

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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BETWEEN

BOARD OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING (NORTHERN REGION), KANPUR

An autonomous body of

Ministry of Education, Government of India



&



***Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur (Formerly Kanpur University,
Kanpur)***

for

**Implementation of Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDP) under the
National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) of Ministry of Education,
Government of India.**


BOAT (NR), Kanpur


CSJMU KANPUR

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This Memorandum of Understanding (here in after referred to as “MoU”) is executed on the Tuesday of 6 October 2026 at CSJMU Kanpur.

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Board of Apprenticeship Training (Northern Region), Kanpur [BOAT (NR)] under the Department of Higher Education, an autonomous body of Ministry of Education, Government of India and CSJMU Kanpur, enter into this understanding that an apprenticeship (‘on-the-job’ training) component of a minimum of 1 semester and a maximum of 3 semesters for three year undergraduate degree programmes and a minimum of 2 semesters and a maximum of 4 semesters for four year undergraduate degree programmes will be counted as apprenticeships under NATS facilitated by the Board. When these apprenticeships are conducted in the last semester of the course, NATS will provide them with stipendiary support in line with The Apprentices Act, 1961 and Apprenticeship Rules, 1992 and as per the instructions issued by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, from time to time.

1. About BOAT (NR)

- 1.1. Established in 1970, Board of Apprenticeship Training (Northern Region), Kanpur, is an autonomous organization under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- 1.2. The Board is functioning at Plot No.16, Block - 1A, Lakhanpur, Kanpur – 208024, Uttar Pradesh.
- 1.3. The major function of the Board is to implement and monitor the provisions of The Apprentices Act 1961, as amended in 1973 and 2014, so far as they relate to the training

of Graduates in Technical as well as General streams, in exercise of powers conferred to the Board under Section 23 of the said Act.

2. *About Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur (Formerly Kanpur University, Kanpur)*

The Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur (Formerly Kanpur University, Kanpur) was established in the year 1966. Prior to the establishment of the University, affiliation of colleges in its vicinity were to the Agra University. In the year 1949, the Radha Krishnan Commission suggested the establishment of a university in Kanpur with the aim of reducing the pressure on Agra University. To fulfil this demand, in the year 1966, the state government established Kanpur University under the Kanpur and Meerut Universities Act 1965 with the motto "Aroh Tamso Jyoti" (Rise from darkness to light). In the preamble it is stated that Kanpur University will initially have an affiliating character but will gradually assume the shape of residential University. The University proudly celebrate its 57th foundation day on February 9 every year.

2.1. Kanpur University was initially established in a small house located on Parvati Bagla Road which was eventually shifted to Sarvodaya Nagar, Kanpur. In the year 1971-72, 264 acres of land by the side of GT road at Kalyanpur was purchased with the assistance of the State Government and Kanpur Municipal Corporation. Construction was started in 1970s and the Administrative Block, old Guest House, The Vice Chancellor's bungalow, the Registrar and Finance Officer's and Employee residence were constructed in the first phase. Upto 1993-1994, there were 84 affiliate colleges, 11 faculties, 4000 teachers and 80000 students. A progressive increase in the number of affiliated colleges, diversification and number of courses was established. To cater to the development of the affiliated colleges a College Development Council (CDC) was established in the University.

2.2. By 1997, CSJM University had developed a rich regularized academic culture, restored sanctity of examinations and established its residential character by starting a number of job oriented and vocational courses (BTech, MBA and Bed). The prestigious University Institute of Engineering and Technology produced its first batch of engineers in the year 2000.

In the year 2004, there were 202 colleges of which 77 were aided and 125 self financing colleges. There were 20 ayurvedic and Unnai colleges affiliated to the University which

included 10 Government colleges and 10 private colleges. There were also constituent colleges including GSVM Medical College and Nursing College. There are 952 colleges spread over eleven districts of the UP state were affiliated to CSJM University.

2.3. During more than four decades of its existence, the University established itself firmly as a quality teaching and research institution. The Research Degree Committee (RDC) in each subject was established to monitor and promote research in respective subject areas. In 2016, the University established funds for granting aid for research projects submitted by faculty members of the university and affiliate colleges. The University also pioneered the use of E-governance tools for admission and online governance.

