

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between

**PATNA UNIVERSITY, PATNA**

And

**DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD CENTRAL AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY,  
PUSA, SAMASTIPUR**

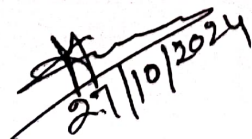
**This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) made and executed at Patna on October 27, 2024**

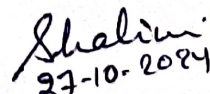
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**Patna University** popularly also known as **PU, Patna** is a state university located in the capital of Bihar state in the city of Patna in India. Patna University is the seventh oldest university and the first in Bihar, Patna University was founded by an Act of legislature on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1917. It is the only teaching cum residential university in the state with a truly national character that transcends linguistic, cultural, political and other denominational boundaries. The outstanding personalities who have led India's Freedom Struggle and have occupied or are now occupying coveted academic, administrative, judicial and political position along with its reputed teachers and brilliant students have largely contributed towards its extremely rich academic heritage. Patna University has 10 constituent colleges, 04 Institutes and 31 Postgraduate departments. The University is a member of The Association of Indian Universities (AIU). Besides, the university organizes symposium, seminars and workshops. It is a premier institution of teaching and learning in the state of Bihar offers full-time courses ranging from undergraduate to postgraduate and research level.

AND

**Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa (RPCAU)** came into existence on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 after the conversion of Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, a state agricultural

  
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university, which was established in 1970 by Government of Bihar a historical place where the idea of agricultural research and education first took shape. The history of the place dates back to year 1905, when Agricultural Research Institute and College, Pusa was first established by the British Government in light of the recurring food scarcity in the country. In its current role, the university extends its jurisdiction and responsibility in the fields of teaching, research, and extension in context of agriculture and allied sciences to the whole country with special reference to the State of Bihar.

Both **PU** and **RPCAU** shall individually be referred to as "Party" and collectively as "Parties".

### **Objectives of the MoU:**

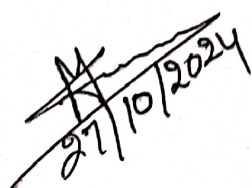
The primary objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish a collaborative framework between **PATNA UNIVERSITY, PATNA (PU)** and **DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD CENTRAL AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY, PUSA, SAMASTIPUR (RPCAU)** to foster a culture of academics, research, consulting, training, Knowledge sharing, Faculty development & exchange, joint programs within the two institutes.

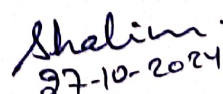
- To establish a cooperative relationship to improve educational opportunities for students, such as internships, co-op programs, guest lectures, and workshops etc.
- To outline a joint commitment to research and development activities, such as collaborative projects, sharing research resources, and access to specialized facilities or equipment.
- To explore possibilities for collaboration on various research projects, joint organization of seminars and conferences, exchange of faculties and students, and other professional, technical, and academic collaboration
- To offer programs that are felt to be desirable and feasible for the development and strengthening of expertise in various fields
- To promote and enhance academic and research interaction and collaboration between the parties.

**1. Scope of MoU:** Both the parties in principle agree to work in the following areas of collaborations:

The Parties agree to implement cooperation programs including but not limited to:

- Exchange of details on best practices.
- Faculty and student exchanges.
- Curriculum Development.
- Skills based certification courses that are left to the choices of the two parties.
- Other areas as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

  
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Based on the principles of equality, reciprocity, and mutual benefit, **Patna University (PU)** and **Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture University, PUSA (RPCAU)** hereby agree to explore the following avenues of educational exchange:

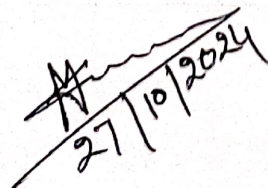
- Capacity building
- Student exchange program.
- Curriculum development and offering specially designed programs of study.
- Collaborative Research projects.
- Promoting and encouraging joint research projects and other scholarly co-operation, particularly on Sustainable Development, Tribal Studies, Linguistics, Environment and other areas as decided from time to time.
- Development of research/academic activities in key areas.
- Initiating activities to run innovative interdisciplinary courses.
- Events collaboration to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Joint Incubation Program.
- Conducting workshop and training to students and faculty.
- Academic leadership & Innovation.
- Pursuing other mutually advantageous undertaking.

➤ **Programme Launch:**

UG, PG and Research Programmes to be jointly developed and launched through a collaboration between both the institutions, aiming for their mutual benefit. The revenue thus granted will be mutually shared.

➤ **Capacity Building:**

**Patna University** will collaborate to conduct a comprehensive array of capacity-building initiatives, including but not limited to workshops, diploma and certificate courses, research programs, specialized training sessions, consulting services, Management Development Programs (MDP), Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDP), and Faculty Development Programs (FDP). These initiatives will aim to impart entrepreneurial skills, foster innovation, and enhance the knowledge base of the faculty members, students, and other stakeholders at **RPCAU**. The collaboration will leverage the expertise of both parties to provide a diverse and enriching set of learning opportunities.

  
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➤ **Academic & Research Collaboration:**

Academic and Research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest such as Entrepreneurship, Management, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) will take place. It is expected that this collaboration will, in due course, lead to collaborative academic programmes, research projects, joint supervision of PhD students, joint workshops seminars, conferences, adventures of mutual interest.

