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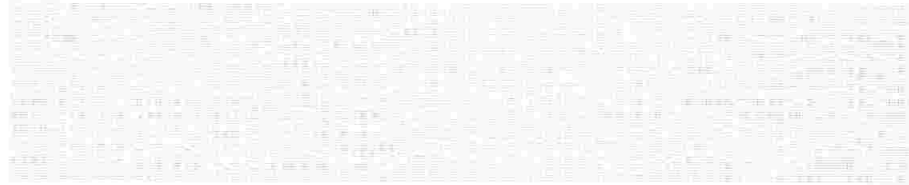
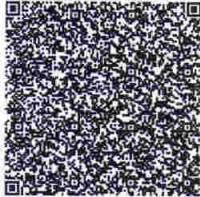


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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (M.O.U.)
BETWEEN
UTTARAKHAND SCIENCE EDUCATION & RESEARCH CENTRE (USERC)



USERC
Uttarakhand Science Education & Research Centre
Department of Science & Technology
Government of Uttarakhand

AND

UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY, HALDWANI



UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY
उत्तराखण्ड मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय
Established by an act of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly
Recognized by UGC, DSE, listed in AICTE

Registrar
Uttarakhand Open University
Haldwani (Nainital)

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Background:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes terms, conditions and understanding between Uttarakhand Science Education & Research Centre (USERC), Dept. of Science & Technology, Govt. of Uttarakhand & Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani.

Uttarakhand Science Education and Research Centre (USERC)

Uttarakhand Science Education and Research Centre (USERC) was setup in 2005 by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Uttarakhand as an autonomous organization. It was created with the mandate to bolster scientific temperament in Uttarakhand. To this end, it has been making intensive, across-the-board efforts to support education and promote career prospects in the realms of Science and Technology. USERC is dedicated to motivating and developing academicians and students through its involvement in teaching and training students for research in science and technology. A large part of Uttarakhand consists diverse, tough and complex topography and includes fragile ecosystems that cannot be disturbed due to ecological constraints. This has led to the state being unable to fully adopt the traditional approach for pursuing the goal of economic growth and development. In this milieu, inculcation and nurturing of scientific temperament and technological savviness is crucial for the state being able to progress on the path of economic growth and development. USERC works towards creating the necessary infrastructure and developing meaningful projects for the state by extensively interacting and collaborating with national and international institutions and experts. The Centre is developing a synergetic network with many academic institutions both within and beyond the state. USERC is known for conducting various outreach and inclusive developmental activities across the state.

Uttarakhand has a long tradition of learning and education. Faced with challenging terrain and inclement weather conditions, people of Uttarakhand have applied their own conventional knowledge of science since long and co-existed harmoniously with nature.

Uttarakhand Open University

Higher education is the most critical element of growth in this era of knowledge economy. We need to at least double the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) to remain active contributors to growth in this era. This truth has been well recognized by many policy makers, commissions and thoughtful individuals. The National Knowledge Commission has brought out valuable documents outlining the critical role of higher education. In this context, the role of Open and Distance Learning System (ODL) becomes significant and unique. The experience across the globe substantiates that ODL system is an effective tool for educationally empowering the different sections of society who, for one reason or the other, had missed the formal 'face-to-face' education. These days, distance education provides many vocational, professional and technical courses, including specialized programmes oriented towards the higher end of technology usage. It also has the potential to reach the unreached, marginalized and excluded people residing in distant places and difficult terrain.



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Strictly in tune with the philosophy of ODL system, Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) was established by an Act of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly in 2005 (Act No. 23 of 2005) with the aim of disseminating knowledge and skills through distance learning, using the flexible and innovative methods of education to ensure 'independent learning'.

The University uses novel educational programmes, various modes of communication technology and contact sessions to make distance learning more effective. The major objective of the University is to cater to the educational needs of the target groups to create skilled and knowledge based human resource for speedy upliftment and development of the State. The University aims to impart quality education by maintaining high academic standards. For this purpose, it has radically reoriented itself in view of the rapid changes in the sphere of professional and technical education and has developed a number of new and innovative self-employment/ employment-oriented courses of study. Uttarakhand Open University is especially focusing on the educational needs of women, tribal and other marginalized sections. It has extended its reach to most distant and difficult places and has made its presence felt even in the remotest corners of the state. It has signed MoUs with various providers with the sole aim of sharing resources and knowledge for the benefit of the people. The vision of the University is to provide the most critical components of growth, through quality higher education, to the state of Uttarakhand. UOU offers its programmes through 240+ Study Centers established at different locations in the state under eight Regional Centers at Dehradun, Roorkee, Pauri, Uttarkashi, Dwarahat, Bageshwar, Haldwani and Pithoragarh. The University has also signed Memorandum of Understanding with several leading research institutions, companies and professional bodies for the benefit of its students.

Objectives:

This MoU is built to ensure

1. Promotion of science education and technology among the learning community
2. Develop, promote and engage learning through technological means
3. Enhancing learning among the student community through capacity building programs
4. Wider awareness and diverse activities in the areas of education, environment, agriculture, health & hygiene
5. Enablement and enhancement of greater mutual understanding, cohesion among various institutions in Uttarakhand
6. Technology is meant to make lives easier, which is why USERC promotes need based and user-friendly technological interventions more so in the hilly terrain of Uttarakhand, enabling voice for every person, howsoever remote it may be. Uttarakhand is a disaster-prone area and the need for community radio service for instance is massive. Promotion and development of deliverables including content, structure, technology, etc. is required, the nucleus of which lies in its demography as well as its topography.


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7. Catering and development of inclusive technological means that for instance has the ability to provide simpler information, access and graphics. The focus is to offer solutions to people through the means of technology that is handy. Here, agricultural, advocacy, disability rights, etc. related platforms can be developed, improved and applied to common lives.
8. UOU and USERC act on the fundamentals of R&D. Such MoU is a value add to strengthen the alliances with the community at the same time being able to roster, engage with and maintain welfare centric academic as well as professional excellence.
9. UOU and USERC have been actively promoting inclusive activities for the persons with special needs and the need for technological interventions, needless to say are both massive and effective.
10. Inclusive livelihood, market research, commerce, administrative affairs, etc. are one of many areas of application through this MoU.
11. Community based libraries, both digital or without are a need for children in the hills. These libraries would only ascertain as greater sense of learning among the communities.
12. Enablement, performance and sustenance of rural livelihoods, SHG networks, grassroot organizations, etc. can be ensured through technological interventions.
13. ICT plays a crucial role in this while frame of community welfare. Tested ICT applications must be deployed to extend relief, rehabilitation and restoration on various grounds.
14. The world of academia, across levels demand a greater, trusted and sustained ICT intervention. This MoU shall put in place the priority of such needs.
15. UOU and USERC believe in the development of inclusive technological interventions. In other words, every person must be able to benefit from a particular type of technology. Hence, the focus of this MOU will continue to build and promote its utility as the central idea so that the entire social ecosystem may use it effectively, safely and with dignity.
16. UOU will play the role of knowledge partner while USERC will act as training partner for exchange of scientific and technological updates.

Coordinators:

Partner organizations will designate persons who will have the responsibility for coordination and implementation of this agreement. The designated officials for each activity will work out specific plan. Coordination committee will periodically review the progress.

Coordination Committee members will include

Uttarakhand Science Education & Research Centre (USERC)	Uttarakhand Open University
Prof. Durgesh Pant, Director - USERC	Prof. Om Prakash Singh Negi, Vice Chancellor
Dr. O.P. Nautiyal, Scientist - USERC	Mr. Bharat Singh, Registrar

Duration:

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the partner organizations and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent.


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