2.4. In 2017, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University affiliated a large number of colleges from seven jurisdictions namely Kanpur, Kanpur Dehat, Rai Bareilly, Unnao, Sitapur, Lakhimpur Kheri, Hardoi, Kannauj, Farrukhabad, Etawah, Auraiya as colleges of three districts, Fatehpur, Kaushambi and Allahabad were gradually moved to Allahabad State University.

2.5. The University has not looked back since then and has become a hall mark of higher education in the State catering to more than 1200000 students pursuing graduate, post-graduate and PhD degrees in all subjects including arts, commerce, science, education, law, agriculture, medicine, Ayurvedic and Unani education, agriculture, engineering and technology, business management, life science, to the students of about seven hundred colleges present in seven districts.

2.6. In 2021, organizational restructure was inducted through the inception of a number of Schools such as School of Languages, School of Basic Science, School of Legal Studies, School of Engineering and Technology, School of Agriculture, School of Health Studies, School of Agriculture Science & Technology, Deen Dayal Shodh Kendra, School of Life Sciences & Biotechnology, School of Management Sciences, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Performing Arts.

2.7. The University is striving to follow New Education Policy 2020 in an effort to widen the frontiers of knowledge, assisted by rich tradition of literature, art and culture. The student body of this University and affiliated colleges have established a reputation for organizing high level conferences, seminars and symposia. Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Kanpur has aligned itself to academic excellence and developing an educational system that promotes the spirit of Sustainable Development Goals and 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'.

2.8. Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU) Kanpur (formerly Kanpur University) is a symbol of eminence and academic excellence, which can be approached and availed by the citizens of Kanpur and neighbouring regions.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. “UGC” will mean the University Grants Commission.
- 3.2. “HEI” will mean (i) Universities included under Section 2(f) of The UGC Act, 1956 (ii) Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of The UGC Act, 1956 (iii) Institutions funded by Central or State Governments and empowered to award degrees (iv) Affiliated/ Autonomous/ Constituent colleges of the Universities.
- 3.3. “AEDP” will mean **Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme**, a programme enabling a student admitted to an undergraduate programme of the Higher Education Institution, recognized as per The UGC Act, 1956, to pursue apprenticeship training as a mandatory integrated component of the Degree programme in compliance with UGC Guidelines for Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to offer Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP). The said AEDP programme will adhere to all the guidelines published by University Grants Commission (UGC) from time to time as applicable to the programme, and as per guidelines issued by Government of India.
- 3.4. “**Board**” will mean BOARD OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING (NORTHERN REGION), KANPUR [BOAT (NR)] which is an autonomous body of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- 3.5. “CSJMU” will mean Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU) Kanpur (formerly Kanpur University)
- 3.6. “NATS” will mean National Apprenticeship Training Scheme, the flagship Scheme of Ministry of Education, Government of India for Skilling Indian Youth in various trade disciplines. NATS under the provisions of The Apprentices Act, 1961, and The Apprenticeship Rules, 1992, both as amended from time to time till date, offers Graduates practical, ‘hands-on’, ‘On-the-Job-Training (OJT)’ based skilling opportunities for a duration of one year for technical courses, and six months to three years for non-technical courses. However, the stipendiary support by the Government of India will be restricted to the first year only.
- 3.7. “NATS 2.0 Portal” will mean the National portal for NATS having the URL <https://nats.education.gov.in>;

4. Background

- 4.1. National Education Policy, 2020, emphasizes to bridge the Education-Employability gap among students. Apprenticeship is a tried and tested model to improve the employability of students.
- 4.2. In accordance with that, UGC has issued revised Guidelines for Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to offer Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP) in 2025 under which HEIs are required to offer Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP) at undergraduate level, with a mechanism of industry-academia linkages and outcome-based learning of students.
- 4.3. The objectives of the AEDP are as follows:
 - 4.3.1. To enhance the employability of students pursuing Undergraduate level Degree programmes through a stipendiary apprenticeship.
 - 4.3.2. To focus on outcome-based learning in all Degree programmes to achieve graduate attributes and desired proficiency levels.
 - 4.3.3. To promote active linkage between HEIs and industries/ establishments.
 - 4.3.4. To bridge the skill gap in the industries by effectively implementing AEDP in partnership with HEIs and/or Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOATs)/ Board of Practical Training (BOPT).

