

1 PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is executed on **8th January 2026** between:

Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management (SJHIFM), Government of Haryana, having its office at IP 9, Sector-3 Panchkula, hereinafter referred to as “SJHIFM”, which is the State Government’s apex institution for economic research, fiscal policy advisory services, SDG integration, and capacity building,

AND

Central University of Haryana, located at Vill. Jant-Pali, District Mahendergarh, Haryana-123031, hereinafter referred to as “**Central University of Haryana**”. The Central University of Haryana (CUH) is a Central University established by an Act (25 of 2009) of Parliament. The University is committed to excellence in teaching, research and community engagement, with a focus on national development priorities and regional needs of Haryana.

Collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party”.

2 PURPOSE OF THE MOU

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a collaborative partnership to promote joint research, evidence-based policy formulation, economic and social impact studies, fiscal management research, SDG integration studies, capacity building and internship opportunities for students.

This partnership aims to strengthen knowledge exchange and institutional cooperation for advancing policy-relevant research and supporting the State Government’s governance and development agenda.

3 SCOPE OF WORK

3.1 COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH & EVALUATION STUDIES

- a. Joint research on economic, social, and fiscal issues relevant to Haryana.
- b. Impact evaluation of government schemes and policies.
- c. Collaboration on SDG monitoring, assessment and best practices documentation.

3.2 CAPACITY BUILDING & KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

- a. Jointly organizing Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), Refresher courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, upskilling programs, guest lectures and training programs etc.
- b. Faculty/staff & resource exchange program.
- c. Partnership for working on granted projects.
- d. Support in curriculum enrichment in areas of public policy, economics, and governance.

3.3 INTERNSHIP & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- a. Offering internships at SJHIFM.
- b. Field-based assignments, policy research, data management and governance studies.

3.4 DATA SHARING & RESEARCH SUPPORT

- a. Sharing non-confidential datasets and research inputs for academic work as per the mutually agreed terms.
- b. Providing technical expertise, advisory support and policy insights.

3.5 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL AND E-CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

Jointly develop high-quality print and digital instructional resources including e-modules, video lectures and interactive content.

3.6 ANY OTHER MUTUALLY AGREED WORK

The two institutes will undertake any other joint academic activity which is beneficial to the two institutions and is mutually agreed from time to time.

4 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 RESPONSIBILITIES OF SJHIFM

- a. Identify research areas, consultancy assignments and evaluation studies for collaboration.
- b. Provide internship opportunities to eligible students.
- c. Facilitate access to relevant government departments/officials where necessary.
- d. Share non-confidential data, reports and analytical tools essential for joint research.
- e. Extend opportunities for the University's/Institution's faculty/staff to participate in workshops, committees, and collaborative activities.
- f. Provide guidance through its Research Team, State Support Mission (SSM) and the UNDP Project Management Unit (PMU).
- g. Ensure timely communication and coordination through designated nodal officers.

4.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HARYANA

- a. Nominate faculty coordinators and student groups for collaborative assignments.
- b. Identify students for internships based on criteria mutually agreed with SJHIFM.
- c. Facilitate field work, surveys, data collection and research undertaken jointly as per the mutually agreed terms.
- d. Recognize internship work for academic credit as per University's/Institute's rules.
- e. Provide academic expertise and research support consistent with the objectives of this MoU.
- f. Ensure that research outputs maintain academic integrity and confidentiality norms.

5 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Each Party shall designate a Nodal Officer/Coordinator for implementation and coordination.

6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)

- a. Joint research outputs shall be co-owned by both Parties unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- b. Publications arising out of collaborative work shall acknowledge the contribution of both Parties.
- c. Ownership of any background intellectual property (including but not limited to confidential information, know-how, patents, copyrights, design rights, rights relating to computer software and any other industrial or intellectual property rights) shall remain with the Party owning it.

7 CONFIDENTIALITY

- a. The Parties agree to maintain confidentiality of sensitive and proprietary information shared during the collaboration, except where disclosure is mandated by law.
- b. Both the parties agree and undertake to ensure compliance with all the provisions applicable to data fiduciaries for processing the personal information in accordance with The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (DPDP Act).
- c. Neither of the parties shall use the name of the other Party or its employees in any advertisement, press release or publicity with reference to this MoU without prior written approval of the other Party, except for necessary governmental disclosures.

8 DURATION & TERMINATION

- a. This MoU shall remain valid for a period of three (03) years from the date of signing.
- b. It may be extended through mutual written consent.
- c. In case of any difference of opinion that may arise during the execution of this MoU in its true spirit, both parties shall make genuine efforts to resolve the same by mutual talks. In case the same persists, either Party may terminate the MoU by giving 30 days' prior written notice without assigning any reason.
- d. Ongoing projects at the time of termination shall continue until completion of these projects.

9 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- a. This MoU does not bind either Party to any financial liability unless expressly specified in a separate written agreement.
- b. Joint proposals may be submitted to external agencies for research grants.
- c. SJHIFM may recommend/nominate the name of the **Central University of Haryana** for any other State/Centre Govt. projects only with prior approval from **Central University of Haryana**.

10 LEGAL STATUS

- a. This MoU is a statement of mutual intentions and does not create any legally binding obligations.
- b. No employer-employee relationship is created between the Parties.



11 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- a. Each party undertakes to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from or supplied to the other party during the period of the implementation of the MOU or any other agreements made pursuant to this MOU. Any dispute arising out of interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultation.
- b. If an amicable solution is not reached, the MOU stands terminated, but termination shall not affect ongoing collaborative activities, which shall continue until completion unless otherwise agreed.

12 FORCE MAJEURE

Notwithstanding any item contained in this MoU, neither party shall be held responsible for actions beyond their control (e.g. natural calamities, law & order situation and so on) and compensation shall not be claimed by either party from the other nor shall it be paid. Either party may terminate this MoU in the event a force majeure event subsists for more than thirty (30) days.

For and on behalf of Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management (SJHIFM)	For and on behalf of Central University of Haryana
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