

MEMORANDUM OF COLLABORATION

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY (IGNOU)
NEW DELHI**

AND

**L N MITHILA UNIVERSITY
DARBHANGA**

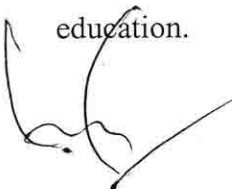
**NEW DELHI
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Common Objectives and Concerns

- Recognizing the common goals of Higher Education and Training to empower people to participate effectively in the processes of regional and national development.
- Considering the common priorities Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Lalit Narayan Mithila University (LNMU) offer joint certificate, diploma, and degree programmes at UG/PG levels.
- Considering the capabilities of IGNOU in providing higher education to large target groups of learners in areas of education identified above with focus on sharing resources with LNMU.
- Mutual acknowledgement of the experience, expertise and capabilities of IGNOU and LNMU and give due importance to collaboration, resource-sharing and partnerships;
- The IGNOU, New Delhi and LNMU, Darbhanga have agreed to sign this Memorandum of Collaboration, which will lay the foundation for cooperation and joint action to support the development of education and training in teacher education, journalism and mass communication, disaster management and management and such other areas as may be identified and agreed to mutually from time to time and act as precursor towards the goal of convergence between conventional and open universities in the country.
- The LNMU agrees to provide a built up space of about 175 sq.mt. (1500 sft) to IGNOU for its sub-Regional Centre. The period of agreement in respect of space will be for a period of five years on nominal rent subject to approval of the Statutory bodies.

Strategies

1. To establish a network between different universities and other institutions of learning in India who are involved in related activities in the field of higher education.



2. To provide for sharing of academic experiences between IGNOU and the LNM from time to time.
3. Develop strategies for design, development and implementation of Postgraduate programmes run under collaboration.

Both parties will jointly develop and devise implementation strategies and time-bound action plans for effective impact to meet the desired objectives and goals. The process of implementation will be assessed and evaluated by a Monitoring and Implementation Committee with the Vice-Chancellor (or in his absence a Pro-Vice Chancellor), IGNOU and Vice-Chancellor, (or in his absence a Pro-Vice-Chancellor) LNMU as Co-Chairmen and two nominees each of IGNOU and LNMU. The first meeting of the group will be held at Delhi and subsequent meetings will be held by rotation at regular frequency in Delhi and Darbhanga.

Duration

This memorandum shall come into effect upon signatures of both parties on the date set forth below and will remain in force for five years until either party wishes to withdraw by giving a notice of three months in writing. In the absence of any notice for withdrawal, the MOC shall stand extended for another period of five years.

**For the L N M University
Darbhanga**

**Registrar
L N M University, Darbhanga**



Date: November 2004

Place: New Delhi, India

For the IGNOU, New Delhi

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IGNOU, Delhi**



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