



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

NAM:TECH

We Inspire Humane Capital

NEW AGE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FOUNDATION

AND



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MANIPUR





THIS Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is made on this 11 day of July Two Thousand and Twenty-Five (11.07.2025) and entered into:

By and between

New Age Education and Skills Foundation, a not-for-profit company established under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited, having its registered office at AMNS House, AMNS Township, 27km, Surat- Hazira Road, Hazira, Surat 394270, India, and has founded an educational institute named New Age Makers' Institute of Technology (hereinafter referred to as "**NAMTECH**" which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, permitted assigns, group entities, affiliates, subsidiaries, and associated entities)

National Institute of Technology, Manipur was established by the Ministry of Education, formally the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, in the year 2010. It was declared as an Institute of National Importance through an act of Parliament and notified under Govt. of India Gazette notification No. 28 of 2012 dated 7 June 2012, functioning at its premises at Imphal, Manipur (hereinafter referred to as the "**NIT Manipur**" which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, permitted assigns, group entities, affiliates, subsidiaries, and associated entities)

For the purpose of this MOU, **NAMTECH** and **NIT Manipur** may individually be referred as "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

1. PREAMBLE

WHEREAS as one of the foremost institutes of national importance in higher technological education, NIT Manipur is uniquely placed in making substantial contributions to industrial advancement, automation and sustainability. NIT Manipur offers Bachelor's Programs, Master's Programs, and Doctoral programs through various Departments.

New Age Education and Skills Foundation is a not-for-profit organization established under Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013 by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited and has

founded New Age Makers' Institute of Technology (NAMTECH), which aims to provide high-quality engineering and technical education with a focus on advanced manufacturing and sustainability in India with advocacy of Manufacturing Engineering Technology (MET). NAMTECH's vision is closely aligned with the Honourable Prime Minister's *Viksit Bharat* mission, as it works to bridge the skill gap by equipping engineers, technicians and trainers with Industry 4.0 capabilities—preparing them to become future-ready professionals.

Both the parties/organisations share a strong commitment to creating social value, especially in the areas of education, skill development, diversity and environmental sustainability and hence have decided to collaborate.

2. SCOPE AND AREAS OF COLLABORATION

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein-after appearing, it is hereby agreed by and between the Parties to establish a strategic partnership between NAMTECH and NIT Manipur to co-develop future-focused capabilities in smart manufacturing, mobility, robotics, sustainability, space and digital technologies, Artificial Intelligence, etc. bridging industry academia gap for national impact. This will support MAKE IN INDIA, DIGITAL INDIA & SKILL INDIA.

3. PURPOSE

NIT Manipur a premier national institute would leverage its rich repository of students, faculty and research infrastructure facilities to contribute to the mutually agreed mandate of taking forward the industrial trajectory in India towards technology advancement and sustainability.

NAMTECH along with industry partners shall provide industry-oriented experiential learning and its "living lab" approach for supporting joint initiatives.

4. KEY COLLABORATION AREA

i. Joint Research & Innovation:

- Establish Centres of Excellence (e.g., EV Systems, Industry 4.0, Robotics, Green Hydrogen).



- Co-supervised MTech/PhD research on real-world industrial problems.
- Partner in national and international R&D grant proposals based on expertise of parties.
- ii. Advanced Skilling & Curriculum Development:
 - Co-create industry-aligned curriculum and micro-credentials.
 - Run Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) and train-the-trainer workshops.
 - Offer student immersion programs, summer schools, internships and live labs at NAMTECH and/or NIT Manipur.
- iii. Startup & Innovation Ecosystem:
 - Jointly mentor deep-tech startups through NAMTECH and NIT Manipur incubators.
 - Organize Hackathons, Grand Challenges and accelerator bootcamps.
 - Co-develop IP and support technology commercialization.
- iv. Initiation of Joint Programmes:
 - M Tech (1+1) Programmes
 - Integrated Dual Degree B Tech + M Tech (4+1) Programmes.
- v. Faculty & Industry Practitioner Exchange:
 - Enable visiting faculty and experts from academia and industry.
 - Conduct masterclasses, seminars and applied workshops at both campuses.
- vi. Sustainability:
 - Drive joint projects in affordable technologies for rural and urban India.
 - Collaborate on green mobility and circular economy innovations.



vii. Social Impact:

- Adopt Engineering Diploma Colleges & ITIs in NIT Manipur's vicinity using NAMTECH Hub & Spoke Model.

viii. Joint Clubs & Events:

- Co-create Joint Clubs of common interest like Automotive, Motor Sports, Robotics, Sustainability, Safety, Aerospace, Space Technology, Defence, World Skills, etc.
- Conduct Events, Conferences, Consortiums, Competitions, etc. jointly on topics of National Interest.
- Competitions should be amongst School Children, Engineering College students, Faculty, etc.
- Encourage & prepare our students to participate in International Events like World Skills, Robocon, Hackathon, BAJA, FORMULA, etc.

ix. Think Tank:

- Create White Papers for Government Ministries, NITI Aayog, National Skill Development Corporation to support Government to take policy decisions.

x. Fellowship & Scholarships:

- Declaring NAMTECH MET Fellowship programmes opportunities for eligible INI final-year B.Tech. students and alumni (under 30 years of age) to pursue the one-year International Professional Master's Program (iPMP) at NAMTECH.

