Memorandum of Understanding

Between

CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (CBSE)

And

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made at AICTE, New Delhi, on this day of 05th April 2021

Between

All India Council for Technical Education (hereinafter called “AICTE”), a statutory body of Ministry of Education, Government of India, established under the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987, (which expression shall, where the context so admits, be deemed to include its executors, administrators and assigns) be the FIRST PARTY

AND

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is a national level board of education in India for public and private schools, controlled and managed by Union Government of India be the SECOND PARTY

AICTE and CBSE are referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

The objective of this MoU is to motivate, train and engage School students and teachers in various initiatives/activities that are currently being organized by AICTE for its Engineering and Technology students and faculty to enhance their skills.

WHEREAS, AICTE has initiated several schemes for benefits of faculty and students, manages various portals to provide facilities across the country.

WHEREAS, CBSE seeks to be a part of AICTE initiatives and wants to extend these facilities to CBSE school teachers and students.

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the foregoing, the parties have agreed to launch the Training of CBSE School Teachers on AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy, NEAT courses for School Students, Innovation Ambassador training to School Teachers, Connecting Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC), Conducting joint Hackathons for school students, the participation of school students in the exhibition of Vishwakarma award, AICTE student Induction Program concepts, Student learning Assessment to school students, Ranking for CBSE affiliated schools and work together as per the following:

ROLE OF AICTE:

1. AICTE will extend its existing initiatives/platforms to provide the facilities for CBSE school teachers and students to avail of the benefits.
2. AICTE will ensure ease of access and use of the initiatives for the CBSE
3. AICTE will create a dashboard on its platforms to provide data as requested by CBSE through a customised / exclusive design and made available in the public domain.
4. AICTE will continue to support the platforms for the duration of the period of MoU. The technical support by AICTE will cover customization, management, maintenance, upgradation, and other modifications agreed upon from time to time.
5. AICTE will depute a scheme-wise officer in-charge for coordinating with CBSE to implement scheme/initiatives.
6. AICTE will support CBSE to create awareness of these schemes across the country by organising webinars / social media campaigning at the regional and national levels to encourage the students/learners.
7. AICTE will provide the Standard Operating Procedures / Guidelines for the programs from time to time and share them with CBSE.

ROLE OF CBSE:
1. CBSE will motivate faculty and students to implement the schemes/facilities in their approved/affiliated schools through the platforms.
2. The levels/departments and roles for which the schemes/facilities would be needed would be solely decided at the CBSE's discretion.
3. CBSE will depute a scheme-wise officer in charge to coordinate with AICTE for the implementation of scheme/initiatives at CBSE Schools.
4. CBSE will undertake capacity-building initiatives in schools to boost the participation of students in these initiatives.
5. CBSE will identify the 10,000 master trainer, trained by AICTE, to scale up the activities to benefit students and teachers' maximum number.

Program wise Officer in Incharge from AICTE and CBSE:

1. Training CBSE School Teachers on AICTE Training And Learning (ATAL)
   - In charge Officer - AICTE: Dr. R. K. Soni, Director, ATAL Academy Cell, AICTE
   - In charge Officer - CBSE: Mr. R. P. Singh, Joint Secretary (Skill Education), CBSE

2. NEAT Courses to School Students
   - In charge Officer - AICTE: Mr. Buddha Chandrasekhar, Chief Coordinating Officer, NEAT Cell & Dr. K. Elangovan, Assistant Director, MIC & NEAT Cell
   - In charge Officer - CBSE: Mr. R. P. Singh, Joint Secretary (Skill Education), CBSE
3. **To Provide training to School Teachers in the Innovation Ambassador program**
   - In charge Officer - AICTE: Mr. Dipan Kumar Sahu, Assistant Director, Innovation Cell
   - In charge Officer - CBSE: Dr. Sandeep Kumar Jain, Joint Secretary (Trainings), CBSE

4. **Connecting 2000 + Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)**
   - In charge Officer - AICTE: Mr. Dipan Kumar Sahu, Assistant Director, Innovation Cell
   - In charge Officer - CBSE: Ms. Moushumi Sarkar, Deputy Secretary (Skill Education), CBSE

