



**MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION
FOR EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY, HALDWANI
AND
RABINDRANATH TAGORE UNIVERSITY, M.P.**

"Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC)" to emphasize that it is generic and legally non-binding, and that binding rights and obligations will arise only under future project-specific MoC's.

1. Parties

The parties to this MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION are:

- **UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY, HALDWANI** hereafter referred to as "UOU".
Following the philosophy of Open and Distance Learning (ODL), Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) was established in the year 2005 (vide Act No. 23 of the Uttarakhand Government) with an objective to take education to the doorsteps of various sections of society. UOU is progressing leaps and bounds due to its new, innovative and useful educational programmes. All this has been made possible through the use of latest information and communication technology and contact sessions with our learners. The main objective of the University is to develop trained and skilled human resource for sustainable development and progress. However, to meet this goal the University has never compromised with the quality of education it imparts. Keeping in mind the fast-changing trends in vocational and technical education, the University has developed its programmes in such a manner that they open doors of employment and self-employment to its learners. The University mainly caters to the development of women, tribals and those sections of society which have been left out of main stream education. In a short-time, span of eleven years, the University has evolved considerably and has been successful in reaching out to the unreached.
- **RABINDRANATH TAGORE UNIVERSITY, M.P.** hereafter referred to as "RNTU".
Rabindranath Tagore University (RNTU) (formerly known as AISECT University) Madhya Pradesh's first private University, established in 2010, is a leading skill-based university of central India. The University was established by India's leading education and skills organization, ALL INDIA SOCIETY FOR ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (AISECT). The University is NAAC accredited and ranked among top 200 universities by NIRF for consecutive 7 years by MHRD (Govt. of India). In the NIRF ranking for the year 2021, RNTU was the only institution which is ranked in three categories (Overall, University & Engineering) in central India. The University is running programmes in faculties like Engineering, Education, Management, Law, Information Technology, Arts, Science, Commerce, Nursing and Paramedical. It focuses on imparting skills and knowledge to empower students for employment and entrepreneurship. The University has also created entrepreneurship cell, IPR cell, Industry Academia cell, incubation center with start-up cell. The University has established a Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra in the campus and has also set up Atal


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Incubation Centre by Niti Aayog, Govt. of India in the campus. The University is having rich Library, Computer center and advanced research-based software labs. The University is known for its Research in the areas of renewable energy, material science, seismic energy, agriculture and arts and culture. In this context the University has set up 22 centers of excellence*. The University is carrying out research project from DRDO (Govt. of India), NCTU (Taiwan) and IIT Delhi, Bio Diversity Board (Govt. of M.P.) etc. In short span of 10 years the University has got various awards and accolades at national and international levels. The University is recognized by UGC and member of AIU and ACU. The University institutes got approvals from AICTE, NCTE, BCI, INC, MPNRC ICAR, PCI, and Paramedical Council of Madhya Pradesh.

2. Nature of this Memorandum

This Memorandum of Collaboration ("MoC") records the mutual intentions of the Parties to cooperate in the areas described herein and is intended to serve only as a statement of general understanding and goodwill between the Parties. It is expressly agreed that this MoC is not intended to and shall not create any legally binding obligations, rights, liabilities or commitments of any kind, whether contractual or otherwise, on either Party, except where the Parties expressly agree in writing in any subsequent project/objective-specific Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) or Agreement executed, hereafter between them.

3. Purpose

3.1 The purpose of this MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION is to promote collaboration activities.

3.2 Specific areas of cooperation between the two institutions, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of RNTU and UOU, include, but not limited to, the following:

- a) R&D collaborations in the academic and ODL areas.
- b) Assisting each other for the organization and / or participation in national and international symposia, conferences, specialized exhibitions and similar events taking place in the respective places.
- c) Joint collaboration for promotion of OER and MOOCs.
- d) Guiding technology for effective e-learning, m-learning and online student support services including evaluation of student's performance.
- e) Sharing of best practices in the field of programme design, development and delivery.
- f) Promotion of Skill Development Programmes to boost employment opportunities for our learners, particularly the under-privileged groups.
- g) Joint organization of Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), including classroom seminars, workshops, site visits to Learner Support Centres, Regional Centres, historical places, museums, educational institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), villages, and other relevant institutions.
- h) All other relevant activities of mutual interest to RNTU and UOU.

3.3 Project-specific MoUs:

The cooperation contemplated under this MoC is of a generic and indicative nature. For each specific project, the Parties shall execute a separate project-specific memorandum of collaboration and/or agreement ("Project MoU"), setting out the detailed scope of work, roles and responsibilities, deliverables, financial arrangements (if any), timelines and other applicable terms for that particular project. No project, activity or obligation shall be undertaken, and neither Party shall be bound in relation thereto, unless and until a separate Project-specific MoU has been duly executed by the authorized signatories of both Parties.

3.4 UOU shall provide training to faculty members of RNTU in various academic matters and shall extend technical assistance in the development of MOOCs, SWAYAM, and SWAYAM PRABHA courses.


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4. Notices

Every notice, request or any other communication required or permitted to be given pursuant to this MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION shall be in writing and delivered personally or sent by registered or certified post or via courier or facsimile or by e-mail (which shall be acknowledged by the other Party) to the Parties at their address and facsimile number as stated below:

- Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani
- Rabindranath Tagore University, M.P.

Publicity and Advertising

The parties agree that each may publish or advertise the existence and nature of activity under this MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as confidential.

5. Duration of MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION

- 5.1 This MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION will be for a period of three years; at which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal for further period of three (3) years by mutual written consent.
- 5.2 Either party may, with sixty days' written notice, terminate the MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION in advance of its normal expiration or request the renegotiation of its conditions.

6. Other Terms

- 6.1 Any dispute or difference arisen out of this MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION shall be resolved through amicable settlement.
- 6.2 Each party shall co-indemnify and hold each party harmless for any and all costs or expenses associated with damages or claims arising out of activities commenced under this MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION.
- 6.3 This MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION is in two originals, and both parties shall hold one original copy.
- 6.4 No financial or resource commitment

This MoC by itself does not impose any obligation on either Party to provide funding, personnel, infrastructure or other resources. Any such commitments, if agreed, shall be specifically set out in the relevant Project MoU for the concerned project that shall be executed separately.

Signed for and on behalf of:

10 July 2026


Registrar
Uttarakhand Open University,
Haldwani, Nainital, Uttarakhand


Registrar
Rabindranath Tagore University,
Raisen, M.P.



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