

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between



South Western Command
&



Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur, Rajasthan

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By and Between

SOUTH WESTERN COMMAND
And
MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY JAIPUR

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") is made and entered into on **16th Day of July 2025**, by and between:

HEADQUARTERS SOUTH WESTERN COMMAND, INDIAN ARMY hereinafter referred to as "**SWC**"
Represented by **Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, AVSM, YSM, VSM, GOC-in-C.**

AND

MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY JAIPUR hereinafter referred to as "**MNIT**"
represented by **Prof Narayana Prasad Padhy, Director.**

(Hereinafter referred singly as "Party" and collectively as "Parties")

1. The parties recognize the need to collaborate in **Indigenization, Research & Development and Innovation cooperation in areas of mutual interest in Design and Development activities pertaining to Army Special Vehicles, Platforms and Equipment, Software development, Weapon System Integration, AI, Communication, Robotics, Constructions etc.**
2. The Parties are desirous of collaborating towards Consultancy, Research and Development, upscaling of technologies etc to support the specific requirements of the Army; as MNIT has competence and recognized expertise relevant for such development through the MNIT faculty and infrastructure.
3. Now therefore, the PARTIES hereby agree as follows:-

Objectives

- (a) Understanding the technology requirements of SWC and collaborate in Research, Design, Development and related activities as specified in Indigenization, Research & Development and Innovation cooperation in areas of mutual interest in Design and Development activities pertaining to Army Special Vehicles, Platforms and Equipment, Software development, Weapon System Integration, AI, Communication, Robotics, Constructions etc.



(b) Identifying the innovations/ solutions that can be adopted by SWC, either as is, or after further development/ upscaling through MNIT.

(c) Undertaking IR&D projects including technology innovations including improvements through MNIT that address the requirement of SWC.

(d) Provide expert advice, consultation and guidance by harnessing the technical expertise in alignment with the SWC's objectives and requirements.

4. All the above objectives will be executed through "**Project Specific Proposal**". The terms and conditions of this MoU shall be applicable to all future project proposals unless explicitly specified otherwise.

5. **Aggregates for Collaboration.** This MoU shall serve as an agreement for carrying out research in areas of mutual interest and to assist SWC in the above fields by involving the academia from MNIT for specific studies and other critical projects of operational significance. **The signing of this document does not entail any financial or legal obligation on either party.** Essentially, this MoU is a framework within which subsequent agreements with financial implications and relevant details can be signed for carrying out specific research and undertaking focused studies for resolving a particular technical issue or alleviating a technical problem.

6. **Scope of MoU.**

(a) A specific and detailed problem statement in the areas mentioned in objectives will be shared by SWC with MNIT which in turn will assign an expert team of MNIT for the project. The team will brainstorm the ways ahead for the project in consultation with SWC expert team. Single point of contact (SPOC) will be detailed by both parties for the project for query/ hold ups resolution.

(b) MNIT will submit the expected expenditures planned to be borne by MNIT for "**Project Specific Proposal**" projected by SWC. **Post approval of Competent Financial Authority (CFA), SWC, subsequent activities will be executed/ actioned.**

7. **Term and Termination.**



(a) This MoU shall be in effect from the date of signature. It will remain valid for a period of 5 years ("Term") and may be continued thereafter after suitable review and agreement.

(b) Either PARTY may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the other PARTY three months in advance.

(c) The termination and expiration of this MoU will not affect terms of ongoing activities at the time of termination or expiration.

8. **Confidentiality.**

(a) Both PARTIES agree to hold in confidence all information/ data designated by the parties as being confidential which is shared by either party pursuant to this MoU or created during the performance of this MoU. Either Party shall not, unless specifically permitted in writing by the other party, disclose in whole or part any such confidential or proprietary information or divulge any information thereon to any person other than its Personnel for fulfilling the purpose of this MoU. The disclosure to any such Personnel as aforesaid, of any such confidential or proprietary information, shall be in confidence and only to the extent necessary for carrying out the obligations herein.

(b) The above clause excludes information/ data possessed by either parties before entering into this MoU or independently developed or information already available through public domain.

