



ASSOCHAM
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This 'Memorandum of Understanding' is agreed upon on 12th day of October 2021 between

- 1) The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India, herein after referred as ASSOCHAM. (ASSOCHAM is a non-profit organization, established in 1920 having its corporate office at 4th Floor, YMCA Cultural Centre and Library Building, Jai Singh Marg, New Delhi – 110001)

AND

- 2) **Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla**, a state technical university of Odisha, created by an act of the Odisha state legislature in July 2009 having its registered office/principal office at **Siddhi Vihar Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha 768018** (hereinafter referred to as "VSSUT", which expression shall mean and include its successors and permitted assigns) and represented by its Vice Chancellor or a duly authorized representative

ASSOCHAM and VSSUT are referred to as the "Party" individually or "Parties" collectively, as the context may demand.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS ASSOCHAM initiated its endeavor of value creation for Indian industry in 1920. Having in its fold more than 250 Chambers and Trade Associations and serving more than 4,50,000 members from all over India. It has witnessed upswings as well as upheavals of Indian Economy and contributed significantly by playing a catalytic role in shaping up the Trade, Commerce, and Industrial environment of the country.

AND WHEREAS, VSSUT, the state technical university of Odisha offers B.Tech, M. Tech, B. Arch, MCA and Ph.D degree programmes.

AND WHEREAS ASSOCHAM and VSSUT have agreed to collaborate for promoting education, industrial research and innovation by supporting joint initiatives and programmes.



ASSOCHAM has emerged as the fountainhead of Knowledge for Indian industry, which is all set to redefine the dynamics of growth and development in the technology driven cyber age of 'Knowledge Based Economy'. ASSOCHAM is seen as a forceful, proactive, forward looking institution equipping itself to meet the aspirations of corporate India in the new world of business. ASSOCHAM is working towards creating a conducive environment of India business to compete globally. ASSOCHAM derives its strength from its Promoter Chambers and other Industry/ Regional Chambers/Associations spread all over the country. It was established in 1920 by promoter Chambers, representing all regions of India.

About GEM –

ASSOCHAM has taken a Green Initiative to care for the Mother Earth and executes the "GEM Sustainability Certification Program" with the objective to complement in India's Sustainability Movement and take it to the next level to promote environment friendly green building design and construction.

GEM has been designed for the sustainable design and development of the buildings and related developments. GEM stands for Green and Eco-friendly Movement.

The program includes Sustainability, Energy and Water Efficiency, Fire and life safety, Indoor Air Quality, Daylight, Fresh Air and Human Comfort and is based upon BEE ECBC 2017 and NBC 2016.

Since launch, GEM Rating System has made rapid strides in Green Building which covers projects across India and many GEM Certified Professionals. ASSOCHAM GEM has regional chapters in Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, UP, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Odisha and West Bengal.

ASSOCHAM is an organisation to empower Indian enterprises by inculcating knowledge in the global market, propagating Green building through GEM (Green and Eco- friendly Movement) and spread education and awareness of trends of Green and Sustainable Habitat through seminars, workshops, and course programs at various venues across India.



With a glorious history and strong academics staff, VSSUT is strongly identified with engineering education in India. Since its inception and foundation, VSSUT has constantly led the way in reform movements, taking pivotal roles in reconstruction, modernization and administration of the society. The efforts and expertise of VSSUT graduates have been the major contribution in planning and construction of Odisha infrastructure. VSSUT provides its students with modern educational facilities while retaining traditional values as well as using its strong industrial contents to mould young, talented individuals who can compete in the arena. The University has adopted a dynamic, global, creative and communicative approach in education as well as research and development. Keeping abreast with modern developments, VSSUT is constantly restructuring itself and renovating its physical infrastructure as well as its research and development facilities in various department and central facilities.

AND,

WHEREAS both ASSOCHAM and VSSUT are leading premier national organizations in their respective fields and are desirous of working together to extend cooperation in the fields of socio-environmental development activities.