➤ **Exchange Programmes:**

Exchange of students and faculty members; exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials, and publications; and allied aspects with mutual honor of the copy right and IPR interest of either side.

➤ **Cross-Enrollment in Courses:**

Students from PU will be able to take admission in courses offered by RPCAU, and similarly, students from RPCAU will be able to take admission in courses offered by PU following the admission procedures of the respective Universities. This collaborative effort is designed to facilitate cross-enrollment opportunities between the two institutions.

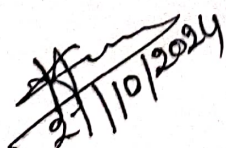
➤ **Networking Opportunities:**

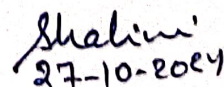
Facilitate networking events, industry interactions, and collaborative platforms to connect PU startups with industry leaders, potential partners, and investors.

➤ **Research Collaboration:**

Explore opportunities for joint research projects and initiatives between PU and RPCAU, focusing on innovative solutions in various focus sectors.

Both entities will extend support and cooperation in implementation of NEP 2020 in letter and spirit.

  
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➤ **Monitoring and Evaluation:**

Establish a framework for periodic review and assessment of the progress and impact of the collaborative initiatives outlined in this MoU. Any specific activity developed under the MoU shall be detailed in a subsequent agreement, signed by each institution's authorized signatory, which will be described the scope of the proposed activity, intended outcomes, budget and responsible departments or individuals.

**2. Commencement and Validity:**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall commence on the date of signing of this MoU and shall remain valid initially **for a period of Three years (03 years)**, thereafter extendable upon review of activities and mutual interest after adopting due process.

**3. Financials:**

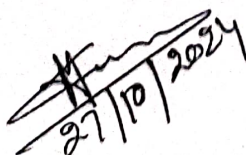
Both the Parties shall work out financials with respect to each individual work plan separately. In no case any financial or academic liability on one party would be transferable on the other party.

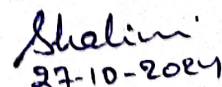
**4. Non-exclusivity of the MoU**

Either party or both parties together have the unrestricted right to seek additional funds for and/or to cooperate with any agency/institute for any of the projects covered by the MoU.

**5. Terminations:**

5.1 In case the conditions mentioned for different transactions, detailed in the MOU in order to achieve the objectives of the MOU, is/are not fulfilled, both the parties may, without assigning

  
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any reason, in the interest of their Universities may terminate this MOU at any time by giving to other party three months' notice in writing sent by registered post or Speed Post or Email.

- 5.2 Any of the parties if found guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the MOU's interest, termination may take place.
- 5.3 No party shall have authority to purport or assign the burden or benefits or charge the Benefits of this Memorandum of Understanding without the consent in writing of the other Party. A Coordination Committee shall be constituted with the consent of of both the Parties with members from both the sides for the effective communication and achievement of objectives set down in the MOU.

## 6. Force Majeure:

- 6.1 If the performance of the obligations under this Memorandum of Understanding is prevented by reason of any contingencies, which could not have been reasonably avoided and are beyond the control of the parties, the party so affected shall not be liable to the other for damages to the extent of such prevention. Such contingencies include strikes of employees, fire, flood, explosion, riots sabotage, acts of God and war or enemy action.

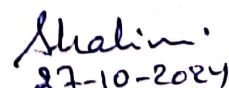
## 7. Notice:

- 7.1 Save as hereinbefore otherwise provided, any notice required to be given hereunder shall be sufficiently given to each other if forwarded by registered post, speed post, courier/email, to the last known postal address/email of the parties. Every notice shall be deemed to have been received and given at the time when in the ordinary course of transmission, it should have been delivered at the address to which it was sent.

## 8. Indemnity:

- 8.1 This MoU is based on a spirit of goodwill and mutual respect and both parties here by agrees to defend and hold both the Institute harmless at all times from any loss, claim, damage, costs, taxes, duties, penalties or entries.

  
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8.2 Both parties shall indemnify each other against all losses damages or claims that may arise out of any unauthorized representations made by their employees or representatives.

**9. Dispute Resolution:**

9.1 "Any claim, dispute or difference relating to or arising out of this MoU shall be referred to the arbitration, of a sole arbitrator. The arbitration shall be subject to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 as may be amended from time to time"

9.2 This MOU is to be construed in accordance with laws of India with exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of PATNA, Bihar (India) for all matters concerning this MoU.

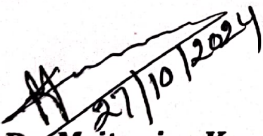
In witness thereof, the parties have set their hands and seal on the day, month and year first written.

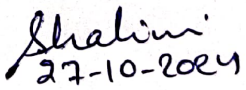
**For**  
**Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture**  
**University, PUSA, Samastipur, Bihar**

**For**  
**Patna University, Patna, Bihar**

Signature :

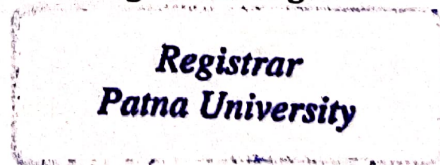
Signature :

  
Name: Dr. Mritunjay Kumar  
Designation: Registrar

  
Name: Prof. Shalini  
Designation: Registrar

Witness:

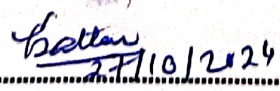
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