



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY , MANIPUR

**An Institute of National Importance under Ministry of
Education (MoE), Government of India**



Langol, Imphal, Manipur, India - 7950040

AND

THINK INDIA



Yuvashakti, 55, 1st Main Road, SeshadriPuram Bangalore – 560020

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made and entered at MANIPUR on this day of _____ Feb 2025

BY AND BETWEEN;

National Institute of Technology, MANIPUR , an Educational Institute situated at Cachar District of MANIPUR through its hereinafter referred to as **“THE FIRST PARTY”** (which expression unless repugnant to the context shall mean and **include its successors in interest, executors, administrators and permitted assigns etc.**).

AND

THINK INDIA, a national forum of students, alumni, and faculties of premier institutes of national importance having its head office at Yuvashakti, 55, 1st Main Road, SeshadriPuram Bangalore - 560020 through , hereinafter referred to as **“THE SECOND PARTY”** (which expression unless repugnant to the context shall mean and include its successors in **interest, executors, administrators and permitted assigns etc.**).

WHEREAS

National Institute of Technology, Manipur (राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, मणिपुर) is one of the 31 National Institutes of Technology (NITs) of India and was established in 2010 as an autonomous technical institute under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It was granted the status of Institute of National Importance under the National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007. The establishment of NIT Manipur aligns with the Government of India's vision to enhance technical education and research across the country, particularly in the Northeastern region.

The institute started functioning in 2010 from a temporary campus at Takyelpat, Imphal, with limited infrastructure. Initially, the academic programs began with three undergraduate branches: Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE), and Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE). Over time, more programs were introduced, including Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering at the undergraduate level, as well as postgraduate (M.Tech) and doctoral (Ph.D.) programs in various disciplines.

NIT Manipur shifted to its permanent campus at Langol, Imphal, and has

since expanded its infrastructure to include modern academic blocks, hostels, research facilities, and laboratories. The institute follows an academic structure similar to that of leading NITs and IITs, ensuring high standards in technical education and research. The first batch of B.Tech graduates received their degrees in 2014, marking a significant milestone for the institute. Since its establishment, NIT Manipur has been striving for excellence in education and innovation, contributing to the development of skilled engineers and researchers. With continuous growth in faculty strength, student intake, and research output, NIT Manipur is emerging as a key center for technical education in Northeast India and the country as a whole.

2. **'Think India'** was initiated in 2006 by students of IISc, IIMB & Professional Institutes of Bengaluru. The idea of Think India came into reality with the organization of the maiden Think India convention in 2007 at the Art of Living Ashram, Bengaluru. It is a national forum of students, alumni and faculties of premier institutes of national importance students, alumni and faculties from premier National institutes i.e., IITs, IIMs, IISC, National Law Universities, NITs, and other such premier institutes in the various fields of academia across India. Think India is an initiative to bring the best talent from the finest institutions with a broader agenda to generate ideas and views of nationalistic fervor and to instigate young minds to shoulder their role in the nation building process.

The Objectives of the Think India had been spelled out in the Think India Bengaluru Declaration, Adopted on the occasion of the First Think India Convention held at Art of Living Ashram, Bengaluru on the 13th day of January 2007 as below;-

- ❖ Think, design and develop sustainable development strategies for underdeveloped and rural Bharat.
- ❖ Think and act to meet the environmental, cultural and security needs of Bharat and the World.
- ❖ Motivate and support the initiatives of the organizations and individuals to inculcate India-centric action, propagation and implementation of thought and designs.
- ❖ Initiate and sustain India-centric thoughts and activities in campus and among intelligentsia.
- ❖ Denounce, in thought and action, all forms of terrorism, illegitimate interference in religious and cultural matters and any forces and design, working against our national interest.
- ❖ Actively oppose any sectarian and narrow-minded activities of fissiparous tendencies and engage ourselves to promote social harmony in every possible way.
- ❖ Support and uphold the concept of gender justice and promote family values, the unique contribution of Bharat to world civilization.

