

Memorandum of Understanding



For Academic and Rehabilitation Collaboration between

Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU), Kanpur and

AMRITA School for Special Children, Kanpur

1. Background

The evolving field of mental health and clinical psychology demands the integration of academic learning with hands-on clinical training. With rising mental health awareness, increasing psychiatric disorders, and advancements in interventions, the need for skilled clinical psychologists is greater than ever.

About University: Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJM University), Kanpur, is a premier institution of higher education in Uttar Pradesh, named after the visionary social reformer Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj. Accredited with NAAC A++ and recognized as a UGC Category I university, CSJM University fosters academic excellence and holistic development in a dynamic and inclusive environment. With a commitment to innovation and research, the university offers diverse undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across multiple disciplines. Its state-of-the-art infrastructure, experienced faculty, and industry collaborations ensure quality education and skill development. CSJM University promotes interdisciplinary learning, encouraging students to become responsible global citizens. Aligned with the ideals of its namesake, the university prioritizes social empowerment, equity, and knowledge dissemination. Through cutting-edge research, technological advancements, and student-centric policies, CSJM University continues to be a beacon of knowledge, shaping future leaders and scholars.

Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, offers B.A. (Hons.) Psychology and a PG Diploma in Guidance and Counselling, focusing on academic excellence and practical application in mental health and behavioral sciences. The university also operates the Center for Well-Being, providing free non-pharmacological psychological services to students, faculty, staff, and the community. This center promotes mental wellness through counseling, therapy, and psychological support, fostering emotional resilience and holistic development. With expert faculty and a commitment to mental health awareness, the department plays a vital role in education, research, and community service.

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AMRITA School for Special Children:

Founded in 2009, AMRITA School for Special Children is a dedicated institution providing rehabilitation and educational services to children with intellectual and developmental disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, ADHD, Down Syndrome, and Seizure Disorders.AMRITA is committed to empowering children with special needs by focusing on self-dependence, social awareness, and skill-based training. The school follows a multi-disciplinary approach, involving special educators, psychologists, therapists, and counselors, to offer personalized learning and therapy plans. Additionally, AMRITA actively collaborates with government agencies and organizations to ensure children with disabilities receive the best possible care, benefits, and concessions under various government schemes. The institution plays a pivotal role in promoting inclusivity, advocacy, and awareness in the community while providing expert-driven rehabilitation services to help children reach their full potential.

2. Purpose and Scope

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a partnership between Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU), Kanpur, and AMRITA School for Special Children to enhance academic learning, research, and rehabilitation services for children with special needs. This collaboration aims to bridge the gap between academic expertise and practical application in special education, clinical psychology, and rehabilitation sciences.

3. Objectives of the MoU

- a. To provide clinical exposure and hands-on training for CSJMU students in Psychology, Social Work and Other related discipline from CSJM University.
- b. To facilitate joint research and knowledge-sharing in the field of special education, intellectual disabilities, autism, ADHD and behavioral therapy.
- c. To provide internship and training opportunities for CSJM University students in relevant disciplines.
- d. To conduct joint workshops, conferences, and awareness programs on mental health, intellectual disabilities, autism, ADHD and rehabilitation.
- e. To support community outreach programs promoting inclusivity and accessibility for children with special needs.



4. Responsibilities of CSJMU

CSJMU will:

- a. Nominate students for practical training, internships, and clinical exposure at AMRITA Schoolfor Special Children.
- b. Facilitate faculty exchange and collaborative research in special education and rehabilitation.
- c. Organize joint awareness campaigns and training programs on child development and disabilities.
- d. Ensure students follow ethical guidelines and professional standards in rehabilitation services.

5. Responsibilities of AMRITA School for Special Children

AMRITA will:

- a. Provide training, internships, and field experience to CSJMU students under expert supervision.
- b. Offer clinical cases and real-world exposure to students in areas like intellectual disabilities, autism, ADHD, and Down syndrome.
- c. Collaborate on research projects, therapy models, and case studies to enhance rehabilitation sciences.
- d. Support the organization of seminars, workshops, and community awareness programs.

6. Confidentiality and Compliance

- a. Both institutions will ensure strict confidentiality of patient and student data.
- b. The partnership will adhere to government regulations, RCI norms, and ethical guidelines in rehabilitation and education.
- c. Any research involving children will require ethical clearance from relevant authorities.

7. Financial and Administrative Terms

- a. This MoU does not create any financial liabilities unless agreed upon in separate projectspecific agreements.
- b. Funding for joint research, training programs, or infrastructure development will be sought through mutual proposals.
- c. Administrative responsibilities will be handled by designated coordinators from both institutions.

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8. Legal and Liability Clause

- a. This MoU is a non-binding agreement and does not impose any legal or financial obligations.
- b. Any disputes will be resolved through mutual consultation between the institutions.
- c. Legal jurisdiction, if required, will fall under the courts of Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

9. Duration and Termination

- a. This MoU shall remain in effect for five (5) years from the date of signing.
- b. Either party may terminate this agreement with a 90-day written notice, ensuring the completion of ongoing activities.
- c. The MoU may be renewed or modified based on mutual agreement.

10. Signatories

This agreement is signed in good faith by authorized representatives of both institutions.

For Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University Kanpur

> Dr. Anil Kumar Yadav Registrar

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Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur

Date:

AMRITA School for Special Children

Date: 17/03/25

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