



DIRECTORATE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE SERVICES MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND TRAINING COLLABORATION

Between

Central Forensic Sciences Laboratory Bhopal

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Directorate of Forensic Science Services (DFSS),
Ministry of Home Affair, Government of India
And

National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) Ministry of Home Affair, Government of India

National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) and Central Forensic Sciences Laboratories (CFSLs) under Directorate of Forensic Science Services (DFSS), have many areas of common interest and considerable advantage may be gained from their pursuit on a collaborative basis in the fields of academics, education and research.

Objective: -The general objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to stimulate and facilitate the development of collaborative and mutually beneficial academic activities which serve to enhance the intellectual life and cultural development for both the Parties. Thus, NFSU and CFSLs and DFSS have agreed as under in support of their mutual interests in the field of education , research & training.

Background: Directorate of Forensic Sciences Services (DFSS) is a nodal agency under Ministry of Home Affairs to promote forensic science in the country. The Central Forensic Science Laboratory **Bhopal** is presently working under DFSS which provides quality, on time and credible forensic science services to law enforcement agencies in crime case examination and adequate scientific support to criminal justice

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delivery system. The Central Forensic Sciences laboratories have fully equipped forensic divisions.

The Central Forensic Science Laboratory, **Bhopal** represented by its Director, herein after referred to as CFSL which expression shall mean and include its successors and permitted assigns; as the **First Party**.

The Directorate of Forensic Science represented by its Director-Cum-Chief Forensic Scientist, herein after referred to as DFSS which expression shall mean and include its successors and permitted assigns; as the **Second Party**.

Whereas the National Forensic Sciences University, an Institution of National Importance, is established by an Act passed in the year 2020 by the Parliament of India, to facilitate and promote higher education, research and training to strength the forensic capabilities and achieve excellence in the field of forensic science in conjunction with applied behavioral science studies, law, criminology, technology and other allied areas, and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The status of "Centre of Excellence" and & "Institute of Strategic or Security related Interest" is also granted to the University by the Government of Gujarat and the status of "Center of Excellence for Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances" is conferred by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The National Forensic Sciences University represented by the Campus Director, hence referred to as NFSU, which expression shall mean and include its successor and permitted assigns, as the Third Party.

And whereas all the parties acknowledge each other's respective roles in strengthening the justice delivery system through forensic and allied sciences.

And Whereas the above parties recognize that academic, research and training collaboration would be of mutual benefit and would provide strengths in research and education and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in academic and research cooperation it is mutually agreed that:

- 1. The purpose of the cooperation between NFSU and DFSS under this MoU are as follows:
 - a. to provide minimum 5-6 Class rooms facility in CFSL premises without any cost for using as classrooms and administrative offices to start the NFSU academy at CFSL Campus so as to conduct academic activities, research and training in the field of forensic sciences. Provided further that NFSIJ will bear the

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recurring cost such as electricity, water and other general maintenance charges to the respective CFSLs under DFSS restricted to 20% of monthly actual expenditure.

- b. Director, CFSL will provide access to its laboratories on mutual convenience basis to NFSU's students, research scholars, faculties and trainees for the purpose of education, research and training for such purpose the recurring cost such as consumables, chemicals restricted to 20% of monthly actual expenditure. The cost on salary of lab assistants/ contractual manpower, if any recruited, will be borne by NFSU on actual basis.
- 2. Both the parties agree to promote interest in the teaching, research and training activities in the field of forensic science in general as under;
 - exchange of faculty and staff to the mutual benefit of both institutions;
 - organize/participate symposia, conferences, workshops, ii. short term courses and meetings on research issues and forensic problems;
 - carry out joint research and continuing education iii. programs;
 - exchange information pertaining to developments in iv. teaching, student development and research at each institution;
 - Collaboration in teaching, research and development, and consultancy studies in the field of mutual interest;
 - exchange of academic materials and publications; vi.
 - Attachment of faculty / staff for purposes of curriculum vii. development and review, attendance of courses, upgrading of teaching and research skills;
 - Co-supervising Ph.D. and post-graduate students; and viii.
 - Conducting study tours and joint consultancy work. ix.
 - CFSL (initially Bhopal CFSL, Pune CFSL and Assam X. CFSL) will provide 4 to 5 acres of land to NFSU for and Hostel Academy NFSU establishment of complex/transit accommodation for students/trainees/ quest faculty.
 - Terms and conditions for any joint work, assignment or such exchange, including those concerning financial implications will be worked out between mutually by the concerned parties.

- 3. Coordination: Director of concerned CFSL and NFSU shall designate a coordinator/Nodal Officer to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this MoU. Both will periodically review and identify ways to strengthen cooperation between the institutions under intimation to DFSS/MHA.
- 4. Except as may be stipulated in any specific program agreement, each institution shall be responsible for expenses incurred by its employees under this agreement. Before planning any joint activity, financial responsibilities of each party shall be produced in writing and agreed upon.
- 5. This agreement shall remain in effect for a period of 10 years initially to commence the academic courses by NFSU or till the establishment of NFSU's own Academic Complex /hostel complex, whichever is earlier.
- 6. In case of any dispute, arising between the parties, it shall be resolved amicably or referred to DFSS HQs. If parties fail to resolve the dispute within the period of 90 days, it shall be referred to Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for settlement of disputes.

EXECUTED by the CFSL, DFSS and NFSU in triplicate copies, each of which shall be deemed an original.

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