MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Invest UP

(Government of Uttar Pradesh)

and

University of Lucknow

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is made on this 26 day of October 2026.

BY AND BETWEEN

Invest UP, the State Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, having its office at 4th Floor, Block A, PICUP Bhawan, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 226010 (hereinafter referred to as "**Invest UP**", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns);

AND

University of Lucknow, a State University established under the UP State University Act 1973, having its principal campus at Lucknow (hereinafter referred to as "**the University**", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns).

Invest UP and **the University of Lucknow** are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Parties**" and individually as a "**Party**".

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Government of Uttar Pradesh has articulated a vision to develop the State into a $1 trillion economy, with increasing investment inflows across sectors including electronics, textile, electric vehicles, auto-component, renewable energy, IT/ITES, GCC, Pharmaceuticals, Food Processing and advanced manufacturing

WHEREAS the effective realisation of this vision requires structured and sustained coordination between industry and academia to ensure the availability of skilled, sector-relevant, and future-ready talent;

WHEREAS both Parties recognise the mutual benefit of formalising an industry–academia collaboration framework to address talent demand, drive applied research in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Purpose

This MoU aims to:

1. Align university academic programs with sectoral talent demand emerging from investments facilitated by Invest UP.
2. Establish structured industry - academia engagement mechanisms.
3. Develop future-ready technical talent pools for priority sectors.
4. Support research, innovation, and applied problem-solving for investors operating in Uttar Pradesh.

2. Scope of Collaboration

The Parties agree to collaborate across the following areas, subject to mutual consent and availability of resources:

2.1 Talent/Alumni Demand Mapping

- Invest UP shall periodically share sector-wise and district-wise projected talent requirements based on incoming and expanding investments.
- The University shall review and align curriculum, electives, certifications, and skill modules accordingly. The University may share Alumni data to support regional talent availability assessment.

2.2 Curriculum and Programme Alignment

Based on demand signals received, the University may:

The University may:

- Introduce new specialization tracks aligned to investment sectors.
- Launch industry-endorsed certification programs.
- Offer modular short-term executive programs for industry employees.
- Embed industry case studies and live projects in coursework.

2.3 Establishment of Centres of Excellence (CoE)

Subject to mutual agreement and availability of funding, the Parties may jointly develop Sector-Specific Centres of Excellence, including but not limited to, the following domains:

- Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
- Semiconductor Design and VLSI
- Electric Vehicle Systems and Battery Technology
- Cybersecurity and Digital Infrastructure

- Smart Manufacturing and Industry 4.0
- Renewable Energy and Solar Technology

Industry partners facilitated by Invest UP may co-invest in laboratory and research infrastructure for such Centres, subject to separate written agreements.

2.4 Internship, Apprenticeship and Placement Pipeline

The Parties shall work towards establishing a structured talent pipeline, including:

- Facilitation of campus recruitment drives for companies with investments in Uttar Pradesh;
- Encouragement of industry-sponsored final-year projects and dissertations;

2.5 Research and Innovation Collaboration

The Parties shall endeavour to:

- Facilitate industry-funded and government-funded research projects;
- Promote joint patent development and intellectual property creation;
- Encourage industry-sourced problem statements for hackathons and innovation challenges.

2.6 Faculty and Industry Immersion

To bridge academia and industry, the Parties shall support:

- Engagement of industry experts as adjunct or visiting faculty;
- Faculty immersion programmes within industrial facilities in Uttar Pradesh;
- Joint workshops, technical seminars, and knowledge exchange events.

3. Institutional Mechanism

3.1 Nodal Officers

Each Party shall nominate a Nodal Officer to coordinate implementation and communication between the Parties

3.2 Joint Steering Committee (JSC)

A Joint Steering Committee shall be constituted comprising:

- Representative from Invest UP
- Representative from Skill Development / Higher Education Department (if required)
- University leadership
- Industry representatives (as invitees)

The JSC shall:

- Review progress quarterly

- Identify sectoral priorities
- Approve new collaborative initiatives

4. Financial Arrangements

- This MoU does not constitute a legally binding financial commitment or agreement, unless otherwise specified through a separate agreement between the parties.
- Specific projects (labs, Centre of Excellence (CoEs), research grants, incubation programs) shall be governed by separate agreements.

5. Data Sharing and Confidentiality

Neither Party shall disclose or transfer personal data to any third party except:

- On a Need-to-Know basis
- With a valid legal basis
- Where required, with appropriate consent or authorization
- Confidential industry information shall not be disclosed without prior written consent.

6. Monitoring and Outcomes

The Parties shall jointly track progress against the following key performance indicators:

- Number of programs aligned to industry demand
- Student internship placements in UP-based firms
- Industry-funded projects initiated
- Start-ups incubated
- Sector-specific skill certifications completed

7. Duration and Termination

This MoU shall remain valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of signing.

- This MoU may be renewed for further periods upon mutual written agreement of the Parties prior to expiry.
- Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other Party.
- Termination shall not affect obligations arising under any separate project-specific agreements executed pursuant to this MoU, which shall continue to be governed by their respective terms.

8. Legal Status

This MoU is a statement of intent and reflects the good faith commitment of both Parties to collaborate as described herein. It does not constitute a legally enforceable financial commitment, contract, or binding agreement, unless otherwise specified in a separate written project agreement executed by the Parties.

9. In Witness Whereof

The Parties, acting through their duly authorised representatives, have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date and at the place first written above.

For and on behalf of

Invest UP, Government of Uttar Pradesh

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