

**Memorandum of Understanding  
ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION**

**between**



**GIRI INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES,  
LUCKNOW, INDIA**

**and**



**DR. RAM MANOHAR LOHIYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY,  
LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

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**AND**

**DR. RAM MANOHAR LOHIYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, LUCKNOW**

**ON**

**ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION**

**PREAMBLE**

**Whereas**, the Giri Institute of Development Studies (hereinafter in this Memorandum referred to as GIDS) is an autonomous research institute established and funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (Government of India), New Delhi and the Government of Uttar Pradesh. It is registered as a Society under the Uttar Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 1530 (No 1072/1973-74) 1960, to create a blend of field-oriented empirical research and advances in social science theories leading to better public policy formulation.

**Whereas**, the Institute conducts theoretical and empirical research as well as evaluation studies on development processes in the country and undertakes research projects on different aspects of economy, polity, society, culture and socio-economic development of the country, with special reference to Uttar Pradesh, and is charged under the aforesaid Memorandum of Association inter alias to develop close working relations in teaching and research in the Social Sciences with Universities and Colleges especially with Universities having all India jurisdiction and those in Uttar Pradesh and the neighbouring regions and undertake, promote and coordinate research in the social sciences, with special emphasis on the problems of Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring regions.

**Whereas**, one of the main objectives of GIDS is to "collaborate with Universities, research institutions and the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the region in improving the quality of research and training".

**Whereas**, in accordance with the aforesaid Memorandum of Association, the Director (who is a whole time functionary drawn from the academic stream of the Social Sciences) is the chief academic and executive officer of the Institute. The Institute is managed by a Board of Governors (BOG) with eminent personalities as Chairman and Vice-chairman, representatives of the Indian Council of Social Science research and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the Vice Chancellor of the Lucknow University (ex-officio member BoG), seven subject experts from the academia and nominated faculty representatives of the institute to the BoG, as Members. The Director of the Institute is ex-officio Member-Secretary of the BoG.

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*Dr. Ram Pal Singh*

**Whereas**, GIDS has been conducting Ph.D. Programme in all social sciences including Agricultural Economics, Ecological/Environment Economics, Urban Economics, Regional Economics, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Social Psychology, Political Science, Population, Gender Studies, Education and Development Studies and conducting research and training in these areas of specializations.

The "Director" is the authorised signatory of this MOU on behalf of the GIDS.

**AND**

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU), was established by an Act of Government of Uttar Pradesh in 2005, U.P. Act No.28 of 2005 and came into being on 4th of January 2006 to meet up the new challenges in legal field and to strengthen the vision that was given by the establishment of first National Law School of the country. Dr. RMLNLU is a public law school and a National Law University located in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India. The University has been providing undergraduate and post-graduate legal education since its inception. It ranks 11<sup>th</sup> among India's Law Institutes in the 2020 Edition of National Institutional Ranking Framework reports of the Ministry of Education. The University is fully funded by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

The Objectives of the University are: To advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes and their role in national development; To develop in the student and research scholar a sense of responsibility to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, Judicial and other legal services, legislation, law reforms in the existing laws and the like; To organize lectures, seminars, symposia and conferences, to promote legal knowledge and to make law and legal process efficient instrument of social development.

Located in the South-West part of the Lucknow City, the University has 40 acres of sprawling campus in LDA's Kanpur Road Scheme. The Campus is a complete township having accommodation facilities for 1500 students and over 100 number of teaching and nonteaching staff members. Distance from Amausi airport is 3.0 kilometres and from Lucknow railway station is nearly 7.0 kilometres.

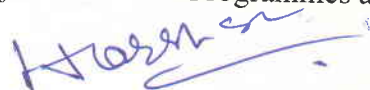
**Whereas**, Dr. RMLNLU and GIDS desire to establish a strong academic collaboration as both the institutions have excellence in Social Sciences in the country. These are the two among the established knowledge centres in Lucknow hence come together to establish this Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter called as MoU).

### **SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

Under DR. RMLNLU - Recognition of Certain Institutions for Specified Studies/Specialized Studies and Research - Statutes 2018 DR. RMLNLU recognizes GIDS as a Research Centre for Conduct of PhD Programme of DR. RMLNLU. This MOU is signed between DR. RMLNLU, Lucknow, as First Party and Giri Institute of Development Studies (GIDS), Lucknow, as Second Party for the purpose of Academic and Research Collaboration that will encompass exchange of students and members of faculty between the two parties and running PhD Programme at GIDS. In addition, active efforts will be made to develop joint training and research programmes that will be pursued in collaborative spirit:

### **I. OBJECTIVES OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

The objectives of the Programmes are:





GIDS and DR. RMLNLU shall collaborate in mutually agreeable academic events, in teaching, training and research fields wherever feasible. Such collaboration will be based on mutually agreeable conditions specifically agreed for each of the items of collaboration. Both Institutions will follow their own Institution rules in terms of reservation for SC/ST/OBC and EWS in the admission process of PhD students and recruitment of faculty and staff. GIDS and DR. RMLNLU shall not charge any affiliation/recognition fee towards the joint programme, such as PhD programme and other academic/research programme.

GIDS will register students for Ph.D. in Social Sciences, as feasible in disciplines mentioned above mainly confining into the discipline of Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Geography, Anthropology and Development Studies. Students selected for Ph.D. Programme will pay the fee stipulated by DR. RMLNLU from time to time and adhere to all the required conditions of the University. The students will work under the supervision of the faculty member of GIDS.

