



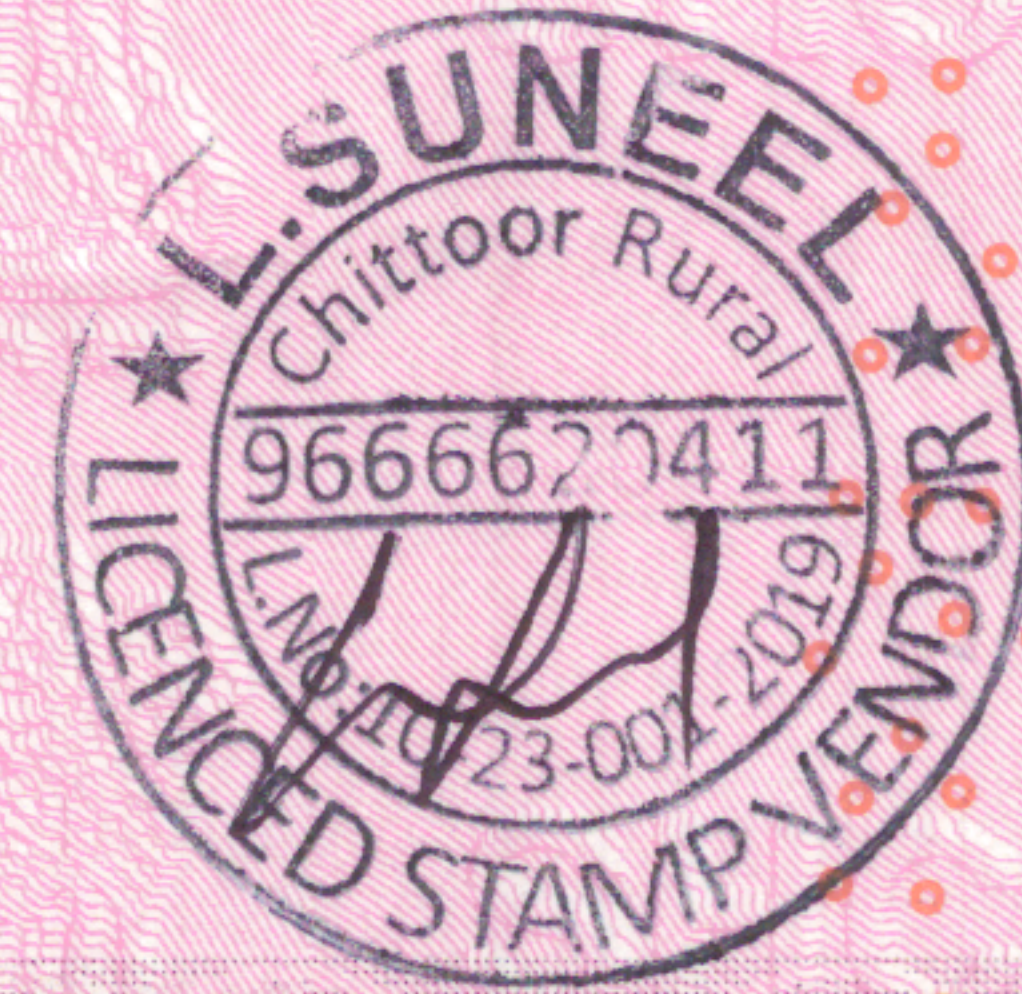
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into on the 21st Day of February 2026, between the following parties:

Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, a statutory body constituted under the Institutes of Technology Act 1961, functioning at its premises at Yerpedu – Venkatagiri Road, Yerpedu Post, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh – 517619, represented by Director Prof. K. N. Satyanarayana, hereinafter referred to as “**IIT**”

AND

The Apollo University Chittoor, recognized as a Private University established under the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation Act 2016), represented by Registrar, Prof. Malasani Potharaju, functioning at its premises at The Apollo Knowledge City Campus, Saketa, Murukumbattu - Post, Chittoor - District, Andhra Pradesh – 517127, hereinafter referred to as “**University**”.

individually referred to as “**Party**” and jointly as “**Parties**” to collaborate on various academic and research related activities.

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WHEREAS

IIT is an Institute of National Importance set up by an Act of Parliament by the Government of India under the Ministry of Education for imparting quality technical education and pursuing research in the fields of science, technology, humanities, social sciences, and allied fields. Currently, the Institute is conducting B. Tech/M.Sc./M.Tech/MPP/MS and Ph.D. programs in the various fields of Engineering, Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences.

