

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH (GoUP) AND
CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN SCHEMES AND POLICIES (CRISP)

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “**MOU**”) is executed on _____ (hereinafter referred to as “Effective Date”) at Lucknow,

BETWEEN

Government of Uttar Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as “**GoUP**”, which expression hereof includes its successors, administrators, and assigns), through its authorized signatory Sri Sudhir Bobde IAS, Principal Secretary Higher Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, who is duly authorized to sign and execute this Agreement, known as **First Party**.

AND

Centre for Research in Schemes and Policies (CRISP), a not-for-profit Society registered under the Registration of Societies Act, having its registered office at **B-38 First floor, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi-17** (hereinafter called “**CRISP**” which expression hereof includes its successors, administrators, and assigns), through its authorized signatory Sri R. Subrahmanyam IAS (rtd) Secretary, Centre for Research in Schemes and Policies, who is duly authorized to sign and execute this Agreement, known as **Second Party**.

Both GoUP and CRISP are hereinafter collectively referred to as “**Parties**” and individually as “**Party**”.

Whereas CRISP is an initiative by a group of conscientious civil servants worked at the highest levels of policy-making and having put in more than 3 decades in public service, aim to give back to society by working with the State and Central Governments for designing/redesigning/evaluating the schemes/programmes for large public good, to improve at scale, the development impact of programmes and policies being implemented,

Whereas GoUP has invited CRISP to participate in its efforts to strengthen the higher education system in the State of Uttar Pradesh, and in implementing the National Education Policy 2020 in higher education,

Whereas CRISP brings with it experience at the highest levels of governance in social sector, and the members carry with them reputation of having contributed for the social sector schemes and policies,

Whereas both Parties are having commonality of purpose of expanding the public good on scale and to strengthen the social sector of the Country,

NOW THEREBEFORE BOTH THE PARTIES DO HEREBY AGREE TO HAVE THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) APPLICABLE FROM _____ FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AS PER THE DETAILS BELOW:

1. SCOPE:

The initial scope of this agreement would require CRISP to design the **Project for Excellence in Higher Learning and Education in UP (PEHLE - UP)** and work with GoUP in implementing the same covering the following areas:

- a) **Ranking:** Work along with UP Academic Cell for Ranking Accreditation and Monitoring (UPACRAM) and identify 100 colleges for a focused action plan to promote them in NIRF national rankings so that 25 of them will reach national ranks in two years and 50 in 4 years.
- b) **Job orientation:** Direct and effective efforts for increasing the campus placements through job-oriented courses and identifying productive internships for 50% of the 2nd/3rd year students.
- c) **Assist in preparing a blueprint for implementation of the NEP 2020** achievable by 2026 and 2035 in all the UP Higher Education Institutions (UPHEIs).
- d) **Promote innovation and entrepreneurship** by setting up innovation councils in 1000 colleges, thereby promoting innovative thinking leading to startups.
- e) **Plan for an Accreditation campaign** – so that all the universities and atleast 25% colleges get accredited in the next 3 years. This will ensure that satisfactory academic outcomes are assured, so that students come out fully prepared to participate in the development of the State.
- f) **Faculty and Leadership Development:** Plan for undertaking extensive faculty development programmes, including academic leadership for improving quality of teaching.
- g) **Technology-driven Education:** Integrate use of technology across the HEIs for moving towards blended models of teaching-learning.
- h) **Address imbalances in access** to quality education through

mitigative and inclusive strategies.

- i) **Find ways for promoting research in the UPHEIs** through various orientation and training programmes, including promoting publication of peer-reviewed high standard journals in Hindi.
- j) **Prepare strategy for interaction between the School Education system and high performing HEIs** for kindling student interest in higher education.
- k) **Impact evaluation of the reforms in the medical education with special reference to the nursing education** and guide the process further.
- l) **Any other matter that** would be added with mutual consent.

2. Modalities

- 2.1. CRISP will formulate a detailed action plan for PEHLE-UP as identified in the MoU within 60 days, which would be considered and approved by GoUP with or without modifications.
- 2.2. The CRISP will select and station an expert team in Lucknow, which will work for implementing the action plan. The modalities of functioning of the CRISP team will be as decided by the GoUP.
- 2.3. Both Parties would set up quarterly and annual review mechanisms for joint review of the progress made on the activities pursued under this MOU.

