



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
BETWEEN
SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, BHOPAL (SPAB)
AND
SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY (SMVDU)

Article 1: Signee

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into on this 9th day of Jan 2024 by and between:

The School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal (hereinafter referred as "SPAB"), established by Government of India as an Institute of National Importance in the year 2008, is committed to excellence in teaching and research in architecture and planning as per global standards. SPAB is having its registered office at SPAB, Neelbad Road, Bhauri, Bhopal - 462030, M.P., India and represented by the Director, SPAB, which expression shall include its successors and assigns (hereafter called the 1st Party).

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra (hereinafter referred as "SMVDU") established under the Jammu And Kashmir Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Act, 1999 duly approved by UGC under Section 2(F) & Section 12(B) and functioning since Aug 2004 is committed to nurture young talented human resource for the service of Indian Society & World at large preserving the integrity and sanctity of human values. SMVDU is having its registered office at SMVDU, Kakryal, Katra-182320, Distt. Reasi, J&K, India and represented by the Registrar, SMVDU, which expression shall include its successors and assigns (hereafter called the 2nd Party).

WHEREAS, the academic exchange is indispensable to academic institution to develop their educational and research activities. For this purpose, it is necessary to encourage direct academic agreements between the institutions of higher learning, and to share the academic pursuits for the multidisciplinary approach amongst the institutions as per the National Education Policy too. Having verified the mutual interests that the **School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal and the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Jammu and Kashmir** shall share an appropriate academic exchange in the field of Architecture, and Planning disciplines mutually agreed upon by respective departments and fields through this MoU.

Article 2: Scope and purpose

The form of cooperation specified in article 1, based on the criteria of equality and mutual interests between the two parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework of cooperation within which the SPAB and SMVDU shall carry out activities of academic exchange pertaining to research, knowledge sharing, and capacity building.
2. The collaboration between parties will be implemented with a focus on strengthening knowledge sharing through the stakeholder's engagement and partnerships for the dissemination and implementation of various possibilities of academic cooperation by promoting strategic institutional cooperation for broadening the academic pursuits.
3. The following shall be the primary focus of collaboration:
 - i. Academic exchange through the possibilities of conduct of seminars, courses, workshops, expert lectures, webinars etc.
 - ii. Academic collaboration through knowledge sharing by engaging and utilizing the expertise of the faculty members of the institutions as visiting faculty, external examiner for the conduct of classes/ external evaluation amongst each other.
 - iii. Academic collaboration of students for joint ventures in the core subjects like "Architecture Design", and in other educational activities.
 - iv. Joint promotion and supervision of Doctoral thesis where the faculty may be co-opted as co-guide for the doctoral students if desired.
 - v. Collaborative ventures/ support for respective Institutional Architectural Consultancy wherever desired by either of the party.
4. The two parties can specify specific protocols for the different forms of implementation of such exchange as per their institute rules and policies.
5. The funding for the same will be expedited by both institutions as per their rules and policies.

Article 3: Areas of Collaboration of Parties

The parties will jointly collaborate on the implementation of "Article 2: Scope and purpose" including:

1. Organize and execute academic exchange for knowledge sharing in the field of Architecture and Planning.
2. Jointly mobilize resources for conduct of seminars, courses, workshops, expert lectures, webinars etc. and undertake activities in areas of common interest, leveraging and utilizing existing expertise and facilities.
3. Jointly develop a work plan with tangible deliverables and timelines on a semester basis, to achieve the above mentioned objectives.

4. Establish a joint task force between the two parties to monitor the performance against the stated objectives.

Article 4: Monitoring and Evaluation

1. The parties shall maintain regular close consultations to monitor and review the progress of activities for each joint project may be agreed upon.
2. The parties will share with each other all relevant information and documents, including research, reports, and any other information related to activities, outputs and finally impact of this collaboration.
3. The parties may wherever possible and as appropriate, undertake joint mission with respect to the activities.

Article 5: Termination

This MoU may be terminated by either party giving the other party a written notice of 30 (Thirty) days prior to its intention to terminate. In the event of termination, the parties will take appropriate steps to bring activities under this MoU to a prompt and orderly conclusion.

Article 6: Coordinators

The implementation of the activities foreseen by the agreement will be promoted, initially by the following Coordinators for the first term of the MoU, appointed by each institution:

School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra
Dr. Sandeep Sankat Associate Professor and Head, Department of Architecture	Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh Associate Professor and Head, School of Architecture & Landscape Design

Article 7: Financial Liability

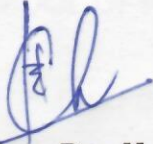
1. The parties shall bear the respective financial liabilities to meet the financial demands of the collaborated event(s) as per the financial regulatory norms of the respective institutions.
2. Any third-party grant/ sponsorship payable towards the collaborated event(s) shall be applicable only after due accord of approval of both parties as per the financial regulatory norms of the respective institutions.

Article 8: Duration of the Agreement

- This agreement will become effective from the date the MoU signed and will be valid for five years from the signing of the agreement, unless notice of termination of agreement is given by one of the two parties.

- If any dispute arises, the matter shall be referred to arbitration and the sole discretion for appointing of Arbitrator shall lie with Vice Chancellor, SMVDU. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under the Arbitration & Coalition Act, 1996.

Director,
School of Planning and Architecture,
Bhopal



Prof. (Dr.) Kailasa Rao M .

Date: 9th Jan 2024

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Date: 9th Jan 2024