



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



NORTH EAST CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION AND REACH (NECTAR)

An Autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India
Survey of India Campus, Bonnie Brae Estate, Barik Point,
Shillong-793001, Meghalaya

&

ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE

Shillong, Meghalaya

India

(Affiliated to North Eastern Hill University, Shillong)

FOR

COLLABORATIVE and R & D ACTIVITIES

A. Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on this day, the 6th of MAY, 2026, by and between:

1. **North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR)**, headquartered at Shillong, Meghalaya, an autonomous society of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, hereinafter referred to as **NECTAR**
2. **St. Edmund's College, Shillong, Old Jowai Road**, P.O. Laitumkhrah, Shillong - 793 003, Meghalaya, India. hereinafter referred to as

NECTAR and St. Edmund's College are collectively referred to as the **Parties**, and individually as a **Party**.

B. Objectives.

The objectives of this collaboration are:

1. **Research Collaboration:** To facilitate collaborative research on emerging geospatial technologies, data science, environmental technologies and sustainable development practices.
2. **Skill Development:** To support students, faculty, and other professionals affiliated with **St. Edmund's College** in designing and implementing capacity-building programmes and technical skills-based training using advanced software tools and devices in the field of geospatial science and technology, effectively implemented in real-world scenarios.
3. **Internship Support:** To provide openings for internship programs to **St. Edmund's College** students through active on-site engagement in a real-world working environment with NECTAR's expertise and networks.
4. **Entrepreneurship Support:** To support students and faculty in developing business ideas by providing access to expert guidance, technical support, and networking opportunities through NECTAR. This includes help with creating prototypes, applying for funding, and connecting with start-up incubators and industry partners.

C. Scope of Collaboration

The collaboration under this MoU shall cover the following areas, but is not limited to:

1. **Joint Research Projects:** Co-develop and execute projects aligned with NECTAR's vision and **St. Edmund's College's** academic and research capabilities.
2. **Skill Development and Training:** Conducting seminars, workshops, training programs, and certificate courses focusing on niche technologies. NECTAR will provide professional trainers and faculty members with technological resources to conduct programmes and scheduled as per an agreed calendar of events, to be mutually determined between NECTAR and **St. Edmund's College**.
3. **Innovation Support:** Both Parties shall support the development of innovative ideas into practical solutions. This includes identifying promising student or faculty innovations, providing technical guidance, helping in prototype development, and facilitating access to relevant testing facilities. Support may also include linking innovators with funding sources, incubators, and mentors to help turn ideas into market-ready products or services.
4. **Knowledge Dissemination:** Archived scientific completed project data will be made accessible for scientific research purposes. Subject to permission from other stakeholders, who have joint ownership of such data.
5. **Capacity building on Certified Drone pilots:** A comprehensive Remote Pilot Certificate course will be offered to students at St. Edmund's College through NECTAR RPTO, providing structured drone training programs at concessional rates.

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D. Roles and Responsibilities

NECTAR Shall:

1. Provide technical expertise, access to frontier technologies, and necessary guidance for collaborative activities.
2. Facilitate technology transfer and extend support in the deployment and scaling of technologies.

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3. Assist in organizing capacity-building initiatives and skill development programs.

St. Edmund's College Shall:

1. Provide infrastructural and academic support, including laboratories, faculty, and students, for joint projects and programs.
2. Mobilize resources and stakeholders for effective implementation of collaborative initiatives.
3. Facilitate pilot projects, workshops, and incubation support through its constituent institutions.
4. **St. Edmund's College** shall encourage students to take Remote Pilot Certificate training from NECTAR RPTO, Boko, Assam, on a regular basis. The RPC training fees may be finalized mutually between the parties separately.

E. Funding and Resources

The financial obligations and resource commitments for specific projects under this MoU shall be mutually agreed upon through separate project-specific agreements.

F. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): The ownership of intellectual property generated from collaborative activities shall be jointly shared unless otherwise mutually agreed upon for specific projects.

- I. Any publication or dissemination of results shall acknowledge both Parties appropriately.
- II. However, if an Intellectual Property is solely created by a Party, the rights in such Intellectual Property shall belong to the Party that has solely created it. Neither party shall go for publicity of any of the jointly held intellectual properties without first notifying the other party.
- III. A separate agreement will be drafted in case a commercial venture arises from a joint innovation.

G. Duration and Termination

- I. This MoU shall remain valid for a period of **five (5) years** from the date of signing, unless terminated earlier by mutual consent.
- II. Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving a written notice of **three (3) months** to the other Party.



H. Amendments

This MoU may be amended or modified only through a written agreement signed by both Parties.

- I. **NON-EXCLUSIVITY** -The agreement reflected by the provisions of this MoU is non-exclusive, and both parties can enter cooperative arrangements with other parties to suit their organizational needs.

J. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties to this Agreement agree to ensure that all individuals involved in the collaboration, including employees, contractors, and other participants, comply with the confidentiality obligations set forth herein. If such obligations are not already covered under the terms of their respective employment, consultancy, or institutional agreements, the Parties shall require these individuals to formally agree to the confidentiality restrictions specified in this Agreement before they participate in the collaboration.

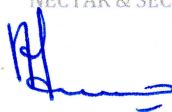
These obligations include, but are not limited to:

I. Maintaining Confidentiality

Ensuring that all proprietary, sensitive, or non-public information exchanged as part of the collaboration is treated as strictly confidential and is not disclosed to any third party without prior written consent of the disclosing Party.

II. Restricted Use:

Using the Confidential Information solely for the purposes of the collaboration and not for any other purpose, whether commercial, personal, or otherwise.



III. Duration:

The confidentiality obligations shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement for a period of 5 years, or as otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties.

K. Settlement of dispute/Termination

- I. Any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or in relation to this MoU, including the validity, invalidity, breach or termination thereof, shall be settled by the Parties amicably through mutual consultations and negotiations within thirty days from the receipt of a letter /notice by the aggrieved party. Decisions taken jointly by the Director General, NECTAR & Principal, St. Edmund's will be the final and conclusive.
- II. Except for loss or damage caused through gross negligence or intent, the Parties shall have no liability to each other hereunder.

L. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution:

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of India. Should any disputes or differences arise during this Agreement between the Parties, the Parties agree to amicably resolve the same by a discussion between the Director General and Principal of the Parties or their respective nominees. Any pending disputes shall be resolved by Arbitration governed by the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 and the amendments thereto. The Parties shall mutually appoint a sole arbitrator. The place of arbitration shall be Shillong, India. The Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts at Shillong.

SEAL OF THE PARTIES

In witness whereof, this Memorandum of Understanding has been executed in two original copies by the duly authorized representatives of the parties, with one copy retained by NECTAR, Shillong and the other by St. Edmund's College Educational Institute, as of the date first written above.

All the above are accepted by Signatories.

For NECTAR

For St. Edmund's College



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