5. Purpose of the MoU

- 5.1. The specific purpose of this MoU is to establish a relationship and cooperation between the Board and the Collaborating HEIs to ensure that the industrial training component of the Degree programme is covered as apprenticeship under NATS. Furthermore, if the industrial component is conducted in the last academic cycle or semester of the Degree Programme, it will receive stipendiary support from Government of India under NATS, in line with The Apprentices Act, 1961 and Apprenticeship Rules, 1992 as amended thereafter.

6. Applicability of the MoU

- 6.1. The MoU will be applicable for all AEDP courses recognised as per The UGC Act, 1956, and considered to be compliant by UGC as mentioned in the AEDP Guidelines 2025, to pursue apprenticeship training as an integrated component of the Degree programme in compliance with these guidelines. The said AEDP programme will

adhere to all the guidelines published by University Grants Commission (UGC) from time to time as applicable to the programme.

- 6.2. The MoU will be applicable for all AEDP courses falling under the ambit of a statutory or regulatory body/council other than UGC as mentioned in the AEDP guidelines, after taking prior approval of their concerned statutory or regulatory body/council and in compliance with its guidelines.
- 6.3. All the provision(s) of The Apprentices Act, 1961, and The Apprenticeship Rules, 1992, as amended from time to time will supersede all or any clause of this MoU in case it is found conflicting in nature.
- 6.4. This MoU and activities mentioned therein will cover the institutions guided by the CSJMU Kanpur and students of these institutions. It will be the responsibility of the Heads of institutions to motivate the participation of students in the activities.

7. Period of MoU

- 7.1. This MoU will come into effect from the date of signature by both parties and will be valid for an initial period of four years, however, will be reviewed at every academic year end.
- 7.2. The MoU will be renewed after taking review of the earlier activities as per mutual understanding of both parties, unless terminated or replaced with a new MoU.
- 7.3. The MoU may be modified or terminated by one month written notice to the other party.
- 7.4. The termination of MoU will not affect the commitment and on-going activities which are planned or are being executed at the time of termination.

8. Roles and Responsibilities of the Board

- 8.1. The Board will register and onboard Establishments, students, and HEIs onto the NATS 2.0 portal.
- 8.2. The Board will make the provision for the NATS 2.0 portal to manage the AEDP apprenticeship lifecycle for students enrolled in Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes of eligible HEIs, which offer an apprenticeship component of a minimum of 1 semester and a maximum of 3 semesters, for three year undergraduate degree programmes, and a minimum of 2 semesters and a maximum of 4 semesters, for four year undergraduate degree programmes, as per UGC guidelines, amended from time to time.

- 8.3. The Board will provide stipendiary apprenticeships for AEDP courses under NATS only for apprenticeship spells in the last year of the course.
- 8.4. The Boards will undertake efforts to provide apprenticeship opportunities to all eligible students as per The Apprentices Act, 1961 and facilitate interactions between HEIs and Establishments. The Board will ensure the arrangement of apprenticeship opportunities, subject to requisite support from concerned HEIs, Establishments, and State and District Departments/Authorities.
- 8.5. The Board will support the HEIs and industry partners in their process of devising a framework for the assessments of apprentices, which may be congruent to the overarching guidelines followed by HEIs.
- 8.6. The Board will organize workshops/ seminar/ meetings with establishments/ industries and industry associations with support of HEIs to promote Apprenticeship Training through AEDP under NATS.
- 8.7. The Board will be responsible for issuance of 'Certificate of Proficiency (CoP)' through NATS 2.0 portal subject to the training establishment uploading all requisite information for generation of such Certificates.
- 8.8. The financial support of Government share of stipend to student will be available only while undergoing Apprenticeship Training component in final year of undergraduate level programme.
- 8.9. (i) The Board will aim that the provisions of The Apprenticeship Rules, 1992, are fully implemented by the Establishments. The Board will aim to set-up of Beneficiary Identification Systems which will monitor the payment processes. The Board will also aim to make available Grievance Redressal systems to handle scenarios related to stipend payment grievances. (ii) After ensuring that the establishment has filled the monthly ROP details of the apprentices and paid its share of stipend, the Board would transfer the prescribed share of the minimum prescribed stipend by Government of India via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism of the NATS 2.0 portal.
- 8.10. The Board may provide technical support for the NATS 2.0 portal to HEIs interested in implementing AEDP, on mutually agreed terms.
- 8.11. HEIs may involve the Board in the development of the plan for onboarding its guided institutions, establishments, and students on the NATS 2.0 portal
- 8.12. The Board will onboard all Establishments/Industries on the NATS 2.0 portal, and will facilitate the signing of the Tripartite Agreement between the Establishment/Industry,

Student, and the relevant HEI on the portal, at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the respective apprenticeship spell.