WHEREAS

University is a Private University established under the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation Act 2016) aims to create a conducive atmosphere beyond just learning, including hands-on learning and a research-intensive environment to make students industry ready. The University conducts B. Tech/B.Sc./M.Sc./M.Tech/B.Pharm/MBA programmes.

1. Scope:

1.1. The Scope of collaboration on academic and research activities in this Memorandum of Understanding includes:

- a) Academic and Research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest.
- b) Supporting seed grants with financial support from IIT and the University.
- c) Internship opportunities for UG and PG students.
- d) Organization of seminars/symposia/conferences/workshops and other academic meetings that are of mutual interest.
- e) Submission of joint proposals by the faculty to various bilateral agencies for funding.
- f) Use of research facilities with appropriate usage charges.

1.2. The terms of each engagement shall be mutually discussed and set out in separate agreements on a case-to-case basis.

2. Designated Point of Contact:

2.1. Each party has appointed a designated point of contact responsible for the management and development of the relationship as per the MOU as follows:

IIT: Prof. E. Anil Kumar, Dean, Centre for Sponsored Research & Consultancy.

The Apollo University: Dr. Vivekanandan Thanigavasan, Associate Professor, School of Technology

2.2. Any Party may designate additional or substitute representatives for this MoU by written notice to the other Party.

3. Confidentiality

3.1. The Parties acknowledge and agree that they shall maintain the secrecy and confidentiality of all information provided by each other, with the understanding that the Parties intend to publicize the activities and objectives of this MoU without disclosing any confidential or



proprietary information of any other Party. Confidential information includes any Party's copyrights, proprietary technology, software, curriculum, syllabi, academic content, manuals, notes, documentation, know-how, data, including research and fieldwork data, databases, technical information, drawings, diagrams, processes, products or any material or information of any kind, which is not publicly available. The duration of confidentiality obligations and related matters shall be mutually agreed upon on a case-to-case basis and set out in separate agreements.

4. Intellectual Property Rights:

- 4.1. Any intellectual property, know-how, data, or proprietary material that was developed, acquired, or owned by a Party prior to the execution of this MoU, or independently developed outside the scope of the joint activities ("Background IP"), shall remain the sole property of that Party. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as granting, by implication or otherwise, any rights, title, or interest in or to the Background IP of a Party, except to the extent expressly agreed in writing.
- 4.2. The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) arising from Joint Research, Development or Collaborative activities undertaken (Foreground IP) shall be determined on a case-by-case basis and shall be governed by the officially adopted IPR policies of the parties. Any intellectual property generated through the joint efforts of the Parties shall be jointly owned by the Parties. The ownership structure, allocation of rights, responsibilities and any revenue sharing, if applicable, shall be negotiated and agreed upon on a case-by-case basis, taking in to account the respective contributions of the Parties. Such terms shall be mutually discussed and documented in a separate Specific Agreement in keeping with the spirit of this MoU.

5. Publication

- 5.1. In all publications (papers, reports etc.), emerging out of this collaboration, it will be duly acknowledged that the work has been carried out by IITT and University under this MoU between the parties.
- 5.2. All ethical guidelines of research publication existent at both Institutions will be followed strictly.

6. Commencement, renewal, termination and amendment:

- 6.1. This MoU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the partner institutions and will remain in effect for five years. This MoU may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both partner institutions.
- 6.2. This MoU may be Amended or Terminated prior to the specified period, by mutual written agreement of the parties, at any time. Either of the party shall have the right(s) to unilaterally terminate this MoU upon 60 days prior written notice to the other party. However, no such early termination of this MoU, whether mutual or unilateral, shall affect the obligations of the participants under any Research Agreement, Confidentiality clause as referenced above or any other agreement entered into pursuant to this MoU, which obligations shall survive a period of two years from the expiry or termination of the MoU.



