Memorandum of Understanding

for

Standardization & Conformity Assessment Collaboration

between

BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

and

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANIPUR,

LANGOL, IMPHAL-795004, MANIPUR

10. Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or supplemented at any time by written agreement between the Parties.

11. The MoU becomes effective by the signature of the Parties.

Signed

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भारत सरकार / Government of India

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This Memorandum of Understanding ('MoU') is made on (14th October 2026) between the Bureau of Indian Standards, the National Standards Body of India established under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, conformity assessment and quality assurance of goods, articles, processes, systems and services and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, having its Headquarters at 'Manak Bhavan', 9 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110002, hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau" or the "FIRST PARTY",

and

National Institute of Technology Manipur (NIT Manipur), an Institute of National Importance established under an Act of Parliament and notified vide Gazette of India Notification No. 28 of 2012 dated 7 June 2012, having expertise in scientific and technological education and research and in the application of science and technology for human advancement and societal development, was established in the year 2010 by the Ministry of Education (formerly the Ministry of Human Resource Development), Government of India, and has its premises at Imphal, Manipur, hereinafter referred to as "NIT MANIPUR" or the "SECOND PARTY".

Both the Bureau and NIT Manipur hereinafter refer to individually as the 'Party' and collectively as 'Parties'.

1. General

1.1 The Bureau, with this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NIT Manipur intends to develop collaborative activities in the field of Standardization and Conformity Assessment on the basis of equality and reciprocity and in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this memorandum of understanding (MoU). The collaboration will be established within the principles set out in the following sections.

1.2 NIT Manipur shall nominate a Nodal Officer, who may be called Education Outreach Coordinator.

2. Objectives

2.1 Both the Parties agree to develop the following collaborative activities in the areas of Standardization and Conformity Assessment on the basis of equality and reciprocity.

2.2 NIT Manipur and the Bureau agree to collaborate in the following areas:

a) participate in Standardization activity through Technical Committees of the Bureau at National & International level.
b) undertake R&D Projects related to standardization and conformity assessment,
c) develop infrastructure support for R&D Projects of relevance to standardization. the Bureau will provide infrastructure support for R&D Projects of relevance to Standardization. The terms and conditions for infrastructure support and finance to be jointly worked out based on the R&D Projects.
d) provide IT based technological solutions regarding various activities of the Bureau, including Conformity Assessment processes, as and when required. The detailed guidelines for such projects would be worked out separately as may be mutually agreed to.
e) jointly organize seminars, conferences, workshops symposia or lectures on topics of Standardization and Conformity Assessment and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein.
f) exchange publications and other literature of common interest related to Standardization and Conformity Assessment.

g) exchange information on research and educational programmes and other programmes relevant to Standardization and Conformity Assessment.

h) NIT Manipur to consider introduction of topics on standardization in academics for which the Bureau would provide all inputs required to create teaching modules on the concept of Standardization and Conformity Assessment.

i) jointly organize training and short-term education programmes on Standardization and Conformity Assessment.

j) explore the possibility for setting up a Centre of Excellence in the field of Standardization, Testing & Conformity Assessment at NIT Manipur

k) explore the possibility of hiring of faculty of NIT Manipur as consultants on secondment basis.

l) explore the possibility of using laboratory facilities available at NIT Manipur for catering to the needs of various Conformity Assessment Schemes of the Bureau.

m) any other mutually agreed to area of collaboration.

2.3 Terms and conditions for various collaboration will be worked out under mutual agreement.

3. Intellectual Property Rights:

3.1 Ownership of any intellectual property, including but not limited to confidential information, know-how, patents, copyrights, design rights, rights relating to computer software, and any other industrial or intellectual property rights, developed solely by NIT Manipur shall be vested with that Party.

3.2 Ownership of any intellectual property, including but not limited to confidential information, know-how, patents, copyrights, design rights, rights relating to computer software, and any other industrial or intellectual property rights, developed solely by the Bureau shall be vested with that Party.

3.3 Joint Ownership

a) Any publication, document, paper, presentation, or other dissemination (collectively "Publications") arising out of joint work conducted by the Parties pursuant to this MoU shall be jointly owned by the Parties. No Party shall publish, present, or otherwise disseminate any Publication without obtaining prior written approval from the other Party. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be granted or refused within 45 days of receiving the complete draft Publication.

b) Each Party shall have the right to review any proposed Publication for: (a) technical accuracy; (b) protection of confidential information; (c) identification of patentable subject matter requiring protection prior to publication; (d) consistency with applicable laws, regulations, and policies; and (e) appropriate attribution and acknowledgment.

c) If either Party identifies potentially patentable subject matter in a proposed Publication, that Party may request delay of publication for up to 90 days to allow for filing of patent applications. The other Party shall cooperate in good faith with such patent filings.

d) The use of the name, logo, official emblem, or any other identifying marks of either Party on any Publication shall require prior written permission of that Party.

3.4 Any intellectual property rights, including but not limited to patents, copyrights, designs, know-how, and trade secrets (collectively "Joint IP"), arising from or generated through joint research activities conducted pursuant to this MoU shall be jointly owned by the Parties in equal undivided shares, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Clause, BIS shall have the irrevocable, royalty-free right to use Joint IP for purposes of standards development, standards implementation, and standards promotion in India, including the right to: (i) Incorporate Joint IP into Indian Standards;(ii) Grant royalty-free licenses to implementers of Indian Standards incorporating Joint IP;(iii) Require disclosure of Joint IP incorporated in standards pursuant to BIS's IPR policy and applicable regulations.

4. Effective Date, Duration, Termination of the MoU:

4.1 This MoU shall be effective from the date of the signing by both the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years therefrom. The parties may extend the term as mutually agreed to, with Contract principles. This MoU may be terminated by either Party by giving prior written notice of sixty (60) days to the other Party hereto.

5. Confidentiality

5.1 The Receiving Party shall ensure confidentiality of documents and information received and marked as confidential of the Disclosing Party, within the framework of this MoU. The documentation and information can be shared with a third party only with prior written consent of the Disclosing Party.

5.2 The obligation of non-disclosure of such documentation and information shall survive for a period of 5 years post termination of the MoU or as long as the information remains confidential, whichever is longer, keeping in view to protect the interest of the Disclosing Party.

6. Warranty

6.1 Any and all deliverables, information, proposed publication, materials, reports, Services, intellectual property, other property or rights ("Results") and Confidential Information, granted or provided by either Party pursuant to this MoU are on an as-is-where-is basis. Either Party does not make any warranties of any kind, either express or implied, as to any matter including, but not limited to, warranty of fitness for particular purpose, or merchantability, exclusivity or results obtained from use. Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising from activities under the MoU.

7 Force Majeure

7.1 Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure to perform its obligations under this MoU if such delay or failure is caused by an event of force majeure, including but not limited to acts of God, war, riots, strikes, pandemics, or natural disasters, provided the affected Party notifies the other promptly and takes reasonable steps to mitigate the effects.

8. Notices

8.1 All notices, if any, under this MoU, must be issued in writing, to each other. If during the Notice period, a specific assignment is being conducted under the conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding, this assignment will continue through its completion, during the notice period.

9. Resolution of Disputes

The Bureau and NIT Manipur will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence and shared responsibility. In case, there be a dispute relating to any aspect of the cooperation, NIT Manipur and the Bureau will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility. The interpretation and enforceability of this MoU shall be determined according to laws of India.