



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and executed on

03 day of ~~June~~, 2026

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Between

CEPT University

University Road, Navrangpura
Ahmedabad, Gujarat

&

**Office of the State Transformation Commission
Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow**

WHEREAS,

CEPT University (henceforth referred to as CEPT) takes its name from the 'Center for Environmental Planning and Technology' (CEPT). It focuses on understanding, designing, planning, constructing, and managing human habitats. Its teaching programs build thoughtful professionals, and its research programs deepen understanding of human settlements. In 2005, the Government of Gujarat incorporated CEPT as a university. CEPT University comprises five faculties: Faculty of Architecture (1962), Faculty of Planning (1972), Faculty of Technology (1982), Faculty of Design (1992) and the Faculty of Management (2013).

Since 2007, the University Grants Commission recognizes CEPT University under section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) of the Government of India recognizes the University as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO). CEPT University is located at Kasturbhai

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Lalbhai Campus, University Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The University does not have any branches or any affiliated colleges.

In the year 2023, **CEPT University was accorded the Centre of Excellence in Urban Planning and Design** status by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India. **CEPT University has established CEPT Professional Programs (CPP)** to bridge the gap between academics, practice, policymaking, and implementation through certificate programs and training programs. The mission of CPP is to support individual and organizational learning by creating opportunities to acquire new skills and capabilities, thus allowing professionals to stay relevant in the current knowledge-based global context.

WHEREAS,

The State Transformation Commission of the Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP STC) is an autonomous state-level Government body, modeled after the NITI Aayog at the central level, constituted after reorganising the State Planning Commission and headed by the Hon. Chief Minister. The primary role of the State Transformation Commission is to shift governance from traditional, input-heavy planning to outcome-based, data-driven policymaking to accelerate economic and social growth that leads up to accomplishment of the Viskhit Uttar Pradesh by 2047. The UP STC functions from its office in the Yojana Bhawan, UP Secretariat, Lucknow-226001 (herein after called 'UPSTC' which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to mean and include its successors and permitted assigns) of the other part,

1. CEPT, being an acknowledged leader in the field of urban planning and management is desirous of sharing its knowledge, expertise, and good practices with like-minded institutions as a knowledge partner.
2. State Transformation Commission, Uttar Pradesh has established Sustainable Development Cell under the Urban vertical to accelerate the activities for accomplishment of the Vikshit Uttar Pradesh goals related to urban development, public infrastructure, improved service delivery amongst others. In this pursuit, UP STC is seeking partnership and networking with like-minded, knowledgeable and resourceful agencies and bodies in the country.
3. **CEPT and State Transformation Commission Uttar Pradesh are desirous of establishing a knowledge partnership between the two organizations through:**
 - a. Urban and Regional Development related Training Needs Assessment
 - b. Organise Statewide Urban sensitisation/capacity development workshops for elected and administrative wing members

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- c. Delivery of high-quality immersive training programs and international exposure visits
 - d. Handholding and Mentoring of State Urban development Institutes / COEs in Urban development
 - e. Curation of Strategic / Thematic seminars / conclaves in the field of Urban development
 - f. Curation and mentoring of "urban shark tank" programme for the STC
 - g. Documentation of innovative practices in the fields of Urban Development in UP
 - h. Any other activity of mutual interest and benefit as jointly agreed upon
4. The purpose of this non-binding MOU is to make possible and to institute a knowledge partnership between CEPT and State Transformation Commission, Uttar Pradesh based upon the principles of mutual equality and the reciprocity of benefits. This present agreement seeks to develop the institutional relationship between CEPT and State Transformation Commission, Uttar Pradesh. Signatories of this agreement agree in principle to establish for themselves a preferential Institutional partner status.
 5. For every identified activity, a separate, specific, binding understanding, if required and felt necessary, may be entered into with clearly identified deliverables and financial commitments.
 6. CEPT and STC commit themselves to work together in a collaborative, collegial relationship of mutual benefit with the contribution of complementary skills and resources towards the common shared vision.
 7. **RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** CEPT and STC agree to appoint an overall coordinator for the administration of this MOU. The coordinator will serve as the nodal person, being responsible for arrangements associated with specific commitments and reciprocating duties.
 8. **TERM OF THE AGREEMENT:** This agreement will become effective upon signing and shall be effective for three (3) years or until earlier termination by either party in keeping with the terms of this agreement. This agreement shall be renewed if both parties agree at the end of the three-year term. Any changes in the above clauses or any modification can be carried out by mutual consent of both parties.
 9. **PUBLICITY:** CEPT and STC agree that, while sharing information regarding this MoU with public media (print, web-based or any other), the text for the publicity material will be approved by each of the signatory organization / university before it is shared with an external entity.
 10. **COPYRIGHT / IPR:** All intellectual property rights, including copyright, that is created or developed by either Party in the course of activities carried out under

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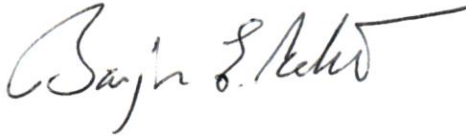
this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall remain the property of the respective Party that created or developed them unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by both Parties.

11. **TERMINATION:** This MOU can be terminated by either Party due to the breach of any of the material terms of this MOU caused by the other Party by giving 30 days advance notice of their intention and giving satisfactory information and proof that the breach has occurred provided however that in the event the Party in default has remedied the default in the interim period of notice, then the MOU shall not terminate.

12. **LEGAL EFFECT:** This MoU is not intended to impose any legal obligation whatsoever on either party. The parties do not intend to be bound by any agreement until both agree to and sign a definitive written contract. Neither party can rely on any promises inconsistent with this paragraph. This paragraph supersedes all other conflicting terms.

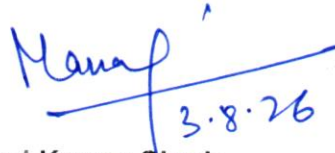
For and on behalf of
CEPT University
Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

For and on behalf of
State Transformation Commission
Government of Uttar Pradesh
Lucknow



Barjor Mehta
President
CEPT University, Ahmedabad

Date :



Manoj Kumar Singh
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
State Transformation Commission

Date :

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