

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

SANDIP FOUNDATION'S, SANDIP INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND
RESEARCH CENTRE (SITRC)

AND

RIGA BUILDING COLLEGE (RBC)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into on this 22 day of MAY, 2019 between Sandip Foundations, Sandip Institute of Technology and Research Centre (hereafter SITRC), Nashik, India and Riga Building College (hereafter The Parties);

WHEREAS, SITRC is an institution of higher education with keen interest and established experience in research and knowledge creation, located in Nashik, India and RBC is a state college of higher professional education, located in Riga, Latvia.

WHEREAS, SITRC and RBC have as a common purpose to expand their capacity in areas of mutual interest, **WHEREAS**, SITRC and RBC wish to provide for research cooperation and for the exchange of their expertise for the mutual benefit of both institutions and the community at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, SITRC and RBC hereby agree to provide said experience under the following terms:

A. BACKGROUND

Sandip Foundations, Sandip Institute of Technology and Research Centre, Nashik-India.

Sandip Foundation campus founded in year 2005 by visionary Chairman "Dr. Sandip Kumar Jha" with the aim to offer quality education in the fields of Engineering, Science, Arts, Management, Law and Pharmacy.

Sandip Institute of Technology and Research Centre (SITRC) is located in the scenic, eco-friendly and conducive-to-study campus at an elevation off the Trimbak Road, Nasik-Maharashtra, India. SITRC is self-financing institute approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi and affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. SITRC started in the year 2008 and the current sanctioned intake of the institute is 2232 for Civil, Computer, Information Technology, Electrical, Electronics & Telecommunication, Mechanical Engineering, MBA, ME in Computer and Electronics & Telecommunication.

The Governing Council of SITRC consists of distinguished industrialists and educationalists as members. The institute has world class infrastructure supported with well-equipped laboratories among best-in-class equipment's and instruments, spacious classrooms and well developed central and departmental library.

The Mission of the Institute is to impart in-depth technical knowledge, to create conducive environment for research, innovation and entrepreneurship and to instill the social and cultural values.



Awards and Achievements

- Sandip Institute of Technology and Research Centre has been Accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) India with 'A' Grade (CGPA 3.11).
- Awarded by prestigious "Shiledar Puraskar" for Contribution to Smart City Abhiyaan from Nasik Municipal Corporation (NMC), Nashik (Maharashtra).
- Recognized as college of substance for providing technical solutions to social problems by Natarajan Education Society (NES), Pune.
- Ranked 5th Among Top 10 Indian Applicants for Patent from Institute & Universities by The Office of The Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trademarks and Geographical Indication, Govt of India, 2014-2015
- Ranked 8th Among Top 10 Indian Applicants for Patent from Scientific & Research Development Organization by The Office of The Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trademarks and Geographical Indication, Govt. of India, 2015-2016
- Ranked 12th Among Top Emerging Private Institutes in Times of India's -Engineering Institute Ranking survey in collaboration with i3RC-2015
- Best Accredited Student Branch by Computer Society of India (CSI), 2015-16
- Ranked 8th among "Top 10 Emerging B-Schools in India" by Silicon India, Bangalore, 2013

Riga Building College

Riga Building College [RBC] is a state college of higher professional education. The College trains specialists who upon graduation are well – qualified to take up successful job positions not only in Latvia but also abroad.

Riga Building College has a long history which goes back to 1872. The college grew out from Riga Building Trade School which was one of the first educational establishments offering technical education in Latvia. The process of transferring from the curricula of technicians of vocational education level to curricula of applied higher education started in 2000. Today the total enrolment counts around 1000 students and a teaching staff of over 60 members.

The development trend of Riga Building College is movement towards the open information society, meeting the requirements of quality assurance as well as providing a good competitive higher education.

Description of the studies

Riga Building College is an accredited state, higher education institution and offers diploma studies in the following fields:

- Building constructions – (qualification – building site supervisor) is accredited for the maximum time – six years till 10.04.2023.
- Architecture – (qualification – assistant architect) is accredited for the maximum time – six years till 10.04.2023.
- Restoration – (qualification – restorer) is accredited for the maximum time – six years till 23.05.2020.
- Building services– (qualification – building site supervisor) is accredited for the maximum time – six years till 10.04.2023.

Scope of programme – 120 Latvian Credit points (180 ECTS)

One of the main issues in study process is practice. During the practice students of RBC develop their skills and knowledge not only on the spot but also have an internship practice on a site.

Riga Building College at the moment is the only College in Latvia that has received Diploma Supplement Label.

This Diploma Supplement follows the model developed by the European Commission, Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES. The purpose of the Supplement is to provide sufficient independent data to improve the international "transparency" and fair academic and professional recognition of qualifications (diplomas, degrees, certificates etc.). It is designed to provide a description of the nature, level, context and status of the studies that were



pursued and successfully completed by the individual named on the original qualification to which this supplement is appended. It should be free from any value judgments, equivalence statements or suggestions about recognition. Information in all eight sections should be provided. Where information is not provided, the reason should be explained.

