

Governor Phil Murphy

ICYMI: Montclair State University and Somaiya Vidyavihar University Partner to Foster Collaboration for Health Care Workers, Nurses

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MUMBAI, INDIA – Choose New Jersey, New Jersey’s leading nonprofit business attraction organization, as part of its Governor-led mission to India, today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Montclair State University and Somaiya Vidyavihar University (SVU), Mumbai’s first private university and leading global academic institution. The agreement, which Governor Phil Murphy signed as a witness, fosters academic and cultural collaboration between the two institutions in the field of health care.

“New Jersey is home to a thriving health care industry bolstered by our innovation economy and world-class talent,” **said Governor Phil Murphy**. “This partnership bridges the research capabilities of Montclair State University with the global perspectives of one of Mumbai’s most prominent universities to equip the next generation of health care workers to care for New Jersey residents.”

Under the MOU, Montclair State University and SVU will develop and implement a certificate program for adult and geriatric care.

“Montclair State University is part of an academic ecosystem preparing students for in-demand jobs in key industries, including life sciences,” **said Jonathan GS Koppell, President of Montclair State University**. “As an R2 research institution, we are ready to collaborate with Somaiya Vidyavihar University to help meet the need for licensed nurses in health care settings and improve patient care outcomes across the state.”

The agreement also creates a program to prepare students for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), a standardized examination administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, required to obtain a registered nurse (RN) or license in the United States.

“Somaiya Vidyavihar University is committed to preparing students for global careers in health care,” **said Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, Somaiya Vidyavihar University**. “Through this partnership with Montclair State University, we are able to combine our academic strengths with New Jersey’s innovative health care ecosystem to equip the next generation of nurses with the skills and knowledge needed to make a real impact on patient care worldwide.”

“In New Jersey, quality education and a highly skilled workforce work in tandem to advance innovation in New Jersey’s life sciences sector,” **said Wesley Mathews, President and CEO of Choose New Jersey**. “The partnership between Montclair State University and SVU represents New Jersey’s ability to collaborate with global partners to create a lasting impact at home.”

To view the full MOU between Montclair State University and Somaiya Vidyavihar University (SVU), click [here \(https://choosenj.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Mumbai-Somaiya-University-and-Montclair.pdf\)](https://choosenj.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Mumbai-Somaiya-University-and-Montclair.pdf).

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