



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES (AIU), INDIA

and the

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, USA

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on this _____ day of _____ month, _____ year, by and between

Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities (hereinafter "AIU"), whose office is at AIU House, 16 Comrade Indrajit Gupta Marg, New Delhi 110002, acting in her own name and on behalf of the association, by virtue of the powers vested in her by the Memorandum of Association of the Association.

and

Dr. Jonathan GS Koppell, President of the Montclair State University, USA (hereinafter "Montclair" or "University"), with a registered office in the United States of America, acting in his own name and on behalf of the University, by virtue of the powers vested in him by the Board of Trustees of the University.

BY AND BETWEEN

WHEREAS, **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)**, the world's largest and one of premier apex higher education institutions of the country established in 1925, is a research-based policy advice institution to the Government of India in the field of Higher Education, Sports, Culture and internationalization. At present it has a membership of 1082 universities. Since its inception, it has been playing a vital role in shaping Indian higher education. Being an apex institution, it facilitates cooperation and coordination among Indian universities and liaises between the universities and the Government and also national and international bodies of higher education in other countries in matters of common interest.

AND

WHEREAS, **Montclair State University (MSU)**, founded in 1908, is the second-largest university in the State of New Jersey, located on a 252-acre suburban campus just 12 miles from New York City. With more than 300 academic programs across 13 colleges and schools, the University offers a wide range of opportunities in fields such as business, computing, education, and the arts, while



maintaining a supportive learning environment with a student-to-faculty ratio of about 17:1. Recognized nationally for its affordability, value, and commitment to social mobility, Montclair provides both strong academics and a vibrant campus life, with ten residence halls housing over 5,000 students and direct NJ transit access to New York City. The University also fosters a culturally rich community, featuring landmarks like the Yogi Berra Museum and a thriving arts scene, making it an ideal place for students to learn, grow, and connect.

ARTICLE 1.- PURPOSE

Montclair and AIU agree to work together to explore and promote new educational opportunities for students in India and the United States. This collaboration aims to strengthen academic ties, enhance cultural understanding, and create pathways for increased educational exchange between the two countries.

ARTICLE 2.- AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The parties intend to:

- Work jointly to identify opportunities for academic cooperation and student engagement.
- Strive to host a delegation visit in 2026, or as soon as possible thereafter, in which New Jersey universities will welcome Indian university representatives to foster mutual understanding and explore new initiatives.
- Collaborate in good faith to support activities that advance the shared goal of expanding educational opportunities for students in both countries.

ARTICLE 3.- COMMITMENT

Both Montclair and AIU affirm their commitment to working collaboratively toward a successful and mutually beneficial partnership. While this MOU is not legally binding, it reflects the shared intentions and goodwill of both parties.

ARTICLE 4.- DURATION

This MOU will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing, unless modified or terminated by mutual written consent.



Signed, on day and date

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY	ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES
Dr. Jonathan GS Koppell President Montclair State University Date :	Dr. Pankaj Mittal Secretary General Association of Indian Universities Date :

Witness

Hon. Phil Murphy
Governor of the State of New Jersey

Date :