9. **Intellectual Property.**

(a) The Parties shall each retain ownership of, and all right, title and interest in and to, their respective Background Intellectual Property already possessed by them prior to commencement of this MoU.

(b) The rights and title to any and all Intellectual Property based on any inventions, technology, process, product, device, design, copyright, etc. (collectively "Inventions") developed under the scope of this MoU shall be mutually decided by the PARTIES on case to case basis.

10. **Publication.** Manuscripts of academic papers, brochures, advertisements or other form of published material which refer to or quote the proprietary results of the project shall be vetted by both parties before publication.



11. **Other Terms and Conditions.**

(a) This MoU reflects the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter. No modification of this MoU shall be of any force or effect unless it (i) is in writing, (ii) reflects the effective date of the modification, (iii) is signed by both parties, and (iv) expressly indicates that it modifies this MoU.

(b) Neither Party shall assign, delegate or otherwise transfer any of their rights or obligations under this Agreement to any person in any manner without the prior written consent of the other Party.

(c) This MoU shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India.

(d) The relationship of the Parties hereunder shall be non-exclusive and Parties shall be at liberty to pursue other agreements or collaborations of any kind.

(e) MNIT may undertake other projects in the same field provided-to the best of its knowledge and belief - there exists no danger of information of a confidential nature coming into the hands of a third party.

(f) Neither Party shall be held liable to the other party for any loss, delay, damage or failure in performance (and shall not be liable for any loss or damages caused thereby) due to the exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as but not limited to acts of God, War, Flood, Earthquakes, Fire or Accident, Epidemics, Governmental or Parliamentary restrictions, Lockouts, Strikes, Riots, Civil Commotions, Prohibitions of any kinds, import or export regulations, exchange control regulations, etc.

12. **Dispute Resolution.** Any dispute arising in the agreement will be resolved amicably, through mutual discussion between MNIT and SWC. Should there be a dispute relating to any aspect of Indigenization, Research & Development and Innovation cooperation, the GOC-in-C, South Western Command, or his nominee and Director, MNIT Jaipur or his nominee will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility falling which either party is free to approach appropriate court of law having civil jurisdiction at Jaipur.



13. **Notices**

Unless otherwise provided herein, all notices or other communications under or in connection with this MoU shall be in writing and may be sent by courier to the address mentioned below. Any such notice or communication shall be deemed to be effective, if sent by courier – five days after being deposited.




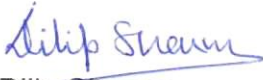
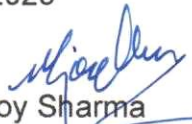
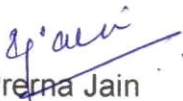
If sent to Army :
Attention : MG EME
Address : GS (EM & Trials) Branch
HQ South Western Command
PIN – 908546
c/o 56 APO

If sent to MNIT :
Attention : Director, MNIT Jaipur
Address : Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur
JLN Marg, Jhalana Gram, Malaviya Nagar
Jaipur – 302017 (Rajasthan)

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have caused this MoU to be executed by their duly authorized officers on the dates and at the places indicated below.

Dated: 16 Jul 2025

<u>South Western Command (SWC)</u>	<u>Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur</u>
Signature : 	Signature : 
Name : Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, AVSM, YSM, VSM	Name : Prof Narayana Prasad Padhy
Designation : GOC-in-C	Designation : Director
Dated : 16 Jul 2025	Dated : Jul 2025
<u>Witnesses:-</u>	<u>Witnesses:-</u>
Signature : 	Signature : 
Name : Maj Gen Ravinder Singh	Name : Prof Dilip Sharma
Designation : MG EME	Designation : Dean, International and Alumni Affairs
Dated : 16 Jul 2025	Dated : 16 Jul 2025
Signature : 	Signature : 
Name : Brig Ajoy Sharma	Name : Dr Purna Jain
Designation : Brig Capability Development	Designation : Associate Dean, National and International Affairs
Dated : 16 Jul 2025	Dated : 16 Jul 2025

