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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR  
ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION  
IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Between**

**Hemchand Yadav University**  
(Under the aegis of Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sanjay Tiwari)  
Durg - 491001, Chhattisgarh, India

**AND**

**Bexpert**  
Rue Montagne Des Cerisiers 5  
Woluwe Saint Lambert, Brussels-1200, Belgium

Date of Execution: 16.2.26.

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This Bipartite Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) is entered into on this 16 day of February, 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the “Effective Date”),

**BETWEEN:**

**FIRST PARTY:** Hemchand Yadav University (formerly Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya), established under the Chhattisgarh Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, 1973, having its campus at Durg – 491001, Chhattisgarh, India (hereinafter referred to as the “University” or “Third Party”), represented by the Vice Chancellor, **Dr. Sanjay Tiwari**.

**SECOND PARTY:** Bexpert, a consulting and academic services organisation established under the laws of the Kingdom of Belgium, having its registered office at Rue Montagne Des Cerisiers 5, Woluwe Saint Lambert, Brussels-1200, Belgium (hereinafter referred to as “Bexpert” or “Second Party”), represented by its duly authorised representative;

(The First Party and Second Party, are hereinafter individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”)

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Hemchand Yadav University, Durg, is a State University established by the Government of Chhattisgarh, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes across multiple disciplines, and is committed to academic excellence, research innovation, and internationalisation of higher education;

**WHEREAS**, Bexpert is a Belgium-based organisation with expertise in international academic consulting, capacity building, institutional partnerships, faculty development, and cross-border educational cooperation within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA);

**WHEREAS**, the Parties mutually recognise the importance of international collaboration in higher education for advancing academic quality, promoting cross-cultural understanding, facilitating knowledge exchange, and enhancing the global competitiveness of educational institutions;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties wish to establish a formal framework of cooperation to promote and facilitate academic exchange, collaborative research, joint programmes, faculty development, and other educational initiatives for the mutual benefit of the institutions and stakeholders involved;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

1.1 The purpose of this MoU is to establish a comprehensive framework for Bipartite academic collaboration and cooperation between the Parties to advance the quality and international dimensions of higher education in Chhattisgarh, India, and to foster linkages with European academic institutions and the broader global academic community.

1.2 The specific objectives of this collaboration shall include:

- (a) To promote and facilitate exchange of students, faculty members, researchers, and academic administrators between Indian and European institutions of higher education;
- (b) To develop and implement joint academic programmes, including twinning programmes, dual degree programmes, joint degree programmes, and credit transfer arrangements in conformity with UGC and AICTE regulations;
- (c) To foster collaborative research, joint publications, and co-supervision of doctoral and post-doctoral research across disciplines of mutual interest;
- (d) To organise joint conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia, summer/winter schools, and webinars on themes of academic and societal relevance;
- (e) To facilitate faculty development programmes, including training, orientation, capacity building, and continuing professional development with focus on innovative pedagogies, digital learning, and emerging technologies;
- (f) To promote industry-academia linkages, innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology transfer through collaborative initiatives;
- (g) To support internationalisation efforts of higher education institutions in Chhattisgarh through strategic partnerships with European universities, research centres, and academic networks;
- (h) To explore collaborative initiatives in areas such as Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), sustainable development, artificial intelligence, cyber security, data science, health sciences, and other emerging disciplines;
- (i) To facilitate mutual accreditation support, quality assurance benchmarking, and alignment with global ranking frameworks;
- (j) To undertake any other activities as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties from time to time.

**ARTICLE 2: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

**2.1 Hemchand Yadav University, Durg (First Party) shall:**

- (a)** Serve as the primary implementing institution for academic programmes, research activities, and collaborative initiatives under this MoU;
- (b)** Nominate faculty members, researchers, and students for exchange and collaborative programmes;
- (c)** Provide institutional infrastructure, academic resources, and administrative support for the implementation of joint activities;
- (d)** Ensure compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements of UGC, AICTE, and other statutory bodies in India;
- (e)** Establish a coordination cell or designate a coordinator for monitoring and facilitating the activities under this MoU;
- (f)** Facilitate credit recognition, equivalence, and transfer for academic programmes undertaken under this collaboration.

