



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
between
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BARAMATI
And
PDM UNIVERSITY, BAHUDUGARH, HARYANA
for
Students Exchange Programme



This **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** is drawn up and agreed upon to establish the cooperation between the College of Agriculture, Baramati (hereinafter called **CoA**) located at Sharadanagar, Malegaon Colony, Baramati, Pune, Maharashtra, 413115 India and PDM University, , Bahudugarh, Haryana, (Delhi-NCR) (hereinafter called **PDMU**)

PDM University (PDMU), located in Bahudugarh, Haryana (Delhi-NCR), was established in 2016 under the Haryana Private Universities Act with the renowned PDM Religious and Educational Association as its Sponsoring body. PDMU has a rich and a glorifying legacy of more than 12 PDM group of institutions under the umbrella of PDMREA imparting education since 1995. PDMU is presently offering more than 50 courses including Ph.D. Programme under the nine faculties. Our university with its aim to empower the students for their all round development is continuously evolving to meet the challenges and innovations of the future while maintaining a tradition of excellence and accessibility. PDMU has been offering B.Sc.(Hons.) in Agriculture programme since 2016-17.

College of Agriculture, Baramati (CoA) is affiliated to Mahatma Phule Agricultural University , Rahuri , Maharashtra (M.S.). Today Indian agriculture needs highly competent & multi disciplinary human resources. Hence Agriculture Development Trust (ADT) took this opportunity of investing in people for giving a cadre of highly competent human resources in the field of Agriculture. The CoA has therefore been started in pursuit of rural development through agricultural education. This is in response to the need and challenges of globalization. This is a concrete proof of Agriculture Development Trust's recognition of values and potential of the science and continuous efforts to create trained manpower in the field of Agriculture.

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVE

- The objective of this MOA is to offer a **"Student Exchange Programme"** by PDMU in association with CoA.

ARTICLE II: RATIONALE

- This joint venture will promote CoA and PDMU cooperation among students by paving a new dimension of collaboration through this unique cooperation for Agricultural education, research and extension activities.

- It will prepare trained batches of future **CoA and PDMU** professionals for quality education in dedicated fields. The program will focus on emerging areas to attract exclusive class of motivated students.
- This cooperation will lead to quality education with Bachelor's Degrees with an international exposure.

ARTICLE III: STEERING COMMITTEE

- A Steering Committee for the **Exchange programme** with the participation of both the institutions will be established to follow and monitor the operation of the program.
- The Steering Committee will report their recommendations and decisions to the Heads of respective institutions.

ARTICLE IV: RESPONSIBILITIES OF PDMU and CoA

- Both PDMU and CoA will work for offering quality education through this unique Exchange PROGRAMME.
- All the discussions related to the Bachelors Degree program will be decided by PDMU in consultation with CoA.

ARTICLE V: RESPONSIBILITIES of PDMU

- The responsibility of admission, registration, and scrutiny of students will be that of Vsource Educational Consultants (Vsource) for PDMU.
- The cost of Study of students for six semesters (First Three Years) will be borne by PDMU.
- The promotion and admission announcements of this programme within India and neighboring countries will be handled by Vsource for PDMU.
- PDMU will provide office, accommodation and food to 3-4 CoA faculty & international faculty members visiting PDMU for joint supervision of students, progress meetings, part-time teaching and coordination as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI: RESPONSIBILITIES of CoA

- CoA will provide office, accommodation and food to 3-4 PDMU faculty members visiting CoA for joint supervision of students, progress meetings, part-time teaching and coordination as deemed necessary.
- CoA will provide classrooms, laboratories and other facilities of international standard to the exclusive group of B.Sc. (AGRICULTURE) PROGRAMME students for the course delivery part at CoA (if any).



