

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN



Bhattadev University

A Public State University established by upgrading Bajali College under Assam Act No. XXXVI of 2017

AND



Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College, Barpeta (FAAMCH)

A government medical college situated at Barpeta, Assam, founded on 11-th February 2011

February-2025

Bhattadev University is a public state university located at Pathsala, Bajali district, Assam. The university is established by Bhattadev University Act, 2017 which was passed by the Governor of Assam on 7 September 2017. It was created by upgrading Bajali College of Pathsala, Bajali district which was a NAAC "A" Grade College. In the current year, there were 4,445 students were enrolled in 19 different Departments under the Disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences, Natural and Mathematical Sciences and Commerce. At present the University has 18 different Colleges offering undergraduate and post graduate programmes under its affiliation. The objects of this University as envisaged in the statutes are that it shall strive to offer employment oriented and interdisciplinary courses to meet the local and regional aspirations and the development needs of the state of Assam and also offer courses and promote education and research in areas which are of special and direct relevance to the region and in emerging areas in Arts, Culture, Social science, Commerce, Science and Technology. Bhattadev University having its campus at Pathsala, Bajali, Assam - 781325 (hereinafter referred to as "BU") is represented herein by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dhanapati Deka (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context thereof, mean and include its successors and assigns).

Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College and Hospital (FAAMCH) is the fifth government medical college of Assam, situated at the city of Barpeta, the district head quarter of Barpeta district. The Medical College has been named after former President of India Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. The classes were formally inaugurated in August 2012 after it received the permission from the Medical Council of India even though the hospital section was inaugurated on 11th February 2011. It is affiliated with Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences, Guwahati. The college has MBBS and MD/MS courses. At present there are 125 seats in MBBS course. Post-Graduate Courses (permitted) are running in the following subjects, Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Radio-diagnosis, Pathology, Microbiology, and Biochemistry. FAAMCH, Barpeta also has paramedical diploma courses in Laboratory Technology, Radiography Technology, OT Technician, Physician Assistant and Physiotherapy. FAAMCH is affiliated to the Srimanta Sankardev University of Health Sciences.

FAAMCH with its jurisdiction to the whole of Assam is represented herein by its Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent, Prof. (Dr.) Ramen Talukdar, MBBS, MD in Radiology (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context thereof, mean and include its successors and assigns) and hereby enter into the following Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") with Bhattadev University.

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“BU” and “FAAMCH” are individually referred as a “Party” and collectively as “Parties” or the “Institutes”. BU is committed to excellence in higher education, research, and knowledge dissemination. FAAMCH is dedicated to medical education, research, and healthcare services.

Both parties recognize the importance of academic collaboration in fostering interdisciplinary learning, research, and societal development.

This MoU is made and entered into on 28th February, 2025.

1. This MoU intends to establish the institutional collaborative associations between BU and FAAMCH for the mutual benefits of both. These collaborations are intended to foster interest-led research collaborations between both Institutes at the highest quality standards as well as further academic collaboration in relevant areas of societal interest.
2. BU and FAAMCH agree to set up the collaborative group for fixed terms, as may be required from time to time.

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

I. SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. **Advancing Knowledge:** The primary objective of the collaboration is to advance scientific knowledge in research areas. Both institutions are committed to advancing pioneering research that addresses present-day challenges, pushes the limits of current understanding, and yields groundbreaking insights.
2. **Joint Research and Development:** Collaborative research projects in fields of mutual interest such as biotechnology, medical sciences, and public health. The collaboration aims to foster an inclusive research environment that appreciates diverse perspectives.
3. **Cutting-edge Research Initiatives:** Collaboratively identify and pursue groundbreaking research projects with the potential to make substantial contributions to their respective fields. These projects may incorporate novel methodologies, approaches, or technologies to address pressing scientific questions.
4. **Academic Exchange and Technology Transfer:** Exchange of faculty members, researchers, and students for lectures, research, and training. Cooperation on biomedical innovations and the transfer of technology for healthcare advancements.
5. **Workshops and Conferences:** Organization of joint conferences, workshops, and seminars. The institutions aim to generate research outcomes that contribute to the global scientific community while elevating the reputation of both organizations.
6. **Technological Innovation:** Engage in research projects that contribute to the development of new tools, and methodologies that have practical applications and societal impact.

