

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN



National Centre for Good Governance

Dept. of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India

&



**Indian Institute of Technology
Kharagpur**

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Between

National Centre for Good Governance, New Delhi

And

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

The National Centre for Good Governance [hereinafter referred to as "NCGG"], Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DAR&PG), Govt. of India (GoI) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, [hereinafter referred to as "IIT KGP"], hereinafter jointly referred to collectively and commonly as "the Institutions" agree upon the general terms of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), in accordance with a mutual desire for cooperation and collaboration aimed at improving, strengthening, and promoting relations between them, to further the realization of their respective objects, in larger public interest.

Article I

The Institutions hereby express their intent to promote cooperation between their academic members, students, and research groups.

Article II

Dr. Himanshi Rastogi shall be the coordinator from NCGG and Prof. Uday Shankar, RGSOIPL shall be the coordinator from IITKGP. The participants and coordinators may change from time to time as decided by appropriate authority of the respective institutions. The coordinators will hold a review of the activities under this MOU once every year, and submit a short report to the Office of International Relations at IITKGP and Office of DG, NCGG.

Article III

Building on their respective strengths, the Institutions will explore mutually beneficial relationships, including, but not limited to the following endeavors as per respective institutional guidelines:

1. Exploring joint Capacity Building Programmes.
2. Collaborating for resource-sharing, including faculty experts from centre and Centre of Excellence in Public Policy Law and Governance (CoEPPLG) and Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law (RGSOIPL) as well as other academic units of the Institute in joint consulting seminars and research projects and as per respective institutional guidelines.
3. Promoting and encouraging activities of joint research, organizing consultative conclaves towards knowledge building.
4. Collaborating in joint initiatives (e.g., case studies on policy innovation, governance for public service delivery, relationships between government and industry, social policy, legal and regulatory issues, etc.)

5. Collaborating in Joint Research and funding for supporting research project including themes such as, digital governance & transformation, public policy changes & its implications, global trade policies, infrastructure & energy policies, ethical & inclusive governance, public economics & policy, AI governance, etc.

Article IV

The precise nature and specific details of collaboration between the Institutions as regards the common activities and forms of cooperation and the modalities thereof under the framework of this MoU will be finalized as described under Article V below.

Article V

The terms of cooperation for each specific event and / or activity arising from this MoU shall be mutually discussed on case-to-case basis and agreed upon separately in writing by the Institutions prior to the initiation of such event and/or activity. By mutual consent, this MoU by itself shall not have any legal or financial obligations or implications for the Institutions.

Article VI

The Institutions recognize that collaborative activities under this MoU may give rise to jointly developed knowledge, research outputs, case studies, or publications. Ownership, usage rights, and attribution for any such intellectual property shall be mutually agreed upon in writing by the Institutions on a case-to-case basis, as part of the specific agreements contemplated under Article V, prior to the commencement of the relevant activity. Pre-existing intellectual property, materials, or resources brought by either Institution to a collaborative activity shall continue to remain the property of that Institution, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Either Institution may publish or present outcomes of joint work, provided due acknowledgment is given to the other Institution's contribution, and subject to prior mutual consent where the publication involves the other Institution's proprietary or confidential information.

Article VII

The Institutions agree to treat any non-public information shared in the course of activities under this MoU, including but not limited to research data, internal documents, or policy inputs, with due discretion, and to use such information solely for the purposes of the collaboration. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed to require either Institution to share information it considers sensitive or proprietary. Where such information is shared, the receiving Institution shall take reasonable care to prevent its unauthorized disclosure to

third parties, unless disclosure is required by law, by government directive, or with the prior written consent of the disclosing Institution. This clause shall not apply to information that is already public, independently developed, or lawfully obtained from another source.

Article VIII

This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation and is not legally binding on both the Parties. Any disputes shall be resolved through mutual discussion.

Article IX

This MoU is non-exclusive in nature. Nothing herein shall be construed to restrict either Institution from entering into similar arrangements, collaborations, or agreements with other institutions, government bodies, or organizations, whether in India or abroad, on the same or related subject matter, provided such arrangements do not conflict with the specific commitments, if any, mutually agreed upon in writing under Article V.

Article X

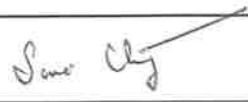
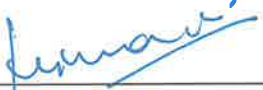
In case this MoU necessitates sharing of sensitive data, the Institutions, prior to sharing and use of such data, shall prepare an engagement matrix that will map such requirements. In addition, Institutions shall always use a secure, mutually agreed upon means and schedule for electronically transferring/sharing all their information via secure file transfer protocol accessible to authorized users through secure login only.

Article XI

This MoU is written and signed in two originals in the English language. It will come into force as soon as it has been signed by the respective authorized representatives of the Institutions and will remain in force for a five-year period from the date of execution and may be renewed for an additional five years upon mutual consent. The MoU may be terminated by the authorized official representative of either Institution by written notice. Such notice must be given at least three months before it becomes effective. Such termination shall not affect the completion of any event or activity underway at the time or the rights of Institutions exchanged under this MoU, prior to the notice of termination.

Any amendment to this MoU may be made by the Institutions by mutual consent, during its validity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Institutions, have signed this MoU.

 For and on behalf of NATIONAL CENTRE FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (GOI)	 For and on behalf of INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR
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DESIGNATION: Director General	DESIGNATION: Director
PLACE: New Delhi	PLACE: IIT Kharagpur
DATE: 1/8/2026	DATE: 1/8/2026
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In the presence of:	
 NCGG, DAR&PG, GOI	 CoEPPLG and RGSOIPL, IIT KGP
NAME: Dr. Himanshi Rastogi	NAME: Prof. Uday Shankar
DESIGNATION: Associate Professor	DESIGNATION: Chairperson and Dean
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