**2.2 Bexpert (Second Party) shall:**

- (a)** Serve as the international facilitating and coordinating agency for academic partnerships, institutional linkages, and collaborative programmes between Indian and European higher education institutions;
- (b)** Identify and liaise with appropriate European universities, research institutions, academic bodies, and funding agencies for collaboration;
- (c)** Assist in the design, development, and implementation of joint academic programmes, exchange schemes, research projects, and capacity building initiatives;
- (d)** Provide consultancy, advisory, and logistical support for faculty and student mobility, visa facilitation, accommodation, and related academic services;
- (e)** Facilitate access to European academic networks, research funding programmes (such as Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, and other EU-funded schemes), and institutional collaborations;
- (f)** Assist in organising joint academic events, conferences, and delegation visits between Indian and European institutions.

**ARTICLE 3: AREAS OF COLLABORATION**

3.1 The Parties agree to collaborate in the following areas, without limitation:

- (a) Student Exchange and Mobility Programmes;
- (b) Faculty Exchange and Visiting Professorships;
- (c) Joint and Dual Degree Programmes at undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels;
- (d) Collaborative Research and Co-supervision of Thèses;
- (e) Joint Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, and Academic Events;
- (f) Curriculum Development and Academic Quality Enhancement;
- (g) Faculty Development and Capacity Building Programmes;
- (h) Online and Blended Learning Programmes;
- (i) Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Start-up Ecosystem Development;
- (j) Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Cross-cultural Studies;
- (k) Sustainable Development and Climate Change Research;
- (l) Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Emerging Technologies;
- (m) Sharing of academic publications, research resources, and library facilities;
- (n) Any other area of mutual interest as agreed upon by the Parties.

**ARTICLE 4: GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

4.1 A Joint Steering Committee (JSC) shall be constituted comprising two (2) representatives from each Party to oversee the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the collaborative activities under this MoU.

4.2 The Joint Steering Committee shall:

- (a) Meet at least twice a year, either in person or through virtual mode;
- (b) Review progress and evaluate outcomes of collaborative activities;
- (c) Approve annual work plans and activity schedules;
- (d) Address any issues or disputes arising from the implementation of this MoU;
- (e) Recommend modifications, amendments, or new initiatives as may be necessary.

4.3 Each Party shall designate a Nodal Coordinator who shall serve as the primary point of contact for day-to-day coordination and communication pertaining to the activities under this MoU.

4.4 Specific collaborative projects, programmes, or activities undertaken pursuant to this MoU shall be governed by separate Specific Agreements or Annexures, which shall detail the scope, timelines, deliverables, financial arrangements, and responsibilities of each Party.

**ARTICLE 5: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

5.1 This MoU itself does not create any financial obligations or commitments for any Party. Financial arrangements for specific collaborative programmes, projects, or activities shall be determined and agreed upon separately through Specific Agreements or Annexures.

5.2 Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses in connection with the negotiation, execution, and general administration of this MoU, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

5.3 The Parties shall jointly explore and pursue funding opportunities from national and international agencies, including but not limited to the Government of India, Government of Chhattisgarh, European Union funding programmes, bilateral funding schemes, and private/corporate sponsorships.

5.4 All financial transactions shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the respective jurisdictions of the Parties and shall be subject to audit as per the norms of each Party.

**ARTICLE 6: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

6.1 Any intellectual property (IP) created, developed, or generated jointly by the Parties in the course of collaborative activities under this MoU shall be jointly owned by the Parties, subject to the specific terms agreed upon in the relevant Specific Agreement.

6.2 Pre-existing intellectual property of each Party shall remain the exclusive property of the owning Party, and nothing in this MoU shall be construed as a transfer or licence of any such pre-existing intellectual property.

6.3 The sharing, licensing, commercialisation, and protection of jointly created intellectual property shall be governed by the applicable laws and shall be detailed in the relevant Specific Agreement.

6.4 Each Party shall respect and protect the intellectual property rights of the other Parties and shall not use the name, logo, or trademarks of the other Parties without prior written consent.

**ARTICLE 7: CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION**

7.1 Each Party shall treat as confidential all proprietary, sensitive, and non-public information disclosed by the other Parties in connection with this MoU and shall not disclose such information to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party.

7.2 The obligations of confidentiality shall not apply to information that: (a) is or becomes publicly available through no fault of the receiving Party; (b) was already known to the receiving Party prior to disclosure; (c) is independently developed by the receiving Party; or (d) is required to be disclosed by law or court order.

7.3 The Parties shall comply with all applicable data protection and privacy laws, including but not limited to the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (India) and the General Data

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Protection Regulation (GDPR) (European Union), in the handling and processing of personal data exchanged under this MoU.

7.4 The obligations of confidentiality shall survive the termination or expiry of this MoU for a period of three (3) years.