8.13. The Board will identify relevant contact personnel for HEIs to raise grievances about and during the course of the apprenticeship. The Board will convey the grievance redressal process before the start of the first apprenticeship spell to all eligible HEIs, ensuring that the students have a pathway and an escalation mechanism to protect and service their well-being and safety, and to seek recourse and redressal when their safety and well-being is undermined.

8.14. The Board will track apprentices' attendance with support from establishment.

9. Roles and Responsibilities of the CSJMU Kanpur

- 9.1. *The CSJMU Kanpur* will help in mobilizing eligible institutions and its students to help in the awareness and sensitization of NATS. They will also be involved in several awareness and outreach events which will be conducted by the Board frequently throughout the year.
- 9.2. *The CSJMU Kanpur* will attach the list of adopted AEDP courses in the annexure as a part of the MoU signing procedure.
- 9.3. *The CSJMU Kanpur* will promote its guided institutions to register themselves as establishments and engage apprentices for their own administrative or teaching assistance roles.
- 9.4. *The CSJMU Kanpur* will encourage its eligible guided institutions to set up AEDP courses or convert their existing courses into AEDP courses, to provide industry-relevant training in the form of apprenticeships.
- 9.5. *The CSJMU Kanpur* will ensure adherence to their roles and responsibilities as mentioned in the guidelines published by University Grants Commission (UGC) from time to time as applicable to the programme as well as all the provision(s) of The Apprentices Act, 1961, and The Apprenticeship Rules, 1992, as amended from time to time.
- 9.6. The AEDP programme falling under the ambit of a statutory or regulatory body/council other than UGC will be offered with the prior approval of the concerned statutory or regulatory body/council and in compliance with its guidelines.
- 9.7. Students pursuing AEDP study will, after enrolment with the Board on the NATS 2.0 portal (www.nats.education.gov.in), be eligible for apprenticeship in the following manner: (i) Students would be eligible for apprenticeship under NATS in the final year

of their degree program; (ii) In the event a student enrolled in a 4 year degree program and the HEI allows the option of exiting by obtaining a degree within 3 years, the 3rd year will be considered the final year for apprenticeship; (iii) Apprenticeship will not come in the way of any student continuing higher education irrespective of the name of the degree or certificate program; and (iv) GoI contribution in the stipend will be governed by rules/policy of the GoI from time to time.

- 9.8. *The CSJMU Kanpur* is required to engage students of the final year, to enable the above in experiencing and implementing NATS to the fullest.
- 9.9. *The CSJMU Kanpur* may support the AEDP Programme by identifying nearby promising establishments and ensuring their onboarding onto the NATS 2.0 portal, with the assistance of the Board. The eligible HEIs will ensure that once all the eligible students are enrolled on NATS 2.0 portal, they are directed to join the concerned establishments for undergoing apprenticeship training for the period as demanded in the course curriculum and guided by UGC guidelines, as amended from time to time, which is minimum 1 semester and maximum 3 semesters, for three year undergraduate programmes, and minimum 2 semesters to maximum 4 semesters for four year undergraduate programmes, for students enrolled in Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes of the institution.
- 9.10. *The CSJMU Kanpur* will ensure that all such students execute the Tripartite Agreement of Apprenticeship through the NATS 2.0 portal with the training establishment as per the contract of Apprenticeship.
- 9.11. *The CSJMU Kanpur* will include a digital banner/ poster about NATS and a redirecting link on the landing page of their official website, which will lead to NATS 2.0 portal with URL www.nats.education.gov.in.
- 9.12. *The CSJMU Kanpur* may include Apprenticeship Training placements as part of their Placement Cell processes.
- 9.13. *The CSJMU Kanpur* and Board may impart new-age skills under NATS viz. AI, ML, IoT, Blockchain, and more to make the youth aware of and immersed in these skills.
- 9.14. *The CSJMU Kanpur* may establish NATS Facilitation Centers in their campus, which will help in the facilitation of NATS awareness, NATS 2.0 portal registrations, issue resolution, and more so that more aspirants will enroll for AEDP courses.
- 9.15. *The CSJMU Kanpur* may integrate concepts from the industry training in their course curriculum, as relevant and in consultation with the establishments.

