

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Entered Into By and Between

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(Hereinafter referred to as “NUST”)

Duly represented by Prof Mqhele Dlodlo
In his capacity as the Vice-Chancellor

AND

SHRI SHIVAJI EDUCATION SOCIETY AMRAVATI'S SCIENCE COLLEGE, NAGPUR

(Hereinafter referred to as “SSES's Science College, Nagpur ”)

Duly represented by Dr. Omraj S. Deshmukh
In her capacity as the Principal



**CONCERNING A MUTUAL COLLABORATION IN FOSTERING TECHNOLOGY
LITERACY AND INNOVATION**

ARTICLE 1

Preamble

Whereas the National University of Science and Technology is a University duly established in terms of the National University of Science and Technology Act [Chapter 25.13]. NUST is an institute of higher learning whose mission is to lead in human capital development for industrial and socio-economic transformation, with a bias towards science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Whereas SSES's Science College, Nagpur is SSES's Science College, Nagpur, established under the aegis of Shri Shivaji Education Society Amravati, is a premier institution dedicated to fostering academic excellence and innovation. Renowned for its commitment to quality education, the college offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in diverse disciplines, including B.Sc., M.Sc., BCA, and MCA. With a strong emphasis on science, technology, and applied learning, Shivaji Science College aims to shape future leaders by integrating rigorous academics with practical skill development, aligning with its mission to contribute to socio-economic and technological advancements.

And Whereas the two parties are desirous of establishing and developing cooperative relationships in the fields of education, research, innovation, and technological development, with a focus on mutual benefit and advancement in science, technology, and socio-economic growth.

ARTICLE 2

Duration of Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be deemed to commence on the date of signature of this Agreement by the last party to sign and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years but may be renewed by the mutual agreement of both parties.

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ARTICLE 3

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are to set out the framework of cooperation in promoting academic collaboration, research, innovation, and knowledge exchange between the institutions.

ARTICLE 4

Areas of Collaboration:-

The parties have identified the following areas of collaboration

- 4.1 Cooperation in the development and exchange of educational resources and expertise.
- 4.2 Cooperation in research and innovation projects across mutually agreed domains.
- 4.3 Joint review of ongoing collaborative initiatives and their outcomes.
- 4.4 Establishment of joint ventures for technology transfer and capacity building.
- 4.5 Collaboration on hosting seminars, workshops, and training programs.
- 4.6 Development of joint publications, patents, or intellectual property initiatives.

ARTICLE 5

Obligations of the National University of Science and Technology

NUST shall be responsible for, but not limited to, the following as may be necessary for each specific future agreement;

- 5.1 Participate in joint Research development and innovation in agreed areas.
- 5.2 Ensure smooth execution of joint projects as per mutual agreement.
- 5.3. Provide space for joint projects execution
- 5.4 Enable technology transfer processes through its innovation hub

ARTICLE 6

Obligations of the SSESa's Science College, Nagpur.

The SSESa's Science College, Nagpur shall be responsible for, but not limited to, the following, as may be necessary for each specific future agreement;

- 6.1 Provide support for collaborative initiatives through its faculty, staff, and resources for educational and research activities.
- 6.2 To ensure the smooth execution of joint projects, and digital platforms, as per mutual agreement.
- 6.3 To enhance skills and knowledge in areas relevant to the collaborative objectives, fostering mutual growth and innovation.

ARTICLE 7

Obligations of both parties

Both parties agree that: -

- 7.1 The parties will negotiate the best terms and conditions for mutual benefit.
- 7.2 For any project undertaken, a comprehensive memorandum of agreement specific to the project shall be entered into.
- 7.3 Parties may agree on technology transfer exchange programmes where required and the relationships shall be governed by specific memorandum of agreement.

ARTICLE 8

Jurisdiction

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed by and interpreted following the laws applicable in the Republic of Zimbabwe and India.

ARTICLE 9

Termination

Each Party shall have the right to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding by giving three months' written notice in writing to the other Party at any time. Termination of this agreement will not affect any of the specific agreements that may be in force at the time unless specifically stated and agreed to by the parties.

ARTICLE 10

Best Endeavour

Both parties shall use their best endeavour and make all efforts to diligently ensure the success of this relationship and to the best advantage for both parties.

ARTICLE 11

Disputes

Any dispute arising from this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved by discussion and conciliation between the parties themselves, failing which, by arbitration in terms of the Arbitration Act, in Bulawayo, by an arbitrator appointed by the Arbitration Centre in Harare.

ARTICLE 12

Variation

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended from time to time by agreement resulting from discussions between the two contracting parties. Such amendments which shall be duly signed by the authorised signatories and shall become constituent parts of this Memorandum as Addendums.

ARTICLE 13

Non-binding

This MOU places no financial or legal obligations on either of the parties nor does it create any legally binding relationships between them. It constitutes a platform from which parties may pre-agree in writing on any additional scope of collaboration.

ARTICLE 14

Domicilia citandi et executandi

The parties choose their domicilia citandi et executandi as the addresses set out below.

For NUST

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ARTICLE 15

Signatures

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have indicated their acceptance of the terms of this Agreement by the latest of the signatures set forth below, effective on the Effective Date.
Signed at Bulawayo On This 4th Day of March, 2025

For and on behalf of the National University of Science and Technology

Name : Prof Mqhele Dlodlo
Designation: Vice Chancellor

Signed



AS WITNESSES

1. Name Prof Wm. S. Solwada Signature [Signature]

2. Name Mr T. M. Patil Signature [Signature]

Signed at Nagpur On This 11th Day Of February 2025

For and On behalf of SSES's Science College, Nagpur India

Name: **Dr. Omraj. S. Deshmukh**

Designation: Principal

Signed [Signature]
Principal
S.S.E.S. Amravati's
Science College, Nagpur
AS WITNESSES



1. Name Dr. Sarang S. Dhote

Signature [Signature] 11/02/2025

2. Name Dr. Sandip V. Dautpure

Signature [Signature] 11/02/2025

Signed at Nagpur India On This 11 Day Of February 2025