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7. **Sustainable Solutions:** Emphasize research that tackles issues pertaining to sustainability, the environment, and societal well-being. The collaboration aspires to create solutions that foster sustainable development, conserve resources, and enhance the quality of life.
8. **Competency Enhancement:** Enhance the research capabilities of both institutions by facilitating knowledge exchange, skill development, and training opportunities for researchers, scholars, and students involved in collaborative projects.
9. **Internship, Training and Resource Sharing:** Provision of internship opportunities for BU students at FAAMCH and vice versa. Mutual access to libraries, laboratories, and research facilities. Encourage inclusivity and diversity in research by engaging researchers from various backgrounds, including different genders, ethnicities, and nationalities.
10. **Technology Transfer: Global Recognition:** Increase the international visibility and recognition of both institutions through joint research efforts. The collaboration aims to position BU and FAAMCH leaders in the specified research areas on the global stage.
11. **Public Health Initiatives and Policy Impact:** Collaboration on community health programs, awareness campaigns, and medical outreach initiatives. Contribute to evidence-based policy-making by conducting research that informs policy decisions at local, regional, national, and international levels. The institutions aspire to be sources of authoritative information for policymakers.
12. **Sustained Collaboration:** Build a long-term collaborative relationship between BU and FAAMCH, fostering a culture of continuous research engagement and cooperation beyond individual projects.

II. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The collaboration between BU and FAAMCH will encompass, but not be limited to, the following areas of research:

1. Drug Design & Development
2. Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
3. Artificial Intelligence Application
4. Humanities Social Sciences
5. Environmental Sciences
6. Medicinal Plants
7. Indian Knowledge System
8. Biomedical applications of natural products
9. Incubation for product development
10. Any other area of expertise from both institutions.

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III. TERMS OF COLLABORATION

1. **Exchange of Researchers:** Both institutions agree to facilitate the exchange of researchers, scholars, and experts to engage in collaborative research projects and agree to provide access to R&D research laboratories, equipment, and facilities for collaborative research projects based on mutual consent.
2. **Joint Research Projects:** BU and FAAMCH will jointly identify and undertake research projects of mutual interest. The responsibilities, scope, funding, and duration of each project will be determined on a case-by-case basis through separate agreements.
3. **Collaborative Workshops and Seminars:** Both institutions will host collaborative workshops, seminars, and conferences to promote knowledge sharing and foster intellectual discussions among researchers, faculty, and students.
4. **Knowledge Transfer and Data Sharing:** The scientific data generated from the joint projects may be utilized collaboratively by both parties for optimal scientific benefit. Dissemination of the data if any will remain the prerogative of both the institutes.
5. **Intellectual Property Rights:** It is understood and agreed by the Parties that any Intellectual Property that is created as a result of joint efforts or contribution of the Parties will be owned jointly by the Parties, irrespective of the percentage/mode of the contribution of both the Parties. However, if an Intellectual Property is solely created by a Party, the rights in such Intellectual Property shall belong to the Party which has solely created it. Neither party shall go for publicity of any of the jointly held intellectual properties without first notifying the other party.
6. **Publication and Authorship Rights:** Both the institutes' personnel will be an integral component of all reports and publications. When publishing results/data that stems from the scientific program of a particular Party, proper reference shall be made to the collaborative group and the relevant Party. When publishing results stemming from project information, data, or software, the name of the Party who developed the results is always to appear in the publications as first author.

IV. INFRASTRUCTURE

Based on the funding made available by various agencies, BU and FAAMCH agree to provide basic scientific and technical facilities and infrastructure for conducting research in the collaborative research undertaken by both the institution.

Both parties may explore opportunities for jointly funding, upgrading, or maintaining infrastructure relevant to the collaborative research, including laboratories, equipment, and facilities.