Since 2011, Think India organizes flagship annual National Conference. It runs a nationwide social Internship Program called 'Anubhooti' where students from premier institutes intern in leading *Sewa* organizations in different parts of India. It also organizes various campus events to raise awareness, generate and gather mandates of the intellectual student community over social, economic, and political issues having national and international significance. It also organizes various other internship programs called Vidhi, NITI etc.

❖ Think India organizes various activities as below:

- Interactive groups organizing discussions or *Sewa* activities on campus.
- Organizing Talks on Social, Developmental and of India's concern on campus.
- Organizing Fellowship/Internship with *Sewa* organizations.
- Organizing flagship Conferences, Workshop or Seminar for Premier Institutes' community to share their ideas.
- In 2017, Think India has started few other internships programs like 'Sansadiya' for internship with members of Parliament and public policy holders, 'Niti' is open for all and basically deals in policy formation and last one is the 'Diksha' which is primarily a

mentorship programme, where students from technical institutions can get guidance from professors of premier institutions.

- This partnership is important because NIT MANIPUR and Think India intend to be associated with each other and to work together to inculcate ethics & society-centric thought in students through its activities.

NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSETH AND IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN BOTH THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS TO PROMOTE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION ON LEADERSHIP.

1. Think India in cooperation with the NIT MANIPUR seeks to undertake the following events/activities:
 - a) Organize interactive group discussions or *Sewa* activities on campus as well as off campus.
 - b) Organize Debates and talks on issues of National and International importance pertaining to social, economic, developmental concern.
 - c) To facilitate guests (real life role model) to deliver lectures on issues concerning the society at large.
 - d) Organize Fellowship/Internship programs with various *Sewa* organizations, think tanks, public policy organizations, and bureaucrats.

- e) Organize flagship Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, Keynote lectures and Mentorship sessions.
- f) To encourage participation of the students and faculty members in social cum academic activities which concerns today's society. g) To form a Study Circle to discuss the issues among students and faculties on current topics which affect the society as well as to invite any eminent guest speaker.
- h) Adoption of a village near the Institution to spread awareness through organizing medical camps and adopting tree plantation activity and **Creating a Public Policy club in the Institute.**
- i) Appointment of two Faculty Incharge (FIC) for Think India for proper coordination and support to the organization.

2. The NIT MANIPUR shall make every endeavor to provide assistance, infrastructural facilities and cooperation for the successful implementation of the events and activities and shall do the followings:-

- a) Allow and permit Think India to organize the events/activities on campus and off campus.
- b) Allow and permit at least ten representatives of Think India to attend and participate in the Seminars, Conference, Debates, Workshops, Symposium fully funded by the Institute.

- c) Grant permission(s), provide infrastructural facilities and cooperation to Think India in organizing the events/activities in the campus.
- d) Allow, permit, and encourage students and faculties to positively participate as well as take part in organizing the events/activities to be undertaken by Think India.
- e.) Making Think India the Official Public Policy Research Organization of NIT MANIPUR directly headed by the Honorable Director of the Institute.

3.

Reporting:-

At least three representatives of Think India and three representative members from NIT MANIPUR will mutually evaluate the effectiveness and adherence to this Memorandum of Understanding.

4.

Funding:-

All the financial implications emerging out of such collaborations shall be borne by **NIT MANIPUR** and the decision will be taken with mutual agreement.

5. **Internship-Training and Placement Programmes:**

That the NIT MANIPUR shall assign students and research scholars to the Internship Programs run by Think India for the purposes of training and apprenticeship as per the academic curriculum of the NIT MANIPUR and the requisites prescribed by the Participating Firms at the time of such assignment including but not limited to required number of students and research scholars and the proposed duration of such programs.

The Firm/Office Participating through Think India shall ensure it conducts the training and apprenticeship program keeping in mind the relevant level of the student and research scholar and imparts practical and industry relevant training and overall professional development.