- 9.16. *The CSJMU Kanpur* is expected to track the outcomes of the pass-outs from such programmes for a period of at least 1 year, and recommended for up to 5 years, after the completion of the programme to assess the employment and education pathways pursued by such candidates and contribute to the further development of AEDP. These details will be shared with the Board as well.
- 9.17. *The CSJMU Kanpur* may facilitate establishing an Apprenticeship Alumni Connect/ Placement Connect Cell to further students' interest and awareness of NATS.
- 9.18. *The CSJMU Kanpur* will identify a SPOC (Single Point of Contact) to coordinate and facilitate with the concerned establishments for the smooth and successful completion of the apprenticeship training.
- 9.19. Both the parties to nominate and inform the names of their coordinators for effective communication and ease of performing the activities along with communication details.
- 9.20. *The CSJMU Kanpur* will mandatorily submit a list of all the programmes covered under AEDP in the prescribed format and nomenclature for onward submission to the NATS 2.0 Portal team so that the courses could be listed on the NATS 2.0 Portal and made available for the students for selection during their enrollment process.

10. Notices

- 10.1. Any notice or other communication under this MoU will be given in writing and delivered by hand, sent by post, facsimiled transmission, or e-mail.

11. Amendment

- 11.1. This MoU may be amended on consent of both the parties to align with the Guidelines published by University Grants Commission (UGC) from time to time as applicable to implementation of AEDP.
- 11.2. This MoU may be amended on consent of both the parties to align with the provision(s) of The Apprentices Act, 1961, and The Apprenticeship Rules, 1992, as amended from time to time.
- 11.3. This MoU may be amended on consent of both the parties to align with the provision(s) and directions of the Ministry of Education, as issued from time to time.

12. Force Majeure

12.1. Neither party will be liable to the other for failure or delay in the performance of any of its obligations under this MoU for the time and to the extent such failure or delay is caused due to acts of God, natural disaster, fire, floods, explosions or earthquake, epidemic or quarantine restrictions, serious accidents, war, insurrection or riots, strikes, legal necessity or labor troubles, or any other cause beyond the party's reasonable control, provided that sufficient notice of such occurrence of force majeure is communicated to the other party.

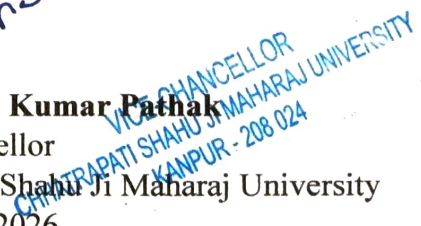
13. Signatures

13.1. This MoU constitutes in principle to proceed and work out more detailed modalities to operationalize the same between the parties. No amendments consent or waiver of terms of this MoU will bind either party unless in writing or signed by both parties.

13.2. Both the parties agree and assure each other about the secrecy and maintaining the privacy of all sorts of communication and details of students during the period of MoU and thereafter.

All the above contents are read over and understood by both the parties to this MoU.

Hence, the MoU is executed on Tuesday 06 October 2026

First Party: Signed on behalf of <i>BOARD OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING (NORTHERN REGION), KANPUR</i>  Name and Designation विवेक कुमार / VIVEK KUMAR विदेशिक / Director शिक्षण प्रशिक्षण बोर्ड (उ० क्षेत्र) Board of Apprenticeship Training (N.R.) Date: 06/10/2026 16/1-ए लखनपुर / 16/1-A, Lakhanpur कानपुर / Kanpur	Second Party: Signed on behalf of <i>CSJMU Kanpur</i>  Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak Vice-Chancellor Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University Date: 06/10/2026 
Witness: 1 	Witness: 2 

Annexure

(Refer Point No. 9.2)

Sr. No.	Course Name	Specialization	No. of Students for AEDP	Duration of AEDP (No. of Semester)	Apprenticeship Semester (Year)	Academic Year
1.	B.Com BFSI	Banking, Financial Services & Insurance	TOTAL = 30 • SCHOOL OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, C.S.J.M. UNIVERSITY CAMPUS KANPUR =30	6	5 & 6 (3 rd Year)	2026-27

BOAT (NR), Kanpur

CSJMU Kanpur