



PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH

And

DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY, DIBRUGARH

Memorandum of Understanding

Registrar
Panjab University,
Chandigarh
25.06.2026

Registrar
Dibrugarh University,
Assam
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY, Dibrugarh – 786004, Assam, India
AND
SRIMANTA SANKARDEV CHAIR,
Panjab University, Chandigarh – 160014, India**

1. PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is entered into on this 25th day of June, 2026 between **Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam** (hereinafter referred to as the "First Party") and the **Srimanta Sankardev Chair, Panjab University, Chandigarh** (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Party").

Recognizing their shared commitment to promoting academic excellence, interdisciplinary research, cultural studies, and the dissemination of knowledge relating to the Bhakti Movement, Srimanta Sankardev Studies, Indian cultural heritage, literature, philosophy, performing arts, and social reform traditions, the parties agree to collaborate in areas of mutual interest as outlined in this MoU.

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for academic, cultural, and research collaboration between the Parties.

This MoU reflects the intentions of the Parties and serves as a basis for cooperation. It is not intended to create any legally enforceable obligations except in respect of provisions relating to confidentiality, intellectual property rights, and any specific agreements subsequently executed pursuant to this MoU.

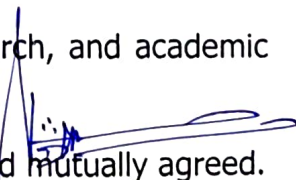
The Parties agree to explore and undertake collaborative programmes, projects, and activities in areas of mutual interest, subject to the availability of resources and approval of the competent authorities of both institutions.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE MoU

The Parties shall endeavour to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Undertaking joint research projects on themes related to the Bhakti Movement, Srimanta Sankardev Studies, Vaishnavite traditions, cultural heritage, literature, philosophy, and social reform movements.
- b. Facilitating faculty exchange programmes for collaborative teaching, research, and academic interaction.
- c. Promoting scholar and student exchange programmes, wherever feasible and mutually agreed.


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Providing opportunities for co-supervision and collaborative guidance of research scholars enrolled in either institution.

- e. Organizing joint seminars, conferences, workshops, symposiums, group discussions, memorial lectures, special lectures, cultural programmes, literary festivals, and academic events.
- f. Undertaking collaborative publications, translations, editing of manuscripts, and dissemination of scholarly works.
- g. Promoting collaboration between the Department of Music and Department of Performing Arts of Dibrugarh University and the Department of Music, Department of Indian Theatre, Panjab University through workshops, performances, demonstrations, and training programmes.
- h. Establishing a vibrant cross-cultural and academic research bridge between North-East India, Northern India, and other regions of the country.
- i. Promoting digitization, documentation, preservation, and dissemination of Sankari literature, Bhakti traditions, manuscripts, archival materials, and cultural heritage resources.
- j. Facilitating exchange of academic resources, including publications, manuscripts, library access, archival materials, and digital repositories, subject to institutional regulations.
- k. Encouraging collaborative projects relating to folklore, indigenous knowledge systems, comparative religion, cultural studies, and performing arts.
- l. Exploring opportunities for joint applications for research grants, fellowships, and externally funded projects from national and international funding agencies.

The Parties may undertake additional programmes and activities in any academic discipline mutually agreed upon from time to time.

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

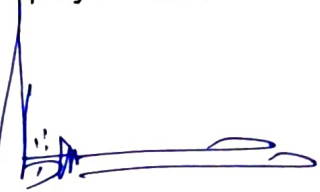
4.1 Any intellectual property, including but not limited to copyrights, patents, designs, databases, research outputs, teaching materials, software, publications, reports, and know-how, developed jointly under this MoU shall be jointly owned by the Parties unless otherwise agreed in writing.

4.2 Publication, commercialization, or dissemination of jointly developed intellectual property shall require prior written consent of both Parties.

4.3 Neither Party shall unreasonably withhold consent for publication of academic and research outputs.

4.4 The detailed terms governing intellectual property rights for any specific project shall be incorporated in separate project agreements executed between the Parties.


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EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This MoU shall come into effect from the date of its execution and shall remain valid for a period of three (03) years.

The MoU may be renewed or extended for a further period by mutual written consent of both Parties.

6. FINANCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6.1 This MoU does not create any financial obligation on either Party.

6.2 All activities under this MoU shall be subject to the availability of funds and approval of the competent authorities of the respective institutions.

6.3 There shall be no financial liability on Panjab University arising from this MoU.

6.4 Activities organized at Panjab University under this MoU may be supported through funds available under the Srimanta Sankardev Chair established with financial assistance from the Government of Assam, subject to applicable rules and approval of the competent authority of Panjab University.

