

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB, BATHINDA

AND



**NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA
UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU**

PREAMBLE

The Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, hereinafter referred to as "CUPB" established in 2009 (Central Universities Act, 2009, Act No. 25 of 2009) with the object to provide a wide range of instructional and research facilities across integrated and cross disciplines, promote innovation in teaching, learning and research, and cross pollinate new ideas, new technologies and new world views. It aims to create ignited workforce responsive to regional, national and global needs in tune with the requirement of academia, industry and business. Hitherto the University has established total 9 Schools and 19 Centres carrying out teaching and research activities in areas ranging from Sciences, Technology, Humanities, Social Sciences and Laws. Legal education at Doctoral Level and Masters Level is being imparted under the School of Legal Studies and Governance through the Centre for Law offering specialization in Environmental Law, Human Rights Law and Corporate Laws.

The National Law School of India University situated at Bengaluru, hereinafter referred to as "NLSIU" is a premier institute established in 1986 by Government of Karnataka Act No. 22 of 1986). NLSIU was established to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes and to develop in the students and research scholars a sense of responsibility to serve society in the field of law by developing skills with regard to advocacy, legal services, legislation and law reforms. The objective of the University is to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal processes efficient instruments of social development. Its mission is to deliver socially relevant legal education, meeting the highest global academic and professional standards. NLSIU is affiliated to UGC and approved by Bar Council of India and has also secured 1st NIRF ranking among the Law Universities. NLSIU has established a number of specialized centers in its campus catering to the myriad of needs of its students. The most important among them are the following:

- Centre for Women and the Law (CWL)
- Centre for Child and the Law (CCL)
- Centre for Environmental Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA)
- Commons Cell
- The Centre for Intellectual Property Research and Advocacy (CIPRA)
- Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP)
- National Institute of Human Rights (NIHR)
- The Institute of Law and Ethics in Medicine (NIADR)
- Centre for Outreach Programme (COP)
- International Bar Association- Continuing Legal Education Centre (IBA-CLE)
- Advanced Centre for Research, Development and Training in Cyber Laws and Forensic
- Centre for Labour Studies

Whereas, NLSIU desires to establish academic collaboration with institutions of excellence in the field of law, social science and other disciplines in India and other countries abroad and the CUPB is being one such recognized institutions seeks to promote the institutional collaborations for academic, research and publication through this Memorandum of Understanding.

SCOPE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda and National Law School of India University (NLSIU) for the purpose of Academic/institutional Collaboration that will encompass exchange of students and members of faculty between the two parties as well as other academic activities, research and publication. In addition to this, active efforts will be made to develop joint training and research programmes that will be pursued in a collaborative spirit. The collaboration between the NLSIU and the CUPB shall be subject to following:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COOPERATION:

1. CUPB and NLSIU may collaborate in mutually agreeable academic events, teaching, training and research, wherever feasible. Such collaboration will be based on mutually agreeable terms and conditions specifically agreed for each of the collaborative efforts;
2. CUPB and NLSIU may offer full time regular as well as optional courses to the undergraduate and post graduate courses offered at these institutions from time to time on mutually agreeable terms and conditions;
3. The Ph.D. candidates in interdisciplinary areas of research involving law from the CUPB/ NLSIU may work under the supervision of the faculty members of CUPB/ NLSIU or if agreed, jointly supervised by the faculty members from the two parties;
4. Faculty members from each of these universities may be invited for important seminars, conferences and for teaching at doctoral level. The financial implications shall be worked out on a case to case basis;
5. The modalities for a similar exchange of researchers and faculty members will be laid down through mutual discussion
6. Ph.D. Scholars of both the parties may be allowed to make use of the library resources of each other and to have academic interaction with the faculty;

7. Research Scholars and Teaching Faculty of both CUPB and NSLIU may explore the possibility of taking up collaborative research work in the area of law and also apply for funding from national and international agencies, governments and other funding agencies;
8. Any financial implication emerging out of such collaborations (other than the fees of the students etc.) shall be worked out and decision will be taken with mutual agreement;
9. The parties must work in good faith to resolve any dispute between them arising from or as a party to this MoU. Any dispute will initially be referred to the contact person for each party for resolution in an informal manner. If such dispute is not resolved within 15 days, the dispute will be referred to a meeting of the Vice-Chancellor of the National Law School of India University and the Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Punjab or the authorised delegate of each party for resolution in an informal manner.

II. AREAS OF COOPERATION

This Memorandum expresses a mutual desire by CUPB and NLSIU to cooperate in building intellectual and research capacity and scholarship. Additional areas of co-operation may be added by the written consent of both the parties. Both parties will act in good faith to ensure that the objectives in this Memorandum are realized.

III. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Progress in realizing the terms and conditions referred to herein will be reviewed annually as mutually agreed and the memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual consent in writing.

V. NON-BINDING NATURE OF MEMORANDUM

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any contract, or any other legal relationship between the parties. This Memorandum is only a non-binding statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration to achieve excellence in academic pursuits.

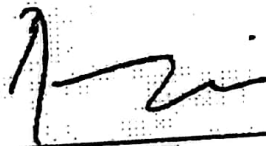


In no event shall either party to the MoU be liable to the other or any third party for any loss arising from the MoU. No legally binding obligation, duty, commitment or liability (contractual or otherwise) whatsoever shall be created, implied, or inferred by this MoU.

V. TERMINATION

1. This memorandum shall come into force immediately upon its signature by the parties.
2. The validity of this Memorandum of Understanding is initially for a period of five years subject to the yearly progress from the date of its execution and the same can be further extended on mutual agreement.
3. This Memorandum of understanding can be terminated by either party by giving six months written notice to the other and without jeopardising the coursework or registration of any of the students of either institution. The implementation and/or continuance of programmes or projects established pursuant to this memorandum prior to the effective date of termination shall not be affected by the termination of this Memorandum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Memorandum of Understanding is executed by the parties hereto on the date of signing of the Memorandum of Understanding by the two parties.



**Vice Chancellor
National Law School of India University
Bengaluru**



**Vice Chancellor/ Registrar
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