

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“**MoU**”) has been entered into on the 24th day of March , 2025 (“**Execution Date**”) by and between,

National Law School Of India University, a university, constituted under the National Law School of India University Act (Karnataka Act 22 of 1986), having its registered office address at Gnana Bharathi Main Road, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru – 560242 (hereinafter referred to as the “**NLSIU**”, which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns) acting through its authorized signatory the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy, of the **FIRST PART**;

And

Indian Institute of Legal Studies, recognized under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 and affiliated to the University of North Bengal, Raja Ram Mohunpur, Siliguri, having its registered office address at Dagapur, Siliguri, P.O. Salbari, P.S. Matigara, Darjeeling, West Bengal – 734002 (hereinafter referred to as “**IILS**” which expression unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns) acting through its authorized signatory the Director, Prof. (Dr.) Tapas Kumar Chatterjee of the **OTHER PART**

NLSIU and IILS shall together, hereinafter be individually referred to as “**Party**” and collectively referred to as “**Parties**”.

WHEREAS,

- A. NLSIU is an educational institution established and incorporated under the NLSI Act with the explicit purpose to *inter-alia* advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes and their role in national development, and to develop in the student and research scholar a sense of responsibility to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, legal services, legislation and law reforms.
- B. Indian Institute of Legal Studies (IILS) was established in 2010. The Indian Institute of Legal Studies has received no-objection from the Ministry of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, has been affiliated to the University of North Bengal, Raja Ram Mohunpur, Siliguri. The courses of Indian Institute of Legal Studies are duly approved by the Bar Council of India (BCI), Government of India, New Delhi.
- C. In order to facilitate academic collaborations, and exchange of students and faculty, the Parties are desirous of entering into this MoU as a framework for cooperative programs.
- D. To further the objectives set out in Recital C, the Parties are desirous of entering into this MoU to record their mutual intention to promote academic and educational exchange between their institutions through the following activities broadly set out below.

1. STAFF EXCHANGE

1.1 Exchange of Academic Staff

The two institutions may nominate their academic staff to participate in an exchange for the purpose of study or lecturing in the other university on a reciprocal basis. The participant is subject to approval by the host university. The period of exchange will normally be one

semester / trimester as the case may be, however in exceptional circumstances, consideration may be given to two semesters / trimesters. The host university will provide an engagement letter, a library and research facilities and other assistance as far as possible. The sending university will also maintain its academic staff on full salary during the period of the exchange. The host university will assist the visiting academic staff in locating housing / accommodation.

1.2 Visiting Academic Staff

In addition to the reciprocal exchanges, either university may invite faculty members of the other university for the purpose of lecturing or consultation for a specified period of time, subject to the approval of the home university. In such cases the host university will make appropriate funding arrangements agreed to in advance.

1.3 Visiting Research Fellows

Either university may nominate one or more of its faculty to visit the other university for the purpose of advanced study or research, subject to the approval of the host university. In such cases, the sending university will provide the Research Fellow with a normal salary based on the sending institution's regulations. The host university will provide institutional courtesies, library and research facilities and an appropriate engagement letter.

2. Student Exchange

2.1 Each university may send students, either undergraduate or graduate, to the other university in appropriate fields of study.

2.2 Both institutions agree that the exchange program for degree training should follow the educational system and regulations of the counterpart university. Students must submit their applications to the other college or faculty through their own university.

2.3 The modalities of the student exchange program will be discussed and agreed between the Parties before such exchange.

3. Cooperative Research

3.1 Co-operative research is to be encouraged as individual scholars or departments establish contact and develop mutual interests. The cost and conditions of such agreements will be negotiated individually.

4. Exchange of Academic Materials

4.1 Each university shall exchange all relevant materials, such as those relating to the library, on a regular basis. The libraries can also exchange reference materials for research purposes.

5. Terms of Co-operation

5.1 The terms of co-operation for each specific activity implemented under this MoU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity.

5.2 Any such agreement entered into, as outlined above, will form an Appendix to this MoU.

6. Co-ordination of the Exchange

- 6.1 Each institution shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and co-ordinate the specific activities agreed upon.
- 6.2 Through these offices, either party may initiate proposals for activities and specific details of any such activities will be set forth in a letter of agreement.

7. Renewal, Termination and Amendment

- 7.1 This MoU shall come into force on the Execution Date and shall remain in effect for a period of 1 year from the Execution Date. The Parties may, through mutual agreement in writing, extend the term of the MoU for a further specified period of time.
- 7.2 Either Party may terminate this MoU through a prior written notice of 2 months. However, termination will not affect the exchanges that are already agreed upon in the year of termination.

8. Relation between Parties

The relationship between the Parties shall be on a principal to principal basis. The Parties shall be responsible for the obligations towards their respective employees including labour law compliances. The participation in the exchange programme pursuant to this MoU shall not guarantee employment / admission with the host or home institution.

9. Confidential Information

The Parties shall maintain the confidentiality of all Confidential Information shared as part of this MoU. Confidential Information means information that is marked as confidential or otherwise reasonably understood as confidential.

10. Data Protection

The Parties shall ensure compliance with the data processing and data protection obligations in India.

11. Dispute Resolution

- 11.1 The Parties shall endeavour to resolve any disputes arising out of or in connection with the MoU through mutual amicable settlements failing which they shall refer the dispute to a mutually agreed mediator.
- 11.2 Subject to the above provision, the Parties shall be governed by the laws of India and Courts in Bengaluru shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute.

12. Entire Agreement

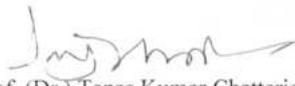
- 12.1 This MoU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. No amendments, consent or waiver of terms of this MoU shall bind either Party unless in writing and signed by the Parties.
- 12.2 This MoU supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written between the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

13. Non-Binding Nature of MoU

- 13.1 Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as creating any contract, partnership agency or other legal relationship between the Parties. The MoU is only a non-binding statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration.

The Parties have caused this MoU to be executed on the Execution Date hereinabove written.

For Indian Institute of Legal Studies,
Siliguri


Prof. (Dr.) Tapas Kumar Chatterjee
Director

For the National Law School of
India University, Bengaluru


Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy
Vice-Chancellor


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