## Memorandum of Agreement Between

## The University at Albany, State University of New York, USA And

# Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University) Bilaspur C.G. State, India

WHEREAS, the **Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya** (**A Central University**) (hereinafter referred to as GGVU) and the University at Albany, State University of New York, (hereinafter referred to as UAlbany), collectively referred to as "the parties", are institutions of higher education committed to global education in order to promote international understanding and goodwill, to strengthen cultural ties and to broaden the experience of faculty and students.

NOW, therefore, the parties agree to the following terms of collaboration:

- The parties agree to explore faculty development opportunities between UAlbany and GGVU.
- The parties agree to explore dual degree agreements at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- The parties agree to explore hosting faculty from the other institution as visiting scholars for a period of mutual agreement.
- The parties agree to explore the development of short-term academic and cultural experiences for self-financed students, faculty, and staff from the other institution.
- The parties agree to explore cooperative scientific and academic research projects beneficial to both.
- The parties agree to explore opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to take courses and to engage in internships, service-learning activities, and research at the other institution.
- The parties agree that any collaborative arrangements set up under the framework of this Memorandum of Agreement will be the subject of specific formal agreements.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Details of the implementation of any particular initiative resulting from this agreement shall be negotiated between responsible officials designated by their respective institutions as each specific collaboration opportunity arises. Each institution shall designate a liaison officer to develop and coordinate the specific activities agreed upon. Both parties understand that any financial arrangements will be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds. Both parties understand that initiatives will follow the approval procedures that apply to each institution.

### **DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

The duration of this agreement shall be for three years from the date of signing. This agreement may be terminated upon three months written notice by either party. In such an instance, the termination of the agreement shall not affect ongoing activities and anybody already engaged in an activity, nor shall it affect any of the specific agreement that will end at their respective termination date or following their anticipated termination process. Any changes to this agreement shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.

Any collaborative arrangements set up under the framework of this Memorandum of Agreement will be the subject of specific formal agreements.

This agreement is to be executed in English language in two (2) original copies, with one remaining for each party. Both copies shall have equal validity.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties hereby execute this Agreement by their respective authorized signatories on the day and year as stated below to bind themselves to this Agreement.

Signed on the 22nd day of February, 2024.

For University at Albany, SUNY

For Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya University (A Central University)

Professor

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