

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

CUTS International

(hereinafter referred to as “CUTS”)

registered under the Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 1958, with its registered office at D217, Bhaskar Marg, Bani Park, Jaipur 302016, Rajasthan, India. It is globally recognized public policy think-and-action tank with a presence across six overseas centers (Geneva, Accra, Nairobi, Lusaka, Hanoi, and Washington DC), dedicated to promoting rules-based trade, good governance, and effective regulation.

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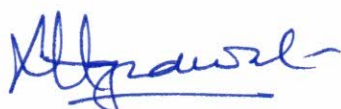
JECRC University, Jaipur, Rajasthan

(hereinafter referred to as “JECRC University”)

a premier institution of higher learning located in Jaipur, Plot No. IS-2036 to 2039, Ramchandrapura Industrial Area, Vidhani, Sitapura Extension Jaipur - 303905, constituted under the JECRC University Jaipur Act, 2012 (Act No. 15 of 2012) of the Government of Rajasthan.

Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), executed on the 2nd day of July, 2025, at JECRC University, Jaipur, Rajasthan, establishes a long-term institutional partnership between JECRC University and CUTS International. The MoU seeks to promote joint efforts in academic collaboration, policy advocacy, research, outreach, and capacity building in areas of governance, economic reforms, trade, development, and public policy.



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(Estd. Under the Act No. 15/2012 of the Government of Rajasthan. Notification No. F.2 (23) Vidhi/2/2012 dated May 02, 2012)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to create a structured framework for collaboration between CUTS International and JECRC University that fosters knowledge exchange, academic enrichment, public discourse, and student engagement in domains of public policy, governance, and economic development.

2. Areas of Collaboration

The collaboration may include, but shall not be limited to, the following areas:

a) Research and Policy Dialogue

- Co-develop and conduct research on governance, regulatory practices, trade policy, economic reforms, and sustainable development.
- Joint publication of working papers, reports, and policy briefs.

b) Academic Engagement

- Organize guest lectures, seminars, and workshops for students and faculty, featuring experts from CUTS.
- Assist in curriculum enhancement in areas such as policy studies, international relations, and governance.

c) Student Development

- Design and conduct scenario-building exercises, simulations, and case-based learning modules to build critical thinking and decision-making skills.
- Offer mentorship opportunities and policy lab-style projects for students.



d) Capacity Building

- Facilitate training programs, faculty development programs (FDPs), and management development programs (MDPs) jointly hosted by both institutions.
- Promote awareness and education on public policy frameworks and global best practices.

e) Networking and Outreach

- Leverage CUTS' global network to enable participation in national and international policy forums.
- Facilitate connections with policymakers, academicians, think tanks, and industry professionals.

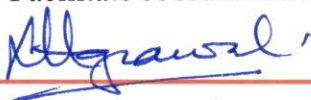
3. Responsibilities

CUTS International:

- Provide subject-matter expertise for lectures, training, and research.
- Support student-led and faculty-led initiatives through mentoring and policy exposure.
- Share research insights, publications, and analytical tools for academic use.
- Assist in organizing collaborative events and outreach activities.

JECRC University:

- Facilitate coordination through designated faculty and administrative support.



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- Provide infrastructure and logistical support for joint activities.
- Integrate relevant policy modules and research into academic programs, after proper internal approvals.
- Encourage student and faculty participation in collaborative engagements.

4. Implementation

- A **Joint Steering Committee** consisting of representatives from both CUTS and JECRC University will be established to coordinate the execution of this MoU.
- The Committee will design an annual action plan and review the progress of joint initiatives.
- Both institutions shall appoint nodal officers to ensure seamless communication and collaboration.
- There are no financial commitments in this MoU from any side.

5. Term and Termination

This MoU will remain valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing and may be renewed upon mutual consent. Either party may terminate the MoU by giving thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other party, with or without cause.

6. Confidentiality

Both parties agree to maintain confidentiality of any sensitive or proprietary information exchanged during the course of collaboration, except for information that is publicly available or required to be disclosed by law.



7. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute or disagreement arising from the interpretation or execution of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultation within a 90-day grace period. If unresolved after the grace period, the matter shall be referred to arbitration under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

Governing Law

The jurisdiction in this shall be the courts in Jaipur, Rajasthan. This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India.

8. Amendments

This MoU may be amended or supplemented only by mutual written agreement signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have executed this MoU on the date first above written.

For: CUTS International

Signed: _____

Name: Pradeep S Mehta

Designation: *Secretary General, CUTS International*

Date: 2/7/25

For: JECRC University, Jaipur,

Rajasthan Signed: _____

Name: S.L. Agrawal

Designation: *Registrar*

Date: 02nd July 2025 :