

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE SURVEY OF INDIA (THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA)  
AND  
THE SURVEYING AND MAPPING AUTHORITY (THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA)**

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia, represented by the Surveying and Mapping Authority, and the Government of the Republic of India, represented by the Survey of India, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties",

Recognizing the importance of cooperation in the field of geodesy, cartography, and spatial data infrastructure, including issues of digitalization,

Recognizing the need to respect the legal regulations of national legislation of the States of the Parties, on the basis of equality and reciprocity,

Have reached the following understanding:

**I. Objective**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum") is to exchange experience in relevant areas of activities of the Parties pertaining to the geo-spatial domain of the parties and to strengthen their relationship.

**II. Scope of Memorandum**

The Parties intend to cooperate within the framework of their competence through:

- (a) Exchange of knowledge and experiences on all issues within the competence of the Parties in the fields of geodesy, cartography and spatial data infrastructure, including issues of digitalization;
- (b) Facilitation of professional training and capacity building; and
- (c) Facilitation of cooperation between relevant scientific and educational organizations of the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of India.

**III. Forms of Cooperation**

The cooperation under this Memorandum may include the following forms:

- (a) Mutual visits of specialists of the Parties;
- (b) Exchange of information and documentation relating to the areas of mutual interest;
- (c) Meetings, seminars, conferences, workshops, and training sessions for the experts of the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of India, both in person and by electronic means;
- (d) Organization of education and training for the employees of the Parties and interested institutions; and
- (e) Any other forms of cooperation that may be jointly decided upon by the Parties within their competence. A non-binding suggested activities is listed in Appendix A.



#### **IV. Implementation and Joint Working Group**

The Parties will designate their representatives to implement relevant activities and exchange opinions on matters related to this Memorandum.

The parties may hold joint meetings to discuss the results of activities and coordination.

#### **V. Financial Arrangement**

Each Party will bear its own respective costs and expenses with respect to its activities/ commitments under this Memorandum and neither party will make a claim against other party for any expenditure unless such expenditure is agreed upon in writing between the parties.

#### **VI. Protection of Intellectual Property Rights**

The issues of protection and use of Intellectual Property Rights, arising or transferring in the process of cooperation within the framework of the Memorandum, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, would be governed by the Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of India on protection and use of intellectual property rights under the national laws and international agreement that both parties agreed to.

#### **VII. Protection of Confidential Information**

The Parties acknowledge that during the implementation of this Memorandum, information and documentation, access to which is limited by the national legislation of the States of the Parties, is not subject to be exchanged.

In accordance with their respective national legislation the Parties will ensure the protection of the information, documents, materials and equipment received during the implementation of this Memorandum, or resulting from joint activities. The Parties will take necessary measures to protect any confidential information received or generated under this Memorandum at a level equal to the protection of their own confidential information. Information obtained during the implementation of activities under this Memorandum will not be used by a Party to the detriment of the interests of another Party.

The Parties intend to use the information provided within the framework of cooperation under this Memorandum only for the purposes for which it was provided, and not to disclose such information to a third Party without the prior written consent of the Party providing it.

#### **VIII. Revision and Amendment**

This Memorandum can be amended at any time through mutual written consent of the Parties. The amendments will come into effect with the same procedure prescribed under the first paragraph of Article X.

#### **IX. Settlements of Disputes**

Any differences between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, implementation, application of this Memorandum will be resolved amicably by the Parties in a friendly manner, through consultations and negotiations.



## X. Entry into force, Duration, Renewal & Termination

This Memorandum will come into effect from the date of its signing and will remain valid for a period of 5 (five) years. Thereafter, it will automatically be extended for the successive period of 5 (five) years, unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum 6 (six) months prior to the expiration of its validity.

This Memorandum can be discontinued at any time upon the written notification of any of the Parties. In this case, the Memorandum will be discontinued 6 (six) months after the date of the receipt of the notification.

This Memorandum is signed with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an international agreement that is binding upon the Parties under international law. No provision of this Memorandum will be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or obligations for the Parties.

This Memorandum is signed in New Delhi on 27 November 2025 in two copies each in Hindi, Slovenian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text will be used.

For the Surveying and Mapping Authority  
(the Republic of Slovenia)

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## Appendix A

### Non-Binding List of Possible Forms of Cooperation between the Surveying and Mapping Authority of the Republic of Slovenia and Survey of India

This list outlines indicative and non-binding forms of potential cooperation, which the parties may explore and implement through mutual agreement and subject to available resources and institutional priorities.

#### **1. Exchange of Knowledge and Best Practices**

- Sharing experiences in the management of land cadastre, building cadastre, and real estate registers.
- Presentation of successful digital solutions for spatial planning and geodata management.
- Organization of expert visits and technical workshops to strengthen institutional capacities.

#### **2. Joint Development of Technological Solutions**

- Cooperation in the development of applications and tools in the field of GIS (Geographic Information Systems), remote sensing and spatial data

infrastructures.

- Implementation of joint pilot projects in 3D spatial modeling, digital twins, and the use of satellite and drone imagery for monitoring land use changes.

### 3. Standardization and Data Interoperability

- Exchange of knowledge related to the implementation of INSPIRE and other international spatial data initiatives and standards.
- Linking national spatial data infrastructures for the purpose of cross-border and international cooperation.

### 4. Education and Capacity Building

- Joint organization of training sessions, webinars, and professional seminars for public servants and technical experts from both countries.
- Promotion of expert and student exchanges in the field of geodesy and spatial data management.

### 5. Joint Application to International Projects and Funding Opportunities

- Identification of opportunities for cooperation in projects financed by international organizations (e.g. UN-GGIM, World Bank, EU, etc.).
- Preparation of joint project proposals focused on improving land administration and spatial governance.

### 6. Support for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Alignment of activities with global development goals, especially in the areas of spatial planning, land management, and digitalization of public services.

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