



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING [MOU]

Between



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COIMBRA

University of Coimbra,
through its Department of Geography and Tourism
of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities

&



Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management
Bundelkhand University, Jhansi

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This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter called the "MOU") is entered into by and between:

Bundelkhand University, with official address at Kanpur Road, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, India, 284128 represented herein by **Prof. Sunil Kumar Kabia, Director, Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management**, individually referred to as the "Party";

AND

University of Coimbra, legal number 501617582, in the interest of its Department of Geography and Tourism of the Faculty of Letters, with official address at Paço das Escolas, 3004-531 Coimbra, represented herein by its Vice-Rector, Prof. Doutor João Nuno Cruz Matos Calvão da Silva, under delegated authority given by the Order nr. 5524/2023, of May 12, and by the Dean of Faculty of Letters, Prof. Doutor Albano António Cabral Figueiredo, under delegated authority given by the Order nr. 7278/2023, of July 10, individually referred to as the "Party".

Whereas:

University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal is a premier educational institution in Portugal engaged in inter-alia, teaching, training, research & development and skill development in diverse areas of Geography and Tourism Management. As an integral part of the University of Coimbra, Department of Geography and Tourism is imparting excellent education at UG, PG, and doctoral levels. The University of Coimbra is the most sustainable institution in Portugal. It was established in 1290, making it one of the oldest institutions in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. University of Coimbra is a world class and a leading university that offers education and research at all study levels and in nearly all study fields.


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AND

Director, Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (ITHM), Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India. ITHM is one of the leading and oldest institutes in India in terms of its high quality UG, PG and Doctorate Level education in the areas of Tourism and Hospitality Management. ITHM, an eminent department of Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, is continuously striving to ensure that its efforts in teaching and learning are of the highest standard. Bundelkhand University came into existence on August 26, 1975, vide Government of Uttar Pradesh Notification No. 10/15-60/74 under the provision of the U.P. Universities Act. However, though belonging to the younger generation of the Indian Universities, the Bundelkhand University has fast transformed into a university of excellence offering opportunities to the aspiring youths to pursue higher education. Recognized as Number One University of the Uttar Pradesh and accredited thrice by NAAC, Bundelkhand University is shining as a polar star on the horizon of self-sustenance and real Independence

Both universities agree on the following clauses:

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

- The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties is to provide a framework for the proposed collaboration to pursue quality research and enhance international scholarship.
- The Virtual exchange of experience and scientific knowledge between the two chairs will be of great interest for their mutual progress and also for the service of the society.
- Thus, understanding the strength of each party in the field of Tourism Management, the parties have agreed to virtually promote and facilitate the said goals and work jointly within the shortest possible time with least procedural and bureaucratic delays.

2. GENERAL

- 2.1 The faculty members of Tourism management of both the Department of Geography and Tourism, University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal & the Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India will work online towards joint research projects, thereby mutually using research facilities.
- 2.2 The faculty, students, and Ph.D. Scholars of Tourism Management shall be allowed virtually exchange the teaching-learning resources with each other.

3. ACADEMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMMES

- 3.1 For the mutual benefit of the two institutions, there can be online exchange of the knowledge of faculty members of Tourism Management.


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- 3.2 Faculty members will virtually help each other in preparing common observational/research programs.
- 3.3 Faculty/scholars from either institution will be able to virtually use the co-supervision of faculty members for research guidance.
- 3.4 Publications and patents (if any) emanating from joint research work carried out by faculty/scholars will belong to both the parties.
- 3.5 Parties will work closely to develop high-quality research environment in the areas of individual/mutual competence through organization of symposia.
- 3.6 The faculties of both the institutions will explore the possibility of jointly seeking funds for conducting collaborative research from domestic and foreign agencies with due approval of both the participating parties. The approval must be included in a signing agreement for this purpose.
- 3.7 The joint sponsored and consultancy projects may be undertaken with both long-term and short-term goal(s), keeping in view the interest, strength(s) and philosophies of both the parties.
- 3.8 The ethical clearance for each project if required should be obtained from the respective Institute's Ethics Committees.

4. Miscellaneous:

- 4.1 **Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure:** The Parties agree that in view of confidential, proprietary information, data and documents will be shared under a non-disclosure / confidentiality agreement between the parties.
- 4.2 **Amendments:** This MOU shall not be varied or amended unless such variation or amendment is agreed in writing by the competent authorities of both the parties.
- 4.3 **Notices:** All the notices to the Parties in respect to the matters covered under this MOU shall be in writing delivered to the Parties through their registered E-Mail.

In case of Department of Geography and Tourism, University of Coimbra

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In case of Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Bundelkhand University

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- 4.4 Notwithstanding anything contained hereinbefore, if any difficulty/dispute arises in the actual working of this agreement, the mutual decision of both the chairs signing this MOU shall be final and binding.




5. EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT


- 5.1 The Parties represent and warrant to each other that the individual signing on their respective behalf has been duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Agreement, when fully signed and delivered, is binding on both the parties. This MOU is valid till the time both the parties mutually consent to work together in synergy with each other. Either party may terminate this MoU by providing six months prior written notice to the other party.
- 5.2 It is agreed that the progress of this MOU will be jointly monitored by Director, ITHM, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India and Coordinator of Ph.D. (Tourism, Heritage and Territory), Department of Geography and Tourism, University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal. Any change/modification/termination as introduced/suggested shall be acceptable to both the institutions.
- 5.3 This Agreement is being executed in two original versions.

Both the parties hereto have set their hands onto this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the / / :

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