3. Role of CRISP:

In pursuance of the scope of this MoU, CRISP will undertake to do the following, details of which would be finalized after due discussion:

- a) Set up a team of experts who will work with GoUP for implementation of the action plan and mentor the same
- b) Design an actionable plan for achieving the goals set
- c) Undertake training for the select educational institutions and mentor them
- d) Arrange internships with Sector Skill Councils
- e) Identify EdTech solutions that can improve the learning outcomes.

4. Role of GoUP:

GoUP will facilitate the CRISP and its teams for implementing the agreed action plans and in this direction, would:

- a) Provide logistic support for visit of the Members of CRISP in UP as per the action plan
- b) Facilitate interaction of the Members and CRISP teams with stakeholders
- c) Share the data and details as needed in the action plan
- d) Approve the plan of action prepared by CRISP as per agreed timelines
- e) Incur expenditure as required for implementation of the action plan approved, including the logistics cost for functioning of the CRISP teams in the field.
- f) Set up a Monitoring committee under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary Higher Education
- g) Provide working space for the CRISP team to work.

5. VALIDITY:

- 5.1. This MOU shall be valid for a period of three (3) years from the Effective Date.
- 5.2. The validity of this MOU may be extended by mutual agreement in writing and signed by both the Parties. This MOU may be extended on the same terms and conditions, and/or with modifications on mutual consent.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:

- 6.1. Any and all intellectual property created in relation to or arising out of all project reports, case studies and modules produced under this MoU will be jointly owned by the Parties with contribution of each party towards individual components being duly acknowledged.
- 6.2. There will be no restrictions on the use of the material jointly developed by either of the Parties for consulting/academic/research/capacity building purpose. Except for rights expressly granted under this MoU, nothing in this MOU will function to transfer any of either Party's intellectual property rights to the other Party, and each Party will retain exclusive interest in, and ownership of its intellectual property developed before this MoU or developed outside the scope of this MoU.
- 6.3. Despite anything to the contrary elsewhere contained in this MOU, the intellectual property rights in all methodologies, processes, analysis and recommendations (including but not limited to any

presentations made in respect thereof and/or related thereto), frameworks, know-how and techniques.

- 6.4. Either Party may use the other Party's logo/ branding or any other intellectual property after prior permission from the other Party.

7. MISCELLANEOUS:

- 7.1. **Indemnification:** Neither party shall be liable to the other for any special, indirect, or consequential damages, even if the parties have knowledge of the possibility of such damages.
- 7.2. **Limitation of liability:** In no event shall either of the parties of this MOU be liable to each other for consequential, indirect, special, incidental or punitive loss, damage or expense (including without limitation, loss of profits, loss of contracts, loss and corruption of data, loss or damage to reputation and/or goodwill, opportunity costs, etc.) even if the Parties have been advised of their possible existence.
- 7.3. **Severability:** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this MOU shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this MOU that shall continue in full force and effect except for any such invalid and unenforceable provision.
- 7.4. **Relationship between the Parties:** This MOU shall not constitute the appointment of either Party as the legal representative or agent of the other Party. This MOU is on a principal-to-principal basis between the Parties hereto. Further, nothing herein shall be construed to entitle either party to be a representative, agent, partner or joint venture of the other. No Party to this MOU shall have any right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name of or on behalf of the other Party to this MOU except as may be specifically provided in this MOU.
- 7.5. **Provisions for modifications:** The Parties agree to make suitable amendments, and modifications to this MOU by mutual agreement as per necessity, provided that no modification, amendment or variation of any provision of this MOU shall be effective unless the same has been approved in writing by each of the Parties. Any reference to this MOU shall be construed as a reference to such MOU, as the same may from time to time be amended, varied, modified, supplemented.

GoUP: Sri Sudhir Bobde, Principal Secretary Department of Higher Education

CRISP: R. Subrahmanyam Secretary, B-38 First floor, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi-17

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this MOU and have signed it through their authorized representative on this _____ day of _____ 2022.

For and on behalf of GoUP	For and on behalf of CRISP
Signature:	Signature:
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