



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
Between

**PU – IIT ROPAR REGIONAL ACCELERATOR FOR HOLISTIC INNOVATIONS
FOUNDATION
(Northern Region S & T Cluster)**

AND

Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University (SBSSU)

This MoU is entered into on 2nd February, 2026 between PU – IIT Ropar Regional Accelerator for Holistic Innovations Foundation (hereafter referred to as PI-RAHI), a non-profit Section 8 Company.

AND

Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University (SBSSU), Ferozepur (hereafter referred to as **SBSSU**), established in 1995 by the Government of Punjab, is a public state university focused on academic excellence, skill development, research, and innovation, fostering a multidisciplinary and learner-centric academic environment aimed at holistic development and societal progress.

BACKGROUND

PI-RAHI is a Section-8 Company (non-profit), Northern Region S & T Cluster sanctioned by the O/o Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA), Government of India. The mission of PI-RAHI is to nurture the entrepreneurship ecosystem across thematic areas, addressing regional challenges and contributing towards making India "Aatmanirbhar Bharat". We act as a consortium for all stakeholders, including academia, industry, incubators, central and state governments, and international S&T networks with a robust emphasis on promoting Indigenous Technologies and Medical Devices it actively fosters innovation within its thematic areas. Among the thematic areas, the cluster holds strong focus on healthcare.

AND

Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University (SBSSU) is a **State University** located in **Ferozepur District, Punjab**. Established in **1995** by the **Government of Punjab**, the University has emerged as a leading centre of higher education, nurturing **knowledge, innovation, and social responsibility**. The University is committed to providing **accessible, inclusive, and quality education** across a wide range of disciplines, integrating **academic learning with skill development and research**. SBSSU emphasizes the development of **critical thinking, ethical values, and lifelong learning**, thereby preparing students for **professional excellence and responsible citizenship**. Through **inter-disciplinary academic programmes, research initiatives, and community engagement**, the University actively addresses **regional and national developmental needs**. SBSSU also promotes **innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable practices**, while upholding strong academic standards and making meaningful contributions to **societal progress and national development**.

OBJECTIVES

Both PI-RAHI and SBSSU are, now

1. PI-RAHI and SBSSU will jointly design and implement skill-oriented training programs, workshops, short-term courses, and certification modules aimed at professional competencies, and practical exposure in emerging and traditional sectors.
2. PI-RAHI and SBSSU will collaborate on research, innovation, including interdisciplinary studies, applied research, policy research, and problem-solving initiatives that address regional, national, and societal challenges.
3. PI-RAHI and SBSSU will jointly support in promoting entrepreneurship and innovation, including startup mentoring, incubation support, ideation workshops, business plan development, and guidance on industry engagement and funding opportunities.
4. The collaboration shall facilitate internships, apprenticeships, fieldwork, and experiential learning opportunities for SBSSU students through PI-RAHI's industry, institutional, and community networks.
5. Joint academic and capacity-building activities such as seminars, conferences, expert lectures, and training sessions shall be organized to enhance academic quality and knowledge exchange.
6. PI-RAHI and SBSSU shall collaborate on community engagement and extension activities, focusing on social innovation, rural development, awareness programs, and initiatives aligned with sustainable development goals.
7. The MoU will promote mutual sharing of academic resources, expertise, and best practices, including curriculum enrichment, use of infrastructure where feasible, and collaborative planning for long-term institutional development.

FINANCIAL TERMS

There is no direct financial obligation on either institution unless specifically agreed to. The financial requirements of individual institutions for joint project proposals will be separately mentioned in joint projects while submitting to funding agencies. Before the start of any activity, financial terms will be decided pertaining to that particular activity in advance.

DURATION

This agreement shall come into effect on the day of the approval by both institutions and continue to be valid and in force until terminated by either Party.

TERMINATION

Either institution may terminate this agreement provided that a written notice of this intent is given to the other at least 1 month prior to the termination.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)

Rights regarding publications, patents, royalty, ownership of software, design, product developed, etc. under the scope of this MOU, shall be decided by the two parties by mutual consent.

Intellectual Properties, which are acquired outside the collaborative project with SBSSU will remain the exclusive property of PI-RAHI.

Intellectual Properties which are in possession of SBSSU prior to this agreement or to be acquired outside the collaborative project with PI-RAHI will remain the exclusive property of SBSSU.

Intellectual Property/ies that may come about in the course of execution of collaborative projects) between SBSSU and PI-RAHI will be the joint property unless otherwise mentioned clearly in project proposals or project-specific agreements.

CONFIDENTIALITY

During the Term of MOU, either party may provide to the other proprietary and confidential information that it considers essential for the conduct of any PROJECT for their sole discretion. The PI-RAHI and SBSSU agree to hold PROPRIETARY INFORMATION in confidence and to protect it against disclosure to the public and third parties. Accordingly, both PI-RAHI and SBSSU shall employ protective measures fully commensurate with those used by them to protect their own trade secrets and other confidential information from disclosure to the public and third parties, but in no event less than ordinary degree of care required by law to preserve the secrecy of information that under such law is deemed confidential. By way of example, such efforts will include the act of obtaining the execution of suitable confidentiality agreements from other parties and from other persons to whom such information is disclosed in the course of execution of the PROJECT and to retrieve the connected documents on completion of the project where given for the same.

Any difference of opinion arising on any matters under the preview of the MoU will be referred to SBSSU and Director, PI-RAHI for resolution through mutual consent.

Both the parties hereto set their hands and signed the agreement on the day, month, and year mentioned above. It has been executed in two originals; one has been retained by SBSSU and the other by PI-RAHI.



(Vice-Chancellor)

Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University
(SBSSU)



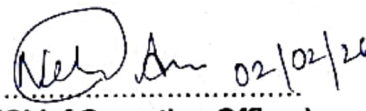
(Director)

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(Registrar)

Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University
(SBSSU)



(Chief Operating Officer)

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