These may include national and international award programmes, cooperation in the field of conducting outreach campaigns, exhibitions, technical assessments in the fields related to sustainability. This may also include but is not limited to water efficiency, energy efficiency, green building certification programmes, environmental audits, industry connect programmes, implementation of government schemes, sustainability audits, green infrastructure, and research studies. ASSOCHAM proposes to launch joint programmes with VSSUT in consultation with the core team foreseeing a long-term relationship to pursue national and international interests.

AND WHEREAS, ASSOCHAM and VSSUT desire to collaborate in certain areas defined in scope below.

THEREFORE, it is agreed by the parties through the Instrument of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as follows:



SCOPE OF WORK

1. Promote communication and information exchange between the organizations and their respective members in compliance with the rules & regulations of the respective collaborator.
2. The Parties will jointly host conferences, workshops, seminars, short-term programmes and Exhibitions in mutual areas of interest for better interaction with the Industries and strengthen the bonds of national and international cooperation between the organizations and their respective members when appropriate.
3. Promote the co-operation between GEM-ASSOCHAM technical committees and VSSUT faculty and students in compliance with the rules & regulations of the respective collaborator.
4. The teams of both organizations to interact periodically and shall aim to conduct collaborative studies and jointly publish research papers in journals, periodicals, books and other medias.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date shall mean the date this MoU is signed by both the parties and the MoU shall continue to remain in force for a period of THREE years unless terminated earlier.

TERMINATION OF THIS MOU

The MoU will take effect from the date it is signed by representatives of both the parties. It will remain valid for 3 years and may be continued thereafter after suitable review and agreement. Either party may terminate MoU by giving written notice to the other party three months in advance.

Once terminated, neither ASSOCHAM nor VSSUT will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise which the other party may suffer. However, GEM-ASSOCHAM and VSSUT will ensure all activities in progress are allowed and be completed successfully in compliance with the rules & regulations of the respective collaborator.

This MoU is signed subject to approval of the representative academic/ administrative bodies.



CONFIDENTIALITY

Each party hereby undertakes with the other party to maintain the confidential information in strict confidence and save as provided herein, not to divulge any of the confidential information to any third party and in addition not to communicate, indicate or suggest to any party not in the existence of negotiation under this MoU.

FUTURE COOPERATION

The present MoU describes the general condition and arrangements for future cooperation between the parties. The details of effective implementation of this MoU including consideration shall be jointly worked on mutually acceptable terms and conditions.

REPRESENTAION AND USE OF LOGOS

ASSOCHAM and VSSUT will not make any representation to any Government/Statutory Body on behalf of each other, unless the same has been specifically approved in writing by the competent authorities in the two Organizations.

This MoU recognizes the fact that both ASSOCHAM and VSSUT logos are widely known throughout India & overseas. The use of either organization's logo has therefore to be authorized by the respective organization, and it is necessary to seek prior approval in writing detailing the context of usage, from the other party, before using their Logo.

GENERAL TERMS

This MoU is not intended to, and does not create any right, benefit or trust responsibility substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by either party, its officers, employees or agents against the other party, its officers, employees or agents.

Nothing in this MOU obligates either party to commit or transfer any fund, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the parties unless expressly stated in this agreement.



Both parties take responsibility of monitoring and ensuring follow-ups. All decisions will be taken after joint discussion with mutual consent.

FORCE MAJEURE

If either of the Parties suffer delay in the due execution of their contractual obligations due to operation of one or more of the force majeure events such as but not limited to, acts of God, war, floods, earthquakes, lock-outs, epidemics, riots, etc., neither party shall be held responsible for any loss or consequential losses.

AMENDMENTS

No amendment or modification of this MoU shall be valid unless the same is made in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of both the Parties. The modifications /changes shall be effective from the date on which they are made /executed, unless otherwise agreed to.

For and on behalf of ASSOCHAM GEM

for *ADP*

Signed By Pankaj R. Sharma



Date: 12-10-2021

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For and on behalf of VSSUT

Bansidhar Majhi
30/09/21

Signed By Banshidhar Majhi

Vice-Chancellor
V.S.S. University of Technology, Odisha
Burla-768018

Date: 30.09.2021

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Witness 1 (ASSOCHAM Council for Green and Eco-friendly Movement)

Witness 2 (Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla)

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30.9.2021
Registrar
VSS University of Technology
Burla, Sambalpur