



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SCIENCE SETU PROGRAMME

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between The TRANSLATIONAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (THSTI), and SHREE GURU GOBIND SINGH TRICENTENARY UNIVERSITY (SGT), hereinafter called parties of the first part and second part respectively.
2. WHEREAS THSTI located at NCR-Biotech Science Cluster, 3rd milestone, Faridabad-Gurgaon Expressway, PO Box no. 04, Faridabad-121001 is an autonomous institute of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860;
3. WHEREAS, SGT University, located at Gurugram-Badli Road, Chandu Budhera, Gurugram-122505, Haryana, India, came into existence by the Haryana Private Universities (Amendment) Act No. 8 of 2013 for imparting higher education and to regulate their functions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The university has been established under the parasol of Dashmesh Educational Charitable Trust, found in 1999.
4. WHEREAS, The *Science Setu* Programme approved by the Governing Body of the THSTI aims to contribute to the national goal of encouraging more and more bright young minds to take up the pursuit of science and technology as a career option;
5. WHEREAS, both parties of the first and second part wish to come together in synergistic partnership to implement the above-said *Science Setu* Programme, this Memorandum of Understanding is being executed to clarify the intent and purpose and mode of implementation of the programme.
6. Now, the parties of this MoU mutually declare and agree to the following:
 - 6.1 Name:
The name of the programme will be **THSTI – SGT Science Setu**
 - 6.2 Goal:
To contribute to the national goal of encouraging more and more bright young minds to take up the pursuit of science and technology as a career option


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6.3 Objectives:

- a) To address the changing needs of teaching, learning and research in biological sciences
- b) To link the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) in the spirit of "success through access" to undergraduate teaching in biological sciences
- c) To engage a talent pool of potential biology students in the delivery of innovation, research and continuous development
- d) To act, through all the above, as a catalyst of change

6.4 Mode of Implementation:

- a) THSTI and SGT University commit themselves to interact through mutual consultation and formal partnership towards meeting the goal and objectives of the programme.
- b) Engagement with the SGT University by THSTI would be on-site, and/or through *e-learning* approaches depending on feasibility.
- c) This commitment shall be treated as a national service intrinsic to the mandate of THSTI, and SGT University and shall neither involve remuneration/honoraria in any form, nor be treated as a cause for modification of any current institutional goals.
- d) Adequate flexibility would be built in to ensure that the programme adds value to undergraduate and Postgraduate education.
- e) The level of engagement and the best time to commence the same will be decided through mutual consultation.
- f) Programme of engagement could include one or more of the following depending on specific need and feasibility:
 - (i) Lectures/discussion
 - (ii) Laboratory exercises
 - (iii) Mentorship to student science projects
 - (iv) Mentorship to teacher science projects
 - (v) 'College Teacher Forums' to discuss broad issues on latest developments in science, career opportunities, innovative methodologies in teaching/research, science & technology policy issues, and other related areas.
 - (vi) Summer student/teacher internships
 - (vii) Any other as mutually agreed

6.5 Role and Responsibilities of THSTI:

- a) THSTI commits to designate a mutually agreed number of its scientists/faculty members toward this programme for at least 12 hours of engagements per year.
- b) This may be distributed flexibly by the designated faculty/scientist within each centre of THSTI.
- c) THSTI will take care of the logistics of conveyance of the faculty/scientist (s) to and from the College, whenever the interaction is on site or outside THSTI.


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- d) Depending on feasibility, THSTI would make appropriate arrangements in consultation with SGT University for e-learning at its end.
- e) Depending on feasibility, THSTI will also facilitate interaction on its premises.

6.6 Role and Responsibilities of SGT University:

- a) SGT University commits to receive and appropriately facilitate the interaction between the designated THSTI faculty/scientist (s), and its teachers/students so as to fulfil the goal and objectives of the programme.
- b) It will designate a nodal person to interact with the THSTI faculty/scientist (s). (Details of Nodal Person: Dr. Nutan Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, SGT University)
- c) It will take care of the logistics of conveyance of its teachers/students whenever the interaction is outside its premises
- d) Depending on feasibility, SGT University would make appropriate arrangements in consultation with THSTI for e-learning at its end.

6.7 Budget for the Programme:

The programme will be accommodated within the annual budget of each party. Upon reaching agreement on the financial obligations, the parties shall document their understanding of such obligations in a written agreement to be signed by both the parties.

6.8 Programme Review:

The Governing Body of THSTI shall review the programme at the end of one year for implementation and three years for performance.

6.9 Termination:

Either party to this MoU has the right to terminate the MoU upon serving a written notice of 30 days to the other party should the other party commit a breach of any of the provisions of this MoU.

6.10 Interpretation and Dispute Resolution:

- a) If any dispute arises between the parties hereto arising out of or in connection with the interpretation or implementation or alleged breach of any provision of this MoU, the parties hereto shall endeavour to settle such breach amicably.
- b) In case the dispute cannot be resolved after reasonable attempts within one month, the MoU shall stand terminated with no obligations or liabilities on either party.

6.11 Governing Law

This MOU shall be governed by the Laws of India. Any or all disputes arising out of this MoU shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the court of Gurgaon, Haryana.


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6.12 Assignability:

This MOU shall not be assignable or otherwise transferable by a party without the prior written consent of the other party.

6.13 Variations:

Except as expressly provided for in this MoU, no variation or amendment of this MoU shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of each Party.

6.14 Severability:

In the event that any provision of this MOU, or any portion thereof, shall be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable under Applicable Law, such defect shall not vitiate the other provisions of the MOU and the remainder of the MOU shall continue to be legal, valid, effectual and binding on both the Parties hereto.

6.14 No Agency:

That either Party shall not be nor shall be deemed to be an agent, legal representative, subsidiary, joint venture or employee of the other Party as a result of this MOU.

7. This MoU is valid for **three years** from the date of signing. It can be extended further through mutual agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE EXECUTED THIS MOU ON
Date: 24-04-2023

Signed----- For and on behalf of Translational Health Science and Technology Institute Seal प्रधान-प्रशासन / Head - Administration ट्रांसलेशनल स्वास्थ्य विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (भारत के जैव प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग का एक स्वायत्त संस्थान) एनसीआईआर बायोटेक विज्ञान क्लस्टर, फरीदाबाद (हरियाणा)	Signed----- For and on behalf of SGT University Seal Registrar SGT University, Budhera, Gurugram
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