ARTICLE VII: COURSE MENTORING, RESEARCH, FACULTY AND STUDENTS EXCHANGE

1. **Course Mentoring:** PDM University's School of Agriculture and Research is a budding institute and stands to benefit immensely from the vast expertise of the College of Agriculture, Baramati which it has built upon through years of hardwork and an unparalleled dedication to knowledge dissipation. COA can thus help PDMU's School of Agriculture and Research in designing the curriculum for courses in which COA has significant expertise. Course Mentoring would typically involve experts from the faculty, COA helping and mentoring the faculty at PDMU in designing curriculum and guiding them with innovative pedagogical approaches. One or two courses per semester can be narrowed down for the same through mutual agreement.
2. **Exchange of Post Graduate Programmes:** Both PDM and Baramati present different topological and climatic conditions and thus different agricultural prospects and approaches to deal with. There is a vast potential for research in the arid/semi-arid regions in and around PDM and similarly the unique geographical and meteorological conditions at Baramati would be more than enticing for researchers from the Northern and northwestern part of the country to explore and look into. Therefore, a relationship centered on research projects at both the institutions can help students and research scholars from the two institutions to do meaningful work. Research can be performed in the fields of Agriculture, Animal husbandry and allied Sciences as ADT has got recognition in Post Graduate Research in MBA, M.Sc.
3. **Student Exchange (Short term) for Under Graduate programmes:** Student Exchanges lasting for 12 working days can take place once in each year. Such exchanges can take the form of field projects/practical sessions with the students getting the additional benefit of interacting with their peers and learning with them.
4. **Student Exchange (Long term):**
 - A. **A Semester at Baramati** – Interested students at PDMU have been given the freedom and flexibility to tweak and design their programs with the help of a Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in place. Benefitting from this, long term/semester long exchange programmes can be introduced for students at PDMU in the 4th year (**RAWE and Experiential Learning Programme**) 7th semester of their degree programs. The entire duration of their stay at COA can take the form of a semester long project. The credits thus gained from the project (after their evaluation at COA) can then be transferred back to PDMU. Alternatively, after the completion of the project duration, the faculty at COA can provide an evaluative framework for the project to the faculty from

PDMU and the students can be evaluated once they come back to PDMU. The project and accommodation fees for the semester away at COA, will be paid directly to COA by PDMU students and the amount can be made more reasonable through subsequent rounds of discussion.

B. A semester abroad at AIT, Bangkok: A group of students from PDMU, selected through a merit-based process shall be given the option to spend a semester abroad in their last year of their undergraduate degrees (8th semester). The exchange program can take the form of a project that the students undertake at AIT, Bangkok for completing **Experiential Learning Programme in Horticulture** and the credits thus earned can be transferred back to their transcripts in PDMU. The number of students can be agreed upon through mutual consensus and the fees charged shall be decided after further discussion between the two parties.

C. A Semester abroad at VHL, Netherlands upon approval of competent authorities of VHL each year : A group of students from PDMU, selected through a merit based process shall be given the option to spend a semester abroad at VHL University in Netherlands in their last year of undergraduate degrees (8th Semester). The exchange programme can take the form of a project that the student undertake at VHL, Netherlands for completing Experiential Learning Programme in Agribusiness Management and the credits thus earned can be transferred back to their transcripts in PDM. The number of students can be agreed upon though mutual consensus and the fees charged shall be decided after further discussion between two parties.

5. Fee Structure

Fees for all exchange programmes will be decided by mutual understanding between the institutions before the start of academics session and accordingly the students will have to pay the fee to the respective institutions.

ARTICLE VIII: SPECIAL PROVISION

- Both institutions will consult each other and resolve informally disputes or misunderstandings that arise in the administration of this MoA.
- Each party will consult with and take approval of the other party to use the latter's name, the names of the latter's officials/faculty members, and the logos for the activities under this MoA, and dissemination of results, on a case-by-case basis.

ARTICLE IX: DURATION, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

- This MoA will be effective from the date of signing by both parties and will be valid for 5 years. It may be subject to extensions by mutual consent in writing.



- Either party may terminate this MoA by giving six (6) months advance notice in writing.
- The provisions of this MoA may be amended at any time, with mutual consent in writing. In particular both parties shall review the progress of the program every 3 years and make necessary revisions in the MoA, if required, with mutual consent in writing.
- The amendment, termination and expiration of this MoA will not affect the terms and activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination, and expiration unless otherwise agreed between the parties in writing.


ARTICLE X: CONTACT PERSONS

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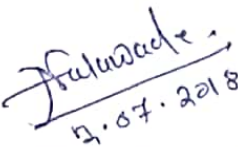
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This MoA is prepared in two identical copies. Each party holds one original copy duly signed by the Vice-Chancellor of PDMU, Chairman of ADT, Baramati and the Principal, College of Agriculture, Baramati.

Signed for and on behalf of:


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