable Laws concerning the processing of personal information, including but not limited to the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000, and the rules made thereunder pertaining to the protection of personal information or the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.
- Both parties will also conclude an agreement on joint responsibility in which the respective rights and obligations under data protection law are set out. This agreement on joint responsibility is part of the MoU.

#### **Article 7 (Intellectual Property)**

- “**Intellectual property**” shall include all patents, rights to inventions, copyrights and related rights, trade secrets, trade names, logos, trademarks, and other intellectual property, whether registered or unregistered. Intellectual property also includes oral or written know-how of relevance to the research activities of either or both the Parties, as the case may be. The Intellectual Property of either Party obtained prior to this Agreement shall belong solely to such Party.
- Intellectual Property generated jointly during the operation of this Agreement and arising exclusively as an outcome of this collaboration may be jointly filed and “owned” by the Parties or jointly published in and/or presented at national and international journals and/or conferences as per the intellectual property strategy and IP policy of the two Parties. IP ownership and sharing on any specific instance will be discussed and agreed upon in writing between both Parties in advance for any collaborative endeavour. Legal advice regarding intellectual property filing may be sought prior to publication and/or public speeches, training, and consulting where relevant.



- c) The Parties recognize the exclusive Intellectual Property Rights (as generally understood) of each other being their own Course curriculum and or study materials to be delivered/deliverable in connection with the Programme. Either party mutually agrees not to share, publish, or file for registration of any patent/copyright, trademark, or design directly or indirectly with respect to the intellectual property of the other without the express written consent of the other. Either party shall not resort to any action that may prejudicially affect each other's intellectual property rights.
- d) Any dispute arising out of or relating to the validity, ownership, use, or infringement of intellectual property rights under this MoU shall first be addressed by good faith consultations between the Parties. If unresolved within 30 days, the dispute shall be referred to the designated coordinators of each Party for resolution. If still unresolved, the Parties may seek resolution under the dispute resolution provisions set forth in Article 9 of this MoU.

#### **Article 8 (Warranty)**

- a) Each Party warrants that any information, materials, or data shared in connection with this MoU will be provided in good faith and, to the best of its knowledge, will be accurate, complete, and not infringe any third-party rights
- b) There shall be no implied warranty under this MoU.
- c) In the event either Party becomes aware of any inaccuracies or issues with shared information or materials, it shall promptly notify the other Party and use reasonable efforts to rectify or correct such issues at no undue cost to the other Party.
- d) Any disputes arising out of warranty matters under this Article shall be resolved amicably in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions set forth in Article 9

#### **Article 9 (Governing Law and Dispute Resolution)**

- Any dispute, controversy, or difference arising out of or relating to the interpretation, implementation, or breach of this MoU shall first be addressed through good faith discussions between the designated representatives of both Parties.
- If the dispute remains unresolved after 30 days from the date one Party notifies the other in writing, the matter shall be escalated to the NFSU Dharwad Campus Director and the Registrar of Christ University for further amicable resolution.
- The Parties shall endeavour to resolve all matters in good faith and maintain a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.
- This MoU shall be governed by the laws of India, which shall apply solely as a framework of reference and not for enforcement purposes.



#### **Article 10 (Indemnification)**



- a) Either party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party from and against any and all claims, damages, and losses incurred by it due to any breach, negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying Party.
- b) Neither Party shall, in any event, be liable for any special, consequential, special, delay, incidental, or indirect damages arising from or in relation to this MoU.
- c) Both Parties shall be solely responsible for compliance with all domestic laws, including, but not limited to, compliance with regulatory agency regulations, intellectual property infringement, data security and other individual third-party contracts.

#### Article 11 (Coordinators)

The following colleagues will represent their organisation and coordinate the implementation of the agreement.

For CHRIST (Deemed to be University):	For NFSU, Dharwad Campus:
Name: Dr Pundikala Veerasha Position: Associate Professor Email Address: pundikala.veerasha@christuniversity.in Telephone number: 9620494929	Name: Dr Naveen S Malagi Position: Assistant Professor Email Address: naveen.malagi@nfsu.ac.in Telephone number: 7829315426

#### Article 12 (General Terms)

- a) **Agency:** Nothing contained in this MoU will be construed as creating a Joint Venture, Agency, Partnership, or Employment relationship between Parties hereto, nor will either Party have the right, power or authority to create any obligation or duty, express or implied, on behalf of the other Party.
- b) **Non-exclusivity:** This MoU shall be non-exclusive, and both the Parties are free to engage and collaborate with any other organisation for similar or any other purpose provided that there is no conflict of interest and/or violation of confidentiality.
- c) The Parties agree that the present MoU is signed by the first authorities of both Parties, contains registered addresses of the Parties, and comes into force upon signing it. Rather, it will form the basis for entering into specific agreement/s (which may include the exchange of letters for specific purposes) designed to facilitate the development and maintenance of a mutually beneficial academic relationship.

#### Article 13 AMENDMENT

- a) This Memorandum of Understanding constitute the entire Memorandum of Understanding between the Parties on their co-operation.
- b) Any amendment to or modification of this Memorandum of Understanding need to be in writing and to be duly signed by the Parties.



#### Article 14 Financial and Resource Commitment

- In case there is a requirement for a project/program/joint activity where there may be a financial implication on NFSU Dharwad Campus and CU, both Parties will enter into a separate agreement with separate terms and conditions, outside the purview of this MoU.
- Nothing in this MoU shall obligate both the parties to expend funds, provide manpower, infrastructure, or other resources unless specifically provided for in a separate written agreement, duly authorised by NFSU Dharwad Campus & CU.

#### Article 15 (Force Majeure)

- Notwithstanding herein stated, this MoU shall be deemed to have been suspended for the period during which and to the extent to which either Party hereto is prevented, hindered or delayed from performing any part of this contract by reason and any cause or circumstances of *Force Majeure* and which cannot be overcome by diligence and such affected party shall be excused from such performance to the extent that it was necessarily of events, such a happening or event shall include, but not be limited to Acts of God, any restriction, regulation, order, acts of omission or operation by any central, State, Local, Municipal, or any other authority concerned, wars, fire, explosion, etc. The Parties hereto recognise that the policy in relation to the prohibition of any business activity by Central, State, Local, Municipal, or any other authority concerned has a vital bearing on the ability of either of the Parties hereto in fulfilment of its obligations mentioned in the MoU.
- Neither Party shall be liable to compensate any loss, damage or delay caused by war, riots, agitation, lock-outs, labour trouble, infrastructural deficiency, commotion, or any other cause or contingencies beyond the reasonable control which prevents or delays it in performing any obligation incurred under or arising out of this MoU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorised representatives of the respective parties hereby approve and sign this MoU.

CHRIST (Deemed to Be University).

By Registrar



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