MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between

K.R. MANGALAM UNIVERSITY
Sohna Road, Gurugram (Haryana)-122103

And

Centre for Ecology Development & Research (CEDAR)
A-17 Mayfair Gardens, New Delhi, 110048

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Memorandum of Understanding is executed on 26 **June, 2025.**

BETWEEN

K.R. Mangalam University, Sohna Road, Gurgaon - 122103 (Delhi NCR Region), a University established under the Haryana Private Universities Act 2006 (Amended 08 of 2013) and under section 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956 wherein empowered to award degrees, as specified under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956, through its Registrar, presently Dr. Rahul Shanna is duly authorized to enter and sign an MoU on behalf of School of Architecture and Design (SOAD), K.R. Mangalam University, **PARTY OF THE FIRST PART.**

School of Architecture and Design (SOAD) at K R Mangalam University offers highly advanced and practical programs for budding Architects, Interior Designers, Fashion Designers, Game Designers and Artists. The students of SOAD graduate with a strong foundation of multi-disciplinary skills related to aesthetics, environment-friendly and sustainable design, construction techniques, and space transformations. The programs offered at SOAD aim at providing a specialized understanding of the creative industry with a contemporary approach. Our course structure focuses on unveiling the talents and enabling students to pursue enormous career options offered in the wide spectrum of design. The four- year Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A) program aims to train students to develop professional skills required to become proficient Artists.

AND

Centre for Ecology Development & Research (CEDAR), Registered Office at A-17 Mayfair Gardens, New Delhi, 110048, an action research organization that works on the intersection of ecology and development. CEDAR envisions itself as the bridge between research and practice to facilitate socially just and equitable natural resource management. It has undertaken a variety of action research on ecosystems and ecosystem services, and to enhance their appreciation amongst different stakeholders. CEDAR is registered with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organization **(SIRO registration F.No. 11/514/2010-TU-V/2019,** Dr. Vishal Singh, Ex-officio, Executive Director, Centre For Ecology Development and Research,

Registrar
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Dehradun, is duly authorized to enter and sign an MoU on behalf of CEDAR, **PARTY OF THE SECOND PART**.

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to develop an academic and educational cooperation, and mutual understanding between CEDAR represented by its duly authorized signatory, and K.R. Mangalam University (hereinafter referred to as KRMU), Haryana, represented by its duly authorized signatory, the Registrar. Both CEDAR and KRMU may be referred to individually as the "party" or collectively as the "parties".

The primary objective of the collaboration in education and research is to promote interaction and academic partnerships between faculty and students of the two organizations through visits and studio exchange programs, internships, carry out joint academic and research programs, sharing of academic resources through expert talks, juries, reviews, workshops etc. This document presents a general framework for the collaboration. It also includes some specifically identified areas of cooperation, which may be updated from time to time.

AREAS OF COLLABORATION:

The following areas of cooperation have been identified under this MOU.

(i) **EXCHANGE PROGRAMME/ INTERNSHIPS, AND ON JOB TRAINING:**

Students of KRMU will have the opportunity to visit and participate in any short duration courses, internships, and on job training at CEDAR. Approvals and application procedures are to be decided together by both parties to include detailed and sanction copies approved by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before implementation.

(ii) PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

CEDAR staff and affiliates may offer Guest Lectures, participate in juries etc. and other academic programs at the KRMU as mutually decided between the parties.

(iii) JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS:

The two parties will explore opportunities and propose the undertaking of joint research projects. The joint research shall be headed by faculty/faculty team from both parties, and they may seek to apply for suitable research funding from external funding agencies. Each such

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research proposal shall contain the objective, aim, scope, limitations and primary research question justified by a hypothesis. The research work may then be published in UGC Care listed/Scopus indexed journals. Furthermore, any additional documents required for the grant have to be worked out by both parties with prior approval and cooperation of the respective institutions. Proposals for joint research may be sent by either party, after taking the consent and concurrence of the other party. The areas of cooperation may be revised by mutual consent. However, specific programs may require separate agreements detailed out and documented as annexures to this MoU.

COORDINATION

The provisions of this MoU will be implemented through a team of coordinators appointed by the authorized signatory from both parties.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

CEDAR and KRMU agree not to discriminate any person because of age, sex, national origin, race, ancestry, color, religious creed, disability or handicap, and sexual orientation. Neither institution shall impose criteria for the exchange of faculty, staff and students that would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Visiting students and faculty will abide by the codes of conduct of the host Institution. The parties should ensure that the faculty and students are made aware of the rules, regulations and other administrative procedures prior to the application and approval.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The applicable intellectual laws will be adhered to by both the parties. The two parties may jointly own the results or data generated during the collaborative projects; however, the host institution will govern the protection and commercialization of data, or any intellectual property created during any of the modes of cooperation. Non-disclosure agreements may be encouraged between the parties to clearly state the necessary and reasonable care to be taken to protect data or information.

DOCUMENTATION

The programs, events, workshops etc., conducted under the aforementioned areas of collaboration may be documented as a report, posters (to be displayed on campus and the respective websites) etc, along with video recordings of online and offline sessions, geo-tagged

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photo documentation and detailed feedback from the participants. The report should be jointly prepared and shared with both parties.

FINANCING

Under this MoU, it is understood and agreed that this is a non-financial MOU and there is no financial obligation between the parties. Each party is expected to bear their own costs in any collaborative activities. The local costs, including travel, accommodation, food, insurance etc expenses of visiting students and faculty may be maintained at reasonable costs and be borne by the visitors. Additional support, between parties if any, will be governed by separate agreements that may be drawn up for specific activities.

LEGAL STATUS

This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation and is not legally binding on any of the parties. Any disputes shall be resolved through mutual discussion.

CONTACT PERSON DETAILS OF BOTH PARTIES:

For K.R. Mangalam University	**For CEDAR**
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VALIDITY AND TERMINATION

This non-financial MoU is valid for an initial period of (03) Three years and becomes effective from the date it is signed by the partners. The partnership period may be extended by mutual consent. **This agreement may be terminated:**

a) On either party giving the other party 6 months' prior written notice.

b) On written notice by one of the Parties if the other Party has committed a breach of this MoU.

However, specific commitments made prior to such intimation shall be honored by both the partners including ensuring that any student at that time participating in the Program is able to complete the term of the assignment and be assessed for it.

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Dr. Rahul Sharma **Registrar** **KR Mangalam University** **Sohna Road, Gurgaon**	**Executive Director** **CEDAR** **Dehradun**

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Date: 26 / 6 / 2025 **Date:** 26 / 6 / 2025

WITNESSES:

1. _____ 1. _____
(Signature) (Signature)

Name: Dr Tanaya Verma. Name: Mr. CHETAN AGARWAL

Designation: Dean SOAD. Designation: SENIOR FELLOW