Both parties agree to provide accommodation during meetings and visits for the collaborative groups or internship trainees from the project Head or Others as deems fit.

V. NON-EXCLUSIVE ARRANGEMENT

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

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY

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The Parties to the Agreement undertake to require members involved in the collaboration group to agree to confidentiality restrictions stated herein if it is not already covered by a general clause in the employment agreement.

VII. DURATION & MODIFICATION / TERMINATION

1. This Agreement shall commence from 28th February, 2025 and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing unless extended by mutual agreement.
2. Either party may suggest modifications to the terms and conditions of this agreement within 30 days from the date of signing.
3. Neither Party shall terminate this Agreement before the expiry of its term (initial or extended) except on reasonable or compelling grounds such as irreparable breach of this Agreement or discontinuation of the scientific program by a Party. Either party may terminate this MoU by providing a three (3) months' written notice to the other party. Any disputes or differences regarding the termination of the Agreement, including the grounds for termination or the format of the notice, shall be submitted directly to arbitration as outlined in Clause XI below.
4. The Parties may mutually agree to extend this agreement. The Vice Chancellor of BU and the Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent of FAAMCH will together decide about such extension of the agreement in writing.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

No amendment or extension of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is documented in writing and signed by both Institutes.

IX. CONFLICTS

1. Parties shall endeavour to amicably settle, through dialogues and discussions, all other disputes or differences related to the agreement, including those regarding the interpretation of the terms of the agreement or fulfilment of any obligation under the agreement, within 45 days from the date when such dispute or difference arose. For this purpose, each Party may nominate no more than two persons as its representatives to participate in the dialogues and discussions.
2. If the disputes or differences submitted for amicable settlement under IX (1) are not resolved within 45 days, the parties shall refer the unresolved matters to an arbitration panel of three members. This panel will consist of one arbitrator nominated by each party, along with a third arbitrator jointly selected by the two nominated arbitrators. The arbitration panel will establish the rules and regulations for the proceedings and render a decision.
3. Any unresolved disputes will be addressed under the jurisdiction of the civil court.

X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Each party shall be individually responsible for the costs and consequences of any damages or losses of any kind that may be incurred by itself, its members, and/or its equipment in relation to this Agreement (including during implementation), unless the damage or loss is caused will fully by a party or its member, or is due to gross negligence.

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XI. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Parties shall be held responsible for non-fulfilment of their respective obligations under this MoU due to the exigency of one or more of the Force Majeure events such as, but not limited to, the acts of God, War, Flood, Earthquake, Strikes, Lockdown, Epidemic, Riots, Civil commotions etc. provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such event the Party affected thereby shall give a notice in writing to the other Party within 30 (Thirty) days of such occurrence or cessation. If the Force Majeure conditions continue beyond 6 (six) months, the Parties shall jointly decide about the future course of action.

XII. SEAL OF THE PARTIES

In witness whereof, each party has executed this MoU in two original copies, one of which has been retained by Bhattadev University and the other by the Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College and Hospital, Barpeta, on this day.

For and on Behalf of Bhattadev University	For and on Behalf of Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College and Hospital, Barpeta
<p><i>Majid Das</i> 28/4/2025</p> <p>Registrar Bhattadev University, Bajali</p> <p>Registrar Bhattadev University, Bajali, Assam -781325</p> <p>Place: <i>Barpeta, Bajali</i></p> <p>Date:</p>	<p><i>Dr</i> 28/4/25</p> <p>Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College and Hospital (FAAMCH), Barpeta-781301.</p> <p>Place:</p> <p>Date:</p>
<p>Witness:</p> <p>1. <i>Rubhon Ch. Das</i> 28/04/2025</p> <p>2. <i>Beinta Bora Das Chandelley</i> 28/4/25</p>	<p>Witness:</p> <p>1. <i>Sajal Kumar Das</i> 28/04/2025</p> <p>2. <i>Arindam Jitohi</i> 28/04/2025</p>



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