6.5 In the event that activities are organized at Panjab University, the Srimanta Sankardev Chair may facilitate local hospitality, including lodging and meals for invited participants from Dibrugarh University, subject to availability of funds and prior approval.

6.6 Similarly, when activities are organized at Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh University may provide hospitality to invited participants from Panjab University, subject to institutional norms and availability of resources.

6.7 Any expenditure beyond the above arrangements shall be borne by the respective participating institution or as mutually agreed in writing.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

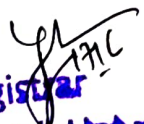
The Parties agree to maintain confidentiality regarding any confidential information, documents, data or materials exchanged in connection with activities undertaken under this MoU.

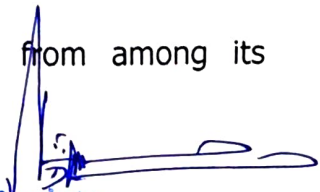
Neither Party shall disclose confidential information to any third party without prior written consent of the other Party, except where disclosure is required by law or governmental authority.

The obligations under this clause shall survive the termination or expiry of this MoU.

8. IMPLEMENTATION AND NODAL COORDINATION

8.1 Each Party shall designate a Nodal Officer/Programme Coordinator from among its permanent faculty members to coordinate activities under this MoU.


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2 On behalf of the Srimanta Sankardev Chair, Panjab University, the present Coordinator of the Chair **Prof. Supreet Kaur**, shall act as the Nodal Coordinator.

8.3 On behalf of the Dibrugarh University, the Prof. Satyakam Borah, presently Professor, Dept. of Assamese, DU, shall act as the Nodal Coordinator.

8.4 A Joint Coordination Committee consisting of representatives from both Parties shall periodically review the progress of collaborative activities and recommend measures for strengthening cooperation.

8.5 In cases of joint research supervision:

- (i) A research scholar enrolled at Dibrugarh University shall ordinarily have a supervisor from Dibrugarh University and a co-supervisor from Punjab University.
- (ii) A research scholar enrolled at Panjab University shall ordinarily have a supervisor from Panjab University and a co-supervisor from Dibrugarh University.

Such arrangements shall be governed by the applicable regulations of the respective universities.

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND TERMINATION

9.1 Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through consultation and mutual discussion between the Parties.

9.2 Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing three (03) months' written notice to the other Party.

9.3 Termination of this MoU shall not affect any ongoing project, programme, research activity, or academic commitment already approved under this MoU, which shall continue until completion unless otherwise mutually agreed.

9.4 Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any consequential loss arising solely from the termination of this MoU.

10. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment, modification, or variation of this MoU shall be made only in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of both Parties. Such amendments shall form an integral part of this MoU.

11. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be liable for failure to perform its obligations under this MoU due to causes beyond its reasonable control, including natural disasters, pandemics, war, governmental restrictions, civil disturbances, or any other force majeure event. The affected Party shall promptly notify the other Party of such circumstances.

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

12.1 Nothing contained in this MoU shall be construed as creating any legal partnership, agency relationship, or joint venture between the Parties.

12.2 Each Party shall retain its separate legal identity and autonomy.

12.3 This MoU is intended to promote academic cooperation and goodwill between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

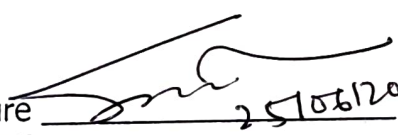
The Parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date first written above.

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Dibrugarh, Assam

For and on behalf of
For Srimanta Sankardev Chair,
Panjab University, Chandigarh

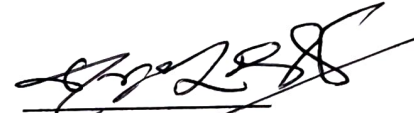
Signatory Authority
Dr. Paramananda Sonowal,
Registrar,
Dibrugarh, Assam

Signatory Authority
Prof. Y.P. Verma,
Registrar,
Panjab University, Chandigarh

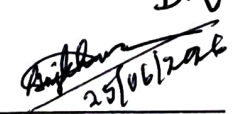
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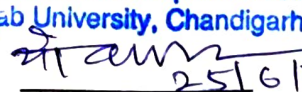
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Nodal Officer: Prof. Supreet Kaur
Coordinator, Srimanta
Sankaradeva Chair,
Panjab University, Chandigarh

IN THE PRESENCE OF WITNESSES

Witness -1: 
Name: Prof. J. K. Bora
HOD, Dept of Assamese
DU,

Witness-1: 
Name: Prof. Savita Gupta
Director, Research & Development Cell,
Panjab University, Chandigarh

Witness -2: 
Name: Dr. D. P. Rajkumar

Witness -2: 
Name: Prof. Yojna Rawat (Prof. of Hindi),
Centre for Distance and Online Education,
and Former Dean of University Instruction
Panjab University, Chandigarh.