# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is entered on this date 04/08/2021 ("the Effective Date") at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh India

BY AND BETWEEN



Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Bhopal

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Sanchi University Of Buddhist-Indic Studies, Bhopal

# About Atal Bihari Institute of Good Governance & Policy Analysis, Bhopal

Atal Bihari Institute of Good Governance & Policy Analysis (AIGGPA), Bhopal to be represented by its CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO), AIGGPA (hereinafter referred to as "AIGGPA"), which expression shall unless repugnant to the context include its successors, representatives and permitted assigns OF THE FIRST PART.

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SUBIS which expression shall unless repugnant to the context include its successors, representatives and permitted assigns OF THE SECOND PART.

AIGGPA and SUBIS are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Parties" and individually as "Party".)

## A. Objectives and Modes of Collaboration

- The goal of this Memorandum of Understanding is to foster collaboration, and provide opportunity for professional, scholarly and academic interaction in matters relating to Public Policy, Governance, Administration and related areas, and to facilitate advancement of knowledge in these areas, based on reciprocity and mutual benefit. AIGGPA and SUBIS agree to explore the possibility of engaging in the following modes of collaboration:
- 2. Holding collaborative programmes in the form of lectures, seminars, workshops, panel discussions, symposia, webinars, training programmes and the like in Public Policy, Governance, Administration and related areas.
- 3. Extending cooperation to each other in the areas of teaching, research, publication and other activities associated with Public Policy, Governance, Administration and related areas:
- 4. Preparation of Background Papers, Compendiums, White Papers, Dossiers, Policy Documents and the like on topical issues related to Public Policy, Governance, Administration and related areas, to be submitted to the Government, which could be of assistance to it, in policy formulation in those areas.
- 5. Publication of Proceedings of jointly-organized Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Webinars, etc., as well as Background Papers, Compendiums, white papers, dossiers, policy documents and the like, on topical issues related to Public Policy, Governance, Administration and related areas.
- Mutual sharing of infrastructure, resources and expertise in the organization of programmes and activities described above.

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7. AIGGPA and SUBIS agree that the following technical descriptions will guide each proposed activity identified and agreed upon by the two institutions.

## B. Collaboration for Research and Development

- 1. The Parties agree to investigate ways of identifying and inviting serving and retired civil servants, academicians, researchers, faculty members and other competent persons from the other institution to participate in ongoing research or development of programmes of mutual interest.
- 2. Further, the Parties agree to jointly identify and pursue opportunities for formulation and submission of new research project proposals or training programmes for possible funding by government and external agencies, if needed.
- 3. It is foreseen that when a member of either institution visits the other institution on invitation, or as part of such joint research project, or to organize a collaborative programme, such a visit will be subject to the regulations of the other Institution.
- 4. The parties agree to involve the students of SUBIS under apprentices/internships/research associates in various projects arising from time to time.
- 5. The parties also agree of launching of the joint online/offline/hybrid certificate programs on various topics as required from time to time, which can be on sharing model.

#### C. Exchange of Human Resources

The Parties agree to explore ways of encouraging collaboration between researchers/faculty members from the two institutions. Specifically, the two institutions would identify appropriate researchers/faculty members as Principal Investigator(s)/Principal Co-Investigator(s) at their respective ends, and encourage members of their researchers/faculty to undertake short visits for lectures, facilitate research projects at either end, etc. The terms and conditions for each visit or an assignment, including those concerning stipend, travel, and housing, would be worked out between the partner institutions. The resource sharing of the reading/training materials at library can also be accessed mutually among the parties.

### D. Intellectual Property

AIGGPA and SUBIS agree to respect each other's rights to Intellectual Property (IP). All background IP used in connection with this MoU shall remain the property of the Party that introduces it. No license is granted to any Party to use another Party's Background IP, unless specifically agreed to in writing. Further, the IP rights that arise as a result of any collaborative research or joint activity under this MoU would be subject to separate written agreement/s on the ownership and management of such IP, and each Party agrees to respect the ownership of IP of the other Parties in all dealings, consistent with officially laid down IPR policies of the partner institutions.

No Party to this Memorandum shall use the name, logo or any other designation of any of the other Parties without prior written consent.

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## E. Tenure and Termination

This MoU will take effect from the date it is signed by representatives of the two institutions. It will remain valid for a period of five years. This MoU will be reviewed after 30 months; the terms of this MoU may be held rigid till the first review. Any extension to this MoU will be formally agreed to, in writing, by the Parties.

Either institution may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the other Institution, six months in advance. Once terminated, neither Party will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other Institution may suffer. However, AIGGPA and SUBIS will ensure that all activities in progress are allowed to complete successfully.

#### F. Arbitration

Any issues that are not addressed or stipulated in the MoU shall be discussed and resolved through negotiation in good faith and such resolution will be incorporated as written amendments to the MoU by mutual agreement between two Parties.

No disputes are foreseen in the implementation of the MoU. The two Parties, however, agree that if any dispute arises between them, efforts will be made to settle the same as amicably as possible. If the dispute still remains unsettled, it will be referred for resolution bilaterally to CEO, AIGGPA and Vice Chancellor, SUBIS. The decisions so arrived at shall be final and binding on the parties to this MoU.

Signed by

Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies

Bhopal (M.P.) Registrar

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Shriman Shukla, IAS Chief Executive Officer, AIGGPA

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