That the NIT MANIPUR may, as per its academic curriculum and administrative rules, recommend its final year students and research scholars, for placement opportunities, with the Firm. However, placement related decisions shall be based on the performance of the students or research scholars.

6. **Confidentiality:**

During the Term of this MoU, the Parties will share confidential information with each other including but not limited to the proprietary information, including industry knowledge, and other information confidential to the other Party and other information in relation to the

other Party which is not available in public domain. The Parties accept that neither it nor any of its affiliates including but not limited to students, research scholars, associates shall not share any of this confidential information at any time with any third party or use any of this confidential information for their personal benefit at any time. **This clause shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five years, even after the expiration of this MoU.**

7.

Conduct:

- The Parties agree to conduct all its respective obligations in a manner of decency and in accordance with the applicable laws and rules and regulations as provided from time to time by the other Party.
- That the University shall ensure that all its students and research scholars, shall strictly follow the rules and regulations of the Firm while participating in various programs as specified under this MoU.

8.

TERM & TERMINATION

- a) That this MoU will commence to be in effect from the Effective Date and shall be valid for a period of 2 (two) years from the Effective Date. This MoU shall be renewed automatically at its expiry.
- b) That the present MoU may be terminated by either of the Parties, after providing at least 1 (one) month prior notice to the other, intimating such termination and reason thereof.

9.

WARRANTIES

- a) That the Parties represent that they have all requisite grants, licenses, and recognition as prescribed under law and by the concerned authorities. Further, the Parties represents and declares that they have the requisite infrastructural set up for the conducting the joint educational, competitive, and training programs.
- b) That the University represents and declares that it shall be responsible and accountable for the actions, omissions and

conduct of the students and research scholars under it *qua* their participation in the programs.

- c) That the Firm represents and declares that it shall impart industry standard and quality based education and training programs, for the overall professional development of the students and research scholars of the University.

10.

NOTICE

- a) All notices or other communications by a Party to this MoU that are required or permitted in connection with this MoU shall be in writing to the respective addresses indicated below

To NIT MANIPUR :

Attn: _____

Email: _____

With a copy to:

Email: _____

To Think India:

Attn: _____

E-mail: _____

With a copy to:

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

- ii. The University agrees to appoint a point of contact for each program, through which all the communication will be routed to the Firm.

10.

MISCELLANEOUS TERMS

i. No variation, modification or waiver of this MoU shall be valid unless executed in writing by the Parties to be bound thereby. ii. In the event any provision or part of this MoU is found to be invalid or unenforceable, only that particular provision or part so found shall be severable and be inoperative.

iii. Each of the Parties agrees to take all such action or procure that all such action is taken as is reasonable in order to implement the terms of this MoU or any transaction, matter or thing contemplated by this MoU.



- iv. That the Parties undertake that any payments relating to the programs and events including but not limited to the travel, accommodation, stipend shall be mutually decided between the Parties.

11. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- i. That any claim or dispute arising out of the present MoU between the Parties shall be, at first attempted to be resolved mutually, and notice of the same shall be provided, in writing, by the Parties.
- ii. This MoU and all matters arising out of it shall be governed by and are to be construed under the laws of India and the courts/tribunals/commissions of Delhi, India, shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear any claim and resolve any dispute between the Parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE
HEREUNTO SET AND SUBSCRIBED THEIR RESPECTIVE**

**HANDS TO THESE PRESENTS ON THE DAY MONTH AND YEAR
FIRST HEREINABOVE WRITTEN.**

FOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MANIPUR

Designation Director, NIT Manipur

Signature DVW Amayajulu 23.2.2023

FOR THINK INDIA

Designation THINK INDIA NORTHEAST ZONE CONVENOR

Signature Durube Duro 23/02/23

Designation National Incharge

Signature Sumit Pandey

In witness of

1. Mr./Ms. Prof. Kh. Tomba Singh, Registrar, NIT Manipur
2. Mr./Ms. Sumit Pandey, National Incharge
Think India.