7. GENERAL TERMS

- a) Both parties agree to share relevant information and resources to facilitate successful collaboration.
- b) Modifications to this MoU shall be made in writing and agreed upon by all parties.
- c) This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India.
- d) Each Party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Parties against any claims, losses, damages, or liabilities arising out of its own negligence, misconduct, or breach of this MoU.
- e) The Parties shall comply with all applicable data protection and privacy laws while handling student, faculty, staff, and patient-related data.
- f) Each Party represents that it has the legal authority and capacity to enter into this MoU and that execution hereof does not violate any existing agreement or legal obligation
- g) This MoU is non-exclusive, and each Party is free to enter into similar arrangements with third parties, provided such arrangements do not materially conflict with the objectives of this MoU.
- h) Any failure or delay by a Party in enforcing any provision shall not operate as a waiver of such provision or any other rights.
- i) If any provision of this MoU is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.
- j) No Party shall assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this MoU without prior written consent of the other Parties.
- k) Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any partnership, joint venture, agency, or employer-employee relationship between the Parties.
- l) The Parties acknowledge that this MoU is non-binding except for Confidentiality, data privacy and indemnity and represents a broad framework, and detailed operational aspects may be governed by separate definitive agreements, if required.
- m) In the event of any dispute arising out of or in connection with this MoU, the Parties shall make reasonable efforts to settle the dispute amicably through negotiation between the Director at IITT and The Apollo University or their respective authorized nominees or other alternative dispute resolution methods before initiating any legal proceedings. Failing such resolution, disputes shall be referred to arbitration, with a sole arbitrator jointly appointed by the Parties. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as amended. The seat and venue of arbitration shall be at Tirupati India, and proceedings shall be conducted in English. The courts located at Tirupati shall have exclusive jurisdictions for all proceedings arising in relation to or pursuant to the arbitration proceedings



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the Effective Date.

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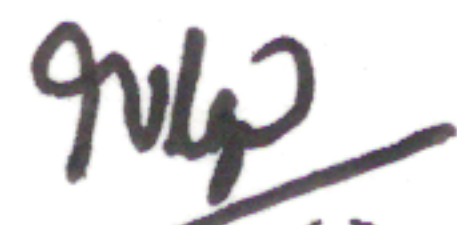


Name: Prof. Kalidindi N. Satyanarayana

Designation: Director, Indian Institution of Technology Tirupati

Date: 21st February 2026

Apollo University Chittoor



Name: Prof. Malasani Potharaju,

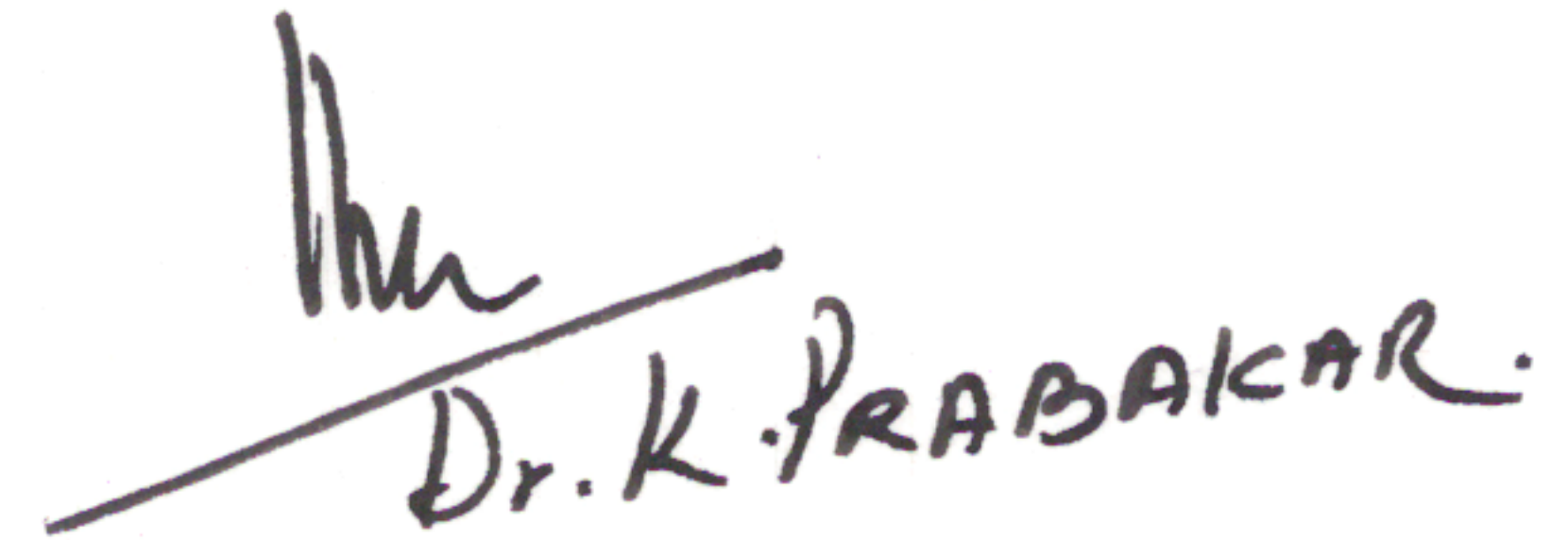
Designation: Registrar, The Apollo University Chittoor

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Witnesses:

For IIT Tirupati



For Apollo University