



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)



BETWEEN

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

AND

SIKKIM INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, CHISOPANI

The MoU is entered into on the 26th day of September 2023 by and between

Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology (hereinafter called SIST) situated at Chisopani Namchi Sikkim-737126 an Institute under Directorate of Technical Education, Education Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

AND

National Institute of Technology Sikkim (hereinafter called NIT Sikkim) situated at Ravangla, Namchi Sikkim- 737139, an Institute of National Importance, under Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The aforesaid Institutions are hereinafter referred to individually as Institute and collectively as Institutes.

1) Objective of MoU:

The Objective of the MoU are:

- Academic and research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest
- Exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials and publications
- Helping the effective implementation of NEP2020
- Exchange of students, faculty, and staff

- Conducting joint academic activities such as seminars, workshops and other academic activities.

2) Areas of Collaboration:

a) Student Related:

- i) Academic resource sharing
- ii) Joint Organization of Technical Quiz, Symposium, Workshop, and Conference
- iii) Guest/Expert Lecture on specialized area/topic
- iv) Joint organization of extracurricular and co-curricular activities
- v) Assistance on arrangement of resource personnel as per the need
- vi) Joint supervision of Student's Project
- vii) Laboratories and Learning resource sharing

b) Faculty and Staff Related:

- i) Facilitating pursuance of Ph. D. to SIST faculty
- ii) Partnership in R&D Project, consultancy, startup and entrepreneurship activities
- iii) Faculty and staff training
- iv) Assistance in curriculum design and development, new courses/programs, etc.
- v) Any other activity of mutual interest

3) Proposed Modes of Collaboration:

SIST and NIT Sikkim propose to collaborate through the following:

- a) Cooperation and promotion of education and training in areas of mutual interest.
- b) Any other appropriate mode of interaction agreed upon between SIST and NIT Sikkim.
- c) A specific plan will be worked out by the Institutes depending upon availability of resources.



4) Terms of Agreement:

- a) No financial assistance will be made available by NIT Sikkim.
- b) For qualification upgradation of SIST faculty and students, the admission arrangements will be made within the existing rules/regulations/norms of NIT Sikkim.
- c) The faculty members and students of SIST can use the library facility/learning resources/internet and other resources of NIT Sikkim whenever feasible without cost involvement and vice-versa. However, prior permission of the higher authority will be necessary.
- d) Usage of academic infrastructure can be allowed as per the institute norms for limited period subject to its availability and approval of Head of the department/Institute.
- e) Either Institute shall have the right to terminate the MoU upon 60 (Sixty) days prior written notice to the other Institute.

5) Confidentiality:

- a) SIST and NIT Sikkim agree to hold in confidence all information designated by the Institute as being confidential which is obtained from either Institute or created during the performance of the MoU and will not disclose the same to any third party without written consent of the other Institute.
- b) The above confidentiality clause under this MoU excludes the information possessed by either Institute before entering into this MoU or independently developed and/or information already available in public domain.

6) Duration of MoU:

The MoU, unless extended by mutual written consent of the Institute shall expire in Three years after the effective date specified in the opening paragraph. However, on review, the MoU can be extended for another term by mutual consent.

7) Coordinators:

Both Institutes will designate persons who will be responsible for coordination and implementation of the MoU.



8) Intellectual Property Rights:

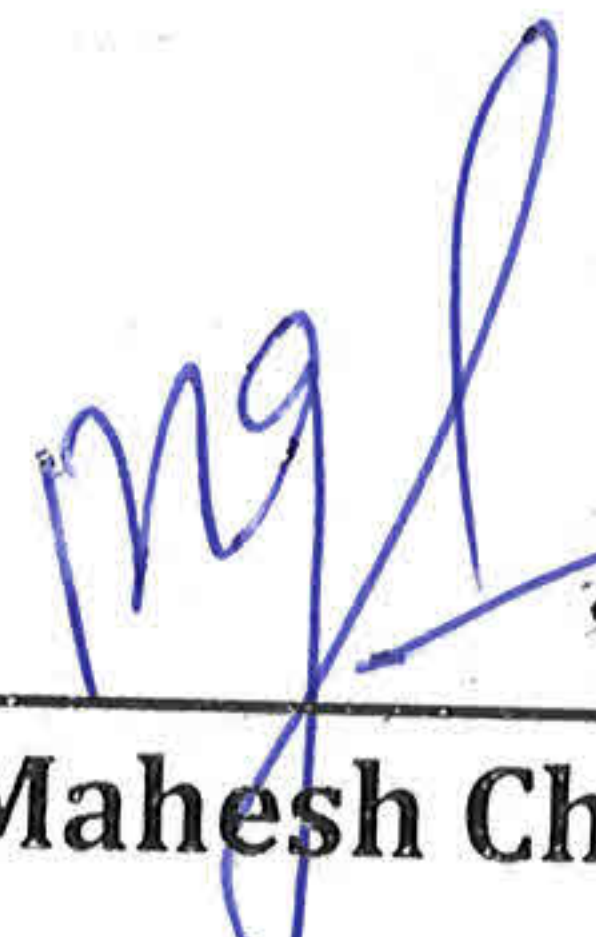
The intellectual property rights (IPR) that arise as a result of joint research and collaborative activity under the agreement will be worked out on a case-to-case basis and will be consistent with officially laid down IPR policies of the two Institutes.


9) In all matters the decisions of the higher authority of the Institute/BoG shall be final and binding on the Institute.

In witness thereof, the Parties have jointly signed/executed this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in two copies on the date, month and the year written above.

For and On behalf of NIT Sikkim

For and On behalf of SIST Chisopani


26/09/2023
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Director
National Institute of Technology, Sikkim
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26/09/2023
Prof. (Dr.) B. B. Pradhan
Principal cum Director
SIST, Chisopani, Sikkim

Witness: 
26-09-23

Witness: 
26/9/23

1) Name: **Dr. Ranjan Basak**
2) Designation: **Dean Academic**

1) Name: **Dr. PRATIHA RAE**
2) Designation: **ASSISTANT PROF & ACADEMIC IN CHARGE**

Date: **26/09/23**

Place: **Ravangla**