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# Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Open University Chhattisgarh (PSSOU), Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

And

Hemchand Yadav University (HYU), Durg, Chhattisgarh

#### **Preamble**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is executed on this <u>17</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2025, at Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh between:

1. Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Open University (PSSOU), Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, a State Open University established by the Government of Chhattisgarh, committed to providing inclusive, flexible, and technology-enabled higher education to diverse learners across the state.

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2. Hemchand Yadav University (HYU), Durg, Chhattisgarh, a State University dedicated to higher education, research, and development with a focus on tribal, rural, and regional empowerment through knowledge dissemination, innovation, and skill development.

Both Universities, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties," recognizing their common interests in promoting academic excellence, research collaboration, faculty and student development, and skill enhancement, agree to cooperate under this MoU.

## Objectives of the MoU

The purpose of this MoU is to:

- Strengthen cooperation in academic and research activities.
- Facilitate exchange of students and faculty members for learning, teaching, training, and research.
- Develop and implement skill development and vocational courses aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and regional requirements.
- Share resources, expertise, and best practices in curriculum design, digital learning, and innovation.
- Undertake joint seminars, workshops, conferences, and publications.
- Promote capacity building, employability, and entrepreneurship among students of both Universities.

#### **Areas of Collaboration**

The collaboration under this MoU includes but is not limited to:

- 1. Academic Exchange
- Joint teaching, guest lectures, and academic resource sharing.
- Collaborative development of online and blended learning courses.

### 2. Research & Innovation

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- Joint research projects addressing regional, tribal, and industrial challenges.
- Joint application for national and international research grants.
- Co-publication of research papers, reports, and case studies.
- 3. Faculty & Student Exchange
- Exchange programs for faculty for teaching and research.
- Short-term and long-term exchange opportunities for students.
- Joint supervision of research scholars.
- 4. Skill Development & Capacity Building
- Designing and delivering skill-based courses in sectors like agriculture, mining, ICT, health, tourism, and local industries.
- Establishment of training and incubation facilities for entrepreneurship.
- Programs for enhancing employability and livelihood opportunities, especially for tribal and underserved communities.

## Implementation and Governance

- Both Parties shall nominate a Nodal Officer/Coordinator to facilitate, monitor, and review the activities under this MoU.
- Specific programs/projects under this MoU will be executed through separate agreements/annexures defining scope, responsibilities, and financial implications (if any).
- The Parties agree to meet at least once a year to review progress and set new goals for collaboration.

#### Financial Clause

 This MoU does not involve any direct financial commitments or obligations on either Party.  Any activity requiring financial involvement shall be undertaken only after mutual written consent through separate agreements.

## Validity and Termination

- This MoU shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing.
- It may be extended further with the mutual consent of both Parties.
- Either Party may terminate the MoU by giving three (3) months' prior written notice.

#### General Terms

- This MoU is intended as a framework of cooperation and does not create any legally binding obligations.
- Both Parties shall ensure that activities under this MoU align with the statutory provisions and rules of their respective Universities and the Government of Chhattisgarh.

## **Signatories**

Signed on this 17 day of Sept, 2025, at Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. For Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Open University Chhattisgarh (PSSOU), Bilaspur

Prof. (Dr.) Virendra Kumar Saraswat

Vice Chancellor

1. Witness

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For Hemchand Yadav University (HYU), Durg, Chhattisgarh

Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Tiwari

Vice Chancellor

1. Witness

2. Witness

Dr. Rajmani Patel
Deputy Registra