5. FOCAL POINTS

The focal point for the MoU on the part of NIT Manipur shall be the Director, NIT Manipur or his representative. On the part of NAMTECH, the Director-General or his representative shall be the nodal person to ensure the effective execution of the activities related to the MoU.



6. CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF INFORMATION

Information exchanged between the Parties under or regarding this MOU will only be used by the recipient to fulfil the spirit of this MOU. Such information will not be disclosed to any third party in any manner, without the prior consent of the Party providing the information, unless the disclosure is required by law or already available in the public domain. To the extent allowed by law, the recipient being so required by law to disclose any such information will inform the other Party about the situation as soon as is practicable.

Each Party will establish and maintain such safeguards as are necessary and appropriate to protect the confidentiality of information received from the other Party under this MOU. This provision shall survive the termination of this MOU.

7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Parties recognize and acknowledge that the ownership of the background IP belonging to each Party will exclusively belong to that Party.

The ownership of any intellectual property (including but not limited to confidential information, know-how, copyrights, sensitive information, and any other industrial or intellectual property rights) developed jointly during this MOU shall be vested in both parties to this Memorandum.

Any publication shall only be possible with prior notice to each other and on mutual agreement. Nonetheless, both parties shall be free to use the intellectual property developed during the Project for its internal teaching, further research, and educational purposes. This provision shall survive the termination of this MoU.

Neither Party is authorized to use the other party's name, trademark or logo in any manner without the other party's written consent.

8. UNDERSTANDING OF PARTIES

Nothing in this MoU shall grant to either Party the right to bind the other Party, without the

prior written consent of the other Party.

The Parties understand and acknowledge that this MoU will provide the foundation for more comprehensive and definitive agreements. The provisions of this MoU reflect the current plans and intentions of NAMTECH and NIT Manipur. However, specific terms and conditions concerning particular projects under this MoU are to be outlined in future definitive agreements between the Parties.

Each Party represents that concerning the matters that are subject to this MoU; it will not make or offer any payment, or gift, either directly or through intermediaries, to or for the use of any public official where such payment, gift, promise, or advantage would amount to any illegality and /or corrupt practice under the law.

9. BINDING TERMS

It is clearly understood by NIT Manipur and NAMTECH that there will be no obligation or financial commitment whatsoever on the Parties under this MoU unless otherwise agreed.

For each one of the activities and/or actions identified by the Parties under this MoU, and/or when specific obligations or financial commitments appear necessary to the Parties, the Parties may enter, directly or through the concerned affiliate, into a specific agreement defining in detail the respective obligations and commitments of each Party, and particular the program of work, and the financial conditions of its execution.

10. NOTICES AND ADDRESSES

For this MOU's purposes, the Parties' address will be as follows. All correspondence and notices in relation to the present MOU sent to the Parties at the address mentioned below shall be deemed sufficient service of the notice on the Parties.

The Institutions identify following coordinators to ensure proper implementation of the Program:

NAMTECH:

Name: Dr. Devang Joshi

Designation: Executive Registrar

**NIT Manipur:**

Name: Dr. Aheibam Dinamani Singh

Designation: Dean (R&C)

Address: NIT Manipur, Langol Road, Lamphelpat, Imphal, Manipur 795004

Email: ads@nitmanipur.ac.in**11. TERMINATION AND WITHDRAWAL**

This MoU shall automatically terminate on the third anniversary of the signing date unless extended by mutual agreement of the Parties in writing or unless earlier terminated on the occurrence of any one of the following:

- a. Mutual written agreements by the Parties to terminate this MoU.
- b. Termination of this MoU by any Party by serving ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other Party. The said termination will not affect any existing student beneficiary in any condition.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no Party shall be liable to pay any compensation for any loss, damages, or claims to the other Party upon expiry or termination of this MoU by its terms, unless as stated otherwise under the MoU.

12. LIABILITIES

This MOU is only a statement of intent and does not create, directly or indirectly, any legally binding rights, obligations or liabilities, on either Party.

No Party shall hold the other Party liable or responsible for any direct or indirect costs, expenses, losses, claims or any financial commitments, borne or proposed to be borne as a result of any act or omission undertaken by such Party, solely on the basis of this MOU.

13. DURATION



This MOU is valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of its signing. It shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials of both parties and will remain effective until modified or terminated by mutual consent. Any modification to the MOU must be mutually agreed upon by the authorized officials of both parties. In the absence of mutual agreement, this MOU shall end after three (3) years. The parties may, subject to mutual consent, extend their partnership on mutually agreeable terms and conditions after the end of this MOU by signing a new MOU.

14. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

This MOU shall be governed by the laws of India. Should any disputes or differences arise during this Agreement between the Parties, they agree to amicably resolve the same through discussions between the Director, NIT Manipur and the Director-General of NAMTECH or their respective nominees. Any unresolved disputes shall be settled by arbitration governed by the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 and its amendments. The place of arbitration shall be Ahmedabad, and the language shall be English. The Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Ahmedabad.

15. ASSIGNMENT

The Parties shall not be entitled to assign, license, or in any manner deal with the benefit, in whole or in part, or any rights under this MOU without the prior written consent of the owner or the other Parties to this Agreement.

16. AMENDMENT

Except as otherwise provided herein, no addition, amendment, or modification of any part of the MOU shall be effective unless done in writing and signed by and on behalf of both Parties by their respective Authorized Signatories.

Signed on this 11 day of July 2025, in two copies in the English language, both copies being equally authentic.