





## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

#### **BETWEEN**

Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Punjab (MGSIPA), an Autonomous Institute under Department of Personnel, Government of Punjab Registration under Society Registration Act, 1860 located at Sector-26, Chandigarh, engaged in imparting quality training in various disciplines to officers and officials of the State Government and its Boards, Corporations, Central Government and other Organizations; as well as undertaking research studies including evaluation and consultancy in public administration, public policy and governance.

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Survey of India (SOI), under the Department of Science & Technology, is one of the oldest organized surveying institutions in the world. The organization was established in 1767, with a history of more than 250 years and a rich heritage of accurate geospatial information. In its assigned role through National Geospatial Policy-2022, the Survey of India, bears a special responsibility to ensure that the country's domain is explored and mapped suitably to provide foundational geospatial data for expeditious and integrated development and ensure that all resources contribute their full measure to the progress, prosperity and sovereignty of the country. The primary responsibility of SOI is to provide authoritative foundation data which includes but not limited to maintaining Geodetic Reference Frame, Orthoimagery, Elevation (DEM), Functional Areas (Administrative Boundaries) and Geographical Names (Toponymy) in collaboration with various stakeholders including the private sector by suitably aligning with the priorities of the Government of India. In addition, it is also mandated to promote the use of geospatial knowledge and intelligence through partnerships and other mechanisms by all sections of the society and work towards a knowledge-based society. SOI has its headquarters in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

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Have decided with mutual consent after due diligence to sign this MoU for generating synergy between the two organizations in the field of training and research and create knowledge in the larger interest of the society broadly under the following terms and conditions.

The above two organizations hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties".

### 1) Objectives of this MoU

The objective of this MoU is to establish cooperation between the parties to realise their full potential in the field of training and research. It marks the formal commitment of both organizations to explore practical approaches for creating mutually beneficial relationships in order to enhance the capacities of functioning and contribute in skill development, capacity building and research in following areas: -

- Advanced Surveys to support survey/re-survey using CORS, ETS, DGPS,
   Drones and LiDAR, etc. in both rural and urban areas.
- ii. Hands-On Training in digitization and georeferencing with QGIS.
- iii. Training in land surveying, RoR computerization and cadastral map digitization.
- iv. Establish a comprehensive knowledge management system to facilitate the sharing of information, best practices and lessons learned in land administration and management between SOI and MGSIPA.

#### 2) Areas of Cooperation

The collaboration will focus on leveraging SOI's expertise in geospatial data, mapping and intelligence to enhance public administration efficiency and policy implementation. The partnership focuses on developing essential spatial datasets, organizing joint training programs and implementing innovative land administration. Additionally, the collaboration emphasizes knowledge management, joint research and the dissemination of publications. Indicative areas of association but not limited to include the following are:

(i) Co-hosting of Workshops/Seminars at the premises of both parties
 i.e. MGSIPA and SOI on various subjects of importance, relevance
 and of mutual interests.

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- (ii) Capacity building programmes on mutual basis for various stakeholders.
- (iii) Short term training programs/module mutually at the premises of both the parties for officers on topics of mutual interest.
- (iv) Regular exchange of faculty as well as collaborative applied studies and developing strategic policy papers in the areas of mutual interest.
- (v) Utilisation of infrastructure and resources of both the parties for conduct of National/International collaboration/agreements/MoU with the consent of and in agreement with third party to conduct short term trainings/workshops/seminars on mutually agreed subjects, terms and conditions.
- (vi) Co-operate and work for development and promotion of research collaborations in subjects/areas of mutual interest.
- (vii) Need based, third party assessments, concurrent monitoring and impact evaluation of trainings, programmes and projects.
- (viii) Mutual access to the library and e-journals for research, study etc. Such training programs and activities will be planned and formalised in advance as and when opportunities for the same arise and will be scheduled, based on mutual convenience, need and mutually agreed Terms of Reference (ToR).

#### 3) Review of Events and Activities

The program and activities arising out of the MoU shall be reviewed as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. The views and convenience of the competent authorities concerned of both the Parties would be the guiding factors for deciding the scope, venue, timing and duration of such reviews. Each Party shall identify a specific contact person from time to time to develop specific operational arrangements and agreements under this MoU, facilitate implementation and/or monitor the progress in respect thereof.

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# 4) Tenure of this MoU

This MoU shall come into effect from the date of its signing and shall remain in effect for a period of three years. Thereafter, it will be renewable by mutual written consent of both the Parties viz. MGSIPA and SOI, unless either Party terminates it by giving a written notice of its intention to terminate it to the other Party at least three months in advance. Termination of the MoU shall not affect the implementation of any ongoing program and/or activity undertaken within the framework of the MoU.

# 5) Further Cooperation

This MoU is signed in good faith as an indication of the sincere intention of both the Parties to build upon and develop the already existing mutual respect and confidence. Specific understanding, if any, would be arrived at in the shape of separate agreements and would be marked as an addendum to this MoU.

## 6) Terms of the Agreement

- I. The terms of cooperation for each specific training program and/or activity arising out of this MoU shall be mutually discussed on case to case basis and agreed upon separately in writing by the parties prior to the initiation of such program and/or activity.
- II. In general, the expenditure by any of the party under the said cooperation shall be borne by the respective party. However, if required, financial implications arising out of exchange of faculty or in conduct of short-term training programs in each party's premises shall be decided by mutual consent and agreement of both the parties on case to case basis.
- III. This MoU by itself shall not have any legal or financial obligations or implications for the Parties.
- IV. Any amendment to this MoU may be made by the Parties by mutual consent during the validity of this MoU. Any difference arising out of interpretation, implementation or application of the MoU shall be resolved amicably through consultation between the Parties, represented by the respective competent authorities.

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# **7)** Seal of the Parties

**In witness whereof,** the parties hereto have signed this agreement of the day, month and year mentioned hereinbefore.

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