



## Memorandum of Understanding

## Between

# Chitkara University

## And

## Villa College

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS DATED 19th July 2024

#### AND MADE BETWEEN:

- (1) Chitkara University, having its corporate office at Chitkara University, Chandigarh-Patiala Highway NH-64, Punjab, India, 140401
- (2) Villa College, having its registered office located at QI Campus, Rah Dhebai Hingun, Male', Maldives.

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Chitkara University and Villa College agree to enter into a cooperative relationship for the general purpose of supporting and promoting teaching and research and other collaborative activities for the mutual benefit of both parties.
- 1.2 This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") sets out below the principles by which Chitkara University and Villa College can establish a formal arrangement regarding such activity.

## 2. Principles

- 2.1 The activities covered by this MOU will centre on the following:
  - 1. The development of collaborative research projects.
  - 2. The organization of joint academic and scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposia, or lectures.
  - 3. The exchange of research and teaching personnel.
  - 4. The exchange of students.
  - 5. The exchange of publications and other materials of common interest.
- 2.2 Any activity carried out within the broad framework of this MOU shall be subject to the mutual consent of both parties, considering any constraints of time, funding, and other relevant resources.

## 3. Separate Agreements

In addition, it is envisaged that each activity that the parties wish to pursue this MOU will be governed by terms and conditions to be separately negotiated and mutually agreed upon by the parties through the signing of one or more subsidiary agreements.

#### 4. Renewal Amendment and Termination

- 4.1 This MOU shall be effective for an initial period of three years from this date. Thereafter, this MOU may be extended for further periods of three years or any other period as deemed appropriate by both parties, subject to their mutual consent and any such extension to be made in writing.
- 4.2 Either party may amend or vary this MOU at any time provided it is with the prior written consent of both parties.
- 4.3 Either party may terminate this MOU at any time by giving six months' notice to the other party in writing.
- 4.4 It shall be the duty of each party to make its best endeavors to protect the interests of all students from the other party who have acted upon any collaborative arrangements hereunder notwithstanding the expiry or early termination of this MOU.

## 5. Collaborative Pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

5.1. Chitkara University and Villa College shall collaboratively pursue the advancement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as delineated by the United Nations within the academic domain. This collaboration aims to promote quality education, innovation, and sustainable practices without creating any financial obligations for either institution.

## 6. General

- 6.1 The parties to this MOU shall not be deemed to be in breach of this understanding or otherwise liable to any other party in any manner whatsoever for any failure or delay in performing or initiating the activities proposed in this MOU.
- 6.2 This MOU records the understanding between the parties and is not intended to be a legally binding and shall not be enforceable in any court of law.

Signed by

Dr. Madhu Chitkara

Pro Chancellor

Chitkara University

Signed by

Associate Prof. Dr. Ali Najeeb

**Vice Rector** 

Villa College