**ARTICLE 8: DURATION, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION**

8.1 This MoU shall come into effect on the date of its execution by both Parties (the Effective Date) and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years from the Effective Date.

8.2 This MoU may be renewed for successive periods of five (5) years each, subject to mutual written agreement of all Parties, executed at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiry of the then-current term.

8.3 Any Party may terminate this MoU by providing six (6) months' written notice to the other Parties. Such termination shall not affect the completion of any ongoing collaborative programmes, projects, or activities that have been formally approved and commenced prior to the date of termination.

8.4 Notwithstanding the above, this MoU may be terminated immediately by mutual written consent of all Parties.

8.5 Upon termination or expiry, the Parties shall cooperate to ensure the orderly winding down of all ongoing activities and shall settle any outstanding obligations.

**ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

9.1 This MoU may be amended, modified, or supplemented only by a written instrument duly signed by the authorised representatives of all three Parties.

9.2 No amendment shall be effective unless it is reduced to writing and expressly states that it is an amendment to this MoU.

**ARTICLE 10: DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

10.1 The Parties shall endeavour to resolve any disputes, differences, or controversies arising out of or in connection with this MoU through amicable consultation and negotiation.

10.2 In the event that a dispute cannot be resolved amicably within sixty (60) days of written notice of the dispute, the Parties agree to submit the dispute to mediation under mutually agreed terms.

10.3 If mediation fails to resolve the dispute within a further period of sixty (60) days, the dispute shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (India), as amended. The seat of arbitration shall be Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India. The language of arbitration shall be English.

10.4 The arbitral tribunal shall consist of three (3) arbitrators – one nominated by the aggrieved Party, one by the respondent Party, and the third (presiding arbitrator) appointed by the two party-nominated arbitrators.

#### **ARTICLE 11: GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

11.1 This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of India, without regard to its conflict of law principles.

11.2 Subject to Article 10, the courts at Durg/Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction over any matter arising under this MoU.

#### **ARTICLE 12: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

12.1 Independence of Parties: The Parties are independent entities. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as creating an agency, partnership, joint venture, or employer-employee relationship between the Parties.

12.2 Non-Exclusivity: This MoU is non-exclusive, and each Party retains the right to enter into similar agreements with other institutions or organisations.

12.3 Force Majeure: No Party shall be liable for any delay or failure to perform its obligations under this MoU to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to natural disasters, epidemics, pandemics, war, civil unrest, government restrictions, or other force majeure events.

12.4 Notices: All notices, requests, and communications under this MoU shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given when delivered personally, sent by registered post, or transmitted by electronic mail (with confirmation of receipt) to the addresses specified herein or such other addresses as may be designated by the Parties in writing.

12.5 Entire Agreement: This MoU, together with any Specific Agreements and Annexures executed pursuant hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, and agreements relating thereto.

12.6 Severability: If any provision of this MoU is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

12.7 Waiver: The failure of any Party to enforce any provision of this MoU shall not constitute a waiver of its right to enforce such provision or any other provision in the future.

12.8 Counterparts: This MoU may be executed in three or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

12.9 Language: This MoU has been prepared in the English language. In the event of any translation, the English version shall prevail.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**

The Parties hereto have caused this Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their duly authorised representatives on the date first written above.

  
16-2-25

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE FIRST PARTY:**

Dr. Sanjay Tiwari  
Vice Chancellor  
Hemchand Yadav University  
Durg – 491001  
Chhattisgarh, India

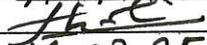
**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SECOND PARTY:**

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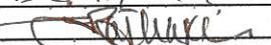


**WITNESSES**

**Witness 1 (on behalf of the First Party)**

Name: HIMANSHU SEKHAR MANDAVI  
Designation: ASST. REGISTRAR  
Signature:   
Date: 16.02.25

**Witness 2 (on behalf of the Second Party)**

Name: Dr. Rajmani Patel  
Designation: Deputy Registrar  
Signature:   
Date: 16.02.2026

**ANNEXURE A**  
**CONTACT DETAILS AND NODAL COORDINATORS**

First Party	Second Party
<p><b>Hemchand Yadav University</b> Durg – 491001 Chhattisgarh, India</p> <p><b>Nodal Coordinator:</b> Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____</p>	<p><b>Bexpert</b> Rue Montagne Des Cerisiers 5 Woluwe Saint Lambert Brussels-1200, Belgium</p> <p><b>Nodal Coordinator:</b> Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____</p>

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