Faculty members of DR. RMLNLU and GIDS will be mutually invited for important seminars/workshops/conferences and teaching at doctoral level on reciprocal basis. The financial implications, if any, will be worked out on case by case basis.

Research Scholars and Teaching faculty of both GIDS and DR. RMLNLU will explore possibility of taking up collaborative research work.

That modalities for any exchange of researchers and faculty members will be laid down through mutual discussion that should be made operational for the mutually agreed period.

Ph.D. Scholars of DR. RMLNLU will be offered access to make use of the library resource of GIDS and have academic interaction with the faculty. On reciprocal basis, DR. RMLNLU shall welcome Ph.D. Scholars of GIDS for library reference and for academic interaction with their faculty.

That for collaborative research projects, publications, and intellectual property rights will be shared in proportion to the input by each party and will be worked out on case by case basis.

DR. RMLNLU shall accord recognition as PhD Guides/Supervisor to GIDS faculty fulfilling the eligibility requirement automatically without any fee in the concerned area of research without imposing any conditions thereof. However, DR. RMLNLU shall charge a registration fee from the students that shall be decided by DR. RMLNLU from time to time. GIDS will advertise for PhD programme following GIDS Academic Calendar and will conduct entrance test / UGC JRF/NET Marks (Score card) and interview for PhD admission as per the mandate of different disciplines in GIDS. GIDS shall Invite experts as nominee from DR. RMLNLU for the interview process for final selection of PhD students. GIDS will carry out Foundation Course for PhD programme following its own course curriculum. GIDS will have full autonomy for carrying out two semester course work, holding examination colloquium and holding final thesis viva voce within GIDS. However, for holding viva voce the attendance of concerned subject representative or any faculty nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from DR. RMLNLU, would be essential. The PhD students of GIDS will be offered registration by DR. RMLNLU as per DR. RMLNLU regulations governing award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) while entrance test and course work conducted by GIDS is exempted from the admission test/coursework conducted by DR. RMLNLU. While granting recognition for PhD Guide/Supervisor by DR. RMLNLU, the UGC rule for numbers of students guided by each faculty shall be duly followed.

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The registration of PhD students will be done by the PhD administration at DR. RMLNLU following PhD Programme rules of DR. RMLNLU. GIDS will have the responsibility of conducting the PhD programme evaluation process through a PhD Programme Committee constituted for the purpose headed by the Director of GIDS and other functionaries as members including that of Convenor of Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and PhD Programme Coordinator. The PhD administration at DR. RMLNLU will perform all the functions essential for PhD student registration, and all other formalities according to DR. RMLNLU PhD Rules and Regulations.

GIDS and DR. RMLNLU jointly agree to initiate some training/capacity building programme for Social Sciences under-graduate and post graduate students of the state of Uttar Pradesh on mutually agreed terms, organised by a committee specifically constituted for the purpose drawn from senior faculty of the two Institutions.

GIDS and DR. RMLNLU agree to jointly organise a Public Lecture Series in Lucknow on topics of current interests by experts in the field to provide academic debates.

## **II. AREAS OF COOPERATION**

This Memorandum expresses a mutual desire by GIDS and DR. RMLNLU to cooperate in building intellectual and research capacity and scholarship on a non-exclusive basis. Additional areas of co-operation may be added by written consent of the two parties. Both parties will act in good faith to ensure that the objectives in this Memorandum are realised.

## **III. TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

This Memorandum is effective immediately upon its signature by the parties.

Progress in achieving the objectives referred to herein will be reviewed periodically as mutually agreed and the Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual consent in writing.

Both parties reserve the right to terminate this Memorandum by either party giving six months written notice to the other. 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.

## **IV. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

In respect of each project and programme of co-operation, the parties shall negotiate and mutually agree in writing on their respective rights to intellectual property and commercial exploitation of the same (including without limitation, trademarks and service marks, copyrights, patents, designs and confidential information pertaining thereto).

Neither party shall, at any time disclose to any third party any confidential information of the other party which is acquired in the course of activities under this Memorandum, a collaborative project or programme, without the prior written consent of the other party. This confidentiality obligation herein will not apply to information in the public domain; information which is independently developed by the receiving party; information required to be released by law; and information which is rightfully received by the receiving party from third parties without any breach of confidentiality obligations.

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*Dinesh Pal Singh*

## V. NON-BINDING NATURE OF MEMORANDUM


5.1 Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any contract, partnership, agency or other legal relationship between the parties. Save of Article V, this Memorandum is only a non-binding statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration. Article V shall survive the expiration or termination of this Memorandum and shall be legally enforceable in accordance with its terms in any court of competent jurisdiction. Neither this Agreement nor any information provided pursuant hereto grants the DR. RMLNLU any right or license under any trademark, copyright or patent now or subsequent owned or controlled. The Director GIDS and Vice Chancellor/Registrar DR. RMLNLU, shall decide anything not contained in the MOU/Agreement.


## VI. TERMINATION

6.1 This MOU can be terminated by either of the parties by giving advance notice of six months and without jeopardizing the coursework or registration of any of the students of either institution.

6.2 The validity of the MoU is initially for a period of ten years from the date of signing this MoU. However, this can be extended on mutual agreement for a period of next five years and so on.

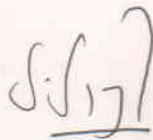
In WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU was executed by the parties hereto on this \_\_\_\_\_  
Month of \_\_\_\_\_

  
Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh  
Vice-Chancellor  
Dr. RML National Law University,  
Lucknow

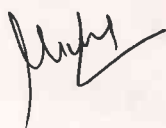
  
Prof. Harsh Sharma  
Director,  
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