5. **Conducting joint Hackathons for School Students**
   - In charge Officer - AICTE: Dr. Mohit Gambhir, Director, Innovation Cell
   - In charge Officer - CBSE: Mr. R. P. Singh, Joint Secretary (Skill Education), CBSE

6. **Participation of School students as viewers for the exhibition of selected projects during the Vishwakarma award**
   - In charge Officer - AICTE: Dr. Neetu Bhagat, Deputy Director, Induction Program Cell
   - In charge Officer - CBSE: Dr. Sweta Singh, Joint Secretary (Academics)

7. **AICTE Student Induction Program concepts to school student**
   - In charge Officer - AICTE: Dr. Neetu Bhagat, Deputy Director, Induction Program Cell
   - In charge Officer - CBSE: Ms. Archana Thakur, Deputy Secretary (Skill Education)

8. **AICTE Student Learning Assessment**
   - In charge Officer - AICTE: Dr. K. Elangovan, Assistant Director, MIC & NEAT Cell
   & Mr. Baljeet Singh Sinwar, Startup Fellow, NEAT Cell
   - In charge Officer - CBSE: Mr. Pramod Kumar T. K., Joint Secretary (Academics)

9. **Ranking for CBSE affiliated schools**
   - In charge Officer - AICTE: Mr. Dipan Kumar Sahu, Assistant Director, Innovation Cell
   - In charge Officer - CBSE: Ms. Ramandeep Kaur, Deputy Secretary (Academics)

**Overall Coordination:**
- Overall Coordination, CBSE: Dr. Biswajit Saha, Director (Training and Skill Education)
- Overall Coordination - AICTE: Dr. K. Elangovan, Assistant Director, NEAT Cell

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**CONFIDENTIALITY:**

CBSE and AICTE agree to hold in confidence all information/data designated as confidential, which is obtained/disclosed from the disclosing Party and will not disclose the same to any third party without the other Party’s written consent except that provided for under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

**COLLABORATION:**

The parties acknowledge and agree that areas of collaboration as listed here in are not exhaustive in nature and the parties shall in good faith, negotiate to elaborate upon the areas of collaboration along with the rights, responsibilities and obligations of each party in relation to each of the areas of collaboration. The parties may, from time to time, execute addenda or modifications to this MoU to incorporate such additional scope of collaborations or discussions.

**NON-EXCLUSIVE:**

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the areas of collaboration under this MoU are being undertaken on a non-exclusive basis and either Party shall be free to enter into or consummate transactions similar to the areas of collaboration with other parties in India or elsewhere maintaining the confidentiality of the parties.

**TERM AND TERMINATION:**

The term of this MoU shall be for a period of one year from the date of execution, unless terminated earlier by a written notice of thirty (30) days by a Party seeking such termination to the other Party, hereto. However, all commitments and obligations till the date of termination will be honoured by both the parties.

**CHANGES:**

Alterations or modifications to this MoU may arise during the course of the program and any such changes shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties. No changes or additions hereof to this MoU shall be binding on either party unless set forth in writing and executed by the respective duly authorized representative of both parties.
LIABILITY:
Both parties agree that they are not liable to each other, or any other party not entering into the said MoU, for any damages including any special, incidental, consequential, or indirect damages arising from any claims arising out of this MoU.

COMPLIANCES:
Each Party agrees to perform its activities in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations that are in force at that time or as revised from time to time.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION:
Any and all disagreements/differences/disputes arising hereunder shall be resolved amicably by the designated senior executives/officers of the good offices of both Parties. This MoU contains the entire understanding between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior arrangements, understandings, and agreements, written or oral, on the subject hereof. Any part of this MoU which is not enforceable due to any reason whatsoever will be deemed to be inoperative and the rest of the MoU will continue to be valid and binding on the Parties hereto (Any disagreements/differences/disputes arising shall be resolved as per the Office Memorandum No. 334774/DoLA/AMRD/2019, dated 31 March 2020, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MoU by their duly authorized representatives.

Accepted and Agreed

For and on behalf of
AICTE, New Delhi

Prof. Rajive Kumar
Member Secretary, AICTE,

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Witnesses

For and on behalf of
CBSE

Dr. Biswajit Saha,
Director, Training and Skill Education

Witnesses

By Joseph Emmanuel
Director, Academics
CBSE