Riga Building College is intensively expanding its international cooperation. Due to the cooperation agreements the students of Riga Building College can participate in Erasmus program and double degree diploma program. RBC is a participant of Erasmus Program since 2008 and is holder of Erasmus Charter.

B. PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this MOU is to set forth the understandings and intentions of the Parties with regard to their shared and complementary goals, reflecting the spirit of cooperation between SITRC and RBC. The Parties are entering into this MOU while maintaining their own separate and unique missions and mandates and their own accountabilities. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with other agreements or contracts entered into by the Parties, either prior to or subsequent to the signing of the MOU. The Parties further specifically acknowledge that this MOU is not an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by either Party. Should the Parties agree at any stage to undertake specific joint projects that are legally binding they shall conclude separate written agreements to govern the specific project or collaboration.

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the framework for cooperation on mutually agreed activities within the respective mandates of the Parties. Through a set of collaborative activities, including the engagement in joint research initiatives, the sponsorship of roundtable discussions, the hosting of conferences, and the hosting of scholars, both SITRC and RBC will advance their objectives to provide pioneering research and stimulate public participation in policy-making.

C. SCOPE OF COOPERATION

Program Focus

The MOU is intended as a broad vehicle to promote programmatic interaction in the form of joint collaboration between SITRC and researchers and faculty, as well as joint development of projects that are aligned with the respective missions of the Parties and with benefit to both institutions. Cooperation will be carried out with faculties and institutes from SITRC and RBC.

The following constitute possible areas of cooperation between the Parties. Collaboration in these areas is not legally binding and will be agreed upon in writing on a project-by-project basis:

1. Student and faculty Exchange;
2. An Internship Program, whereby a selected number of SITRC students would undertake internship opportunities at RBC;
3. The collaborative hosting of conferences both at SITRC and RBC, whereby visiting scholars to either institution are invited to speak at the partner institution;
4. The undertaking of joint research and publication initiatives; and
5. Regular exchange of publications in areas of mutual interest.

D. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

SITRC and RBC agree to:

- Ensure that strategic planning for all activities takes place at an appropriately senior level within each institution, enabling the Parties to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort;
- Ensure that any joint activity is conducted in an orderly manner, reflects the strengths of the Parties, and where possible is complementary, drawing on their respective missions and corporate plans.




- Take part in activities that are cost-effective and efficient in development and implementation, assure standards and quality, and provide complete, accurate, and reliable information to students and stakeholders.

E. DESIGNATED POINTS OF CONTACT

SITRC and RBC will each nominate an authorized contact who will be responsible in practice for ensuring effective liaison between the Parties, preserving the underpinning principles outlined here, and maintaining an overall perspective on developments initiated through this MOU.

For SITRC


Name: **Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay T. Gandhe**

For Riga Building College

Name: **Sandra Svik**

When a new contact person is appointed, all involved personnel must be informed immediately. The validity of the MOU would not be affected by the change.

F. FINANCES AND RESOURCES

The Parties agree that this MOU does not commit either Party to make specific levels of financial or personnel support or to provide specific office or laboratory space for joint activities, and that the provision of such support will be based on available resources and provided in accordance with the policies, rules, regulations, and laws under which the Parties operate. However, the Parties will work jointly and individually to solicit funding for the activities prescribed in this MOU, subject to specific agreements.

G. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The Parties agree that no confidential or proprietary information shall be shared in any collaboration under this MOU. If a Party wishes to disclose information shared by the Parties that it considers to be confidential or proprietary, it shall only do so after a written confidentiality agreement has been entered into with the other Party.

H. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Treatment of Intellectual Property Rights, where developed through a collaboration under this MOU, shall be determined by the Parties concerned through negotiation, having due regard to their respective institutional policies and regulations as to ownership and exploitation. The agreed negotiated terms shall be covered in separate written agreements between the Parties.

I. PUBLICITY

No Party shall use the name of the other Party in any advertising, promotional, or similar materials without the express written permission of the other Party. The Parties agree to coordinate all public announcements regarding the activities provided for under this MOU. However, this does not preclude making this MOU publicly available or making a reference by either Party to its terms.

J. FURTHER COOPERATION

This MOU is a framework agreement that regulates the relations between the Parties in a general way. The conditions and the execution measures of this agreement will be defined in the form of work program agreements, which shall regulate the exchange of expertise and facilities in specific projects. These work program agreements will be approved by the legal representatives of the two Parties or by their delegates.



K. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of any dispute arising in respect of any provision of this MOU, the Parties shall make every reasonable effort to resolve all issues fairly and amicably by good-faith negotiation. Any dispute that cannot be settled thus shall be referred to the legal representative of each Party, as appropriate, or their designees who will meet as often, for a duration, and as promptly as the Parties in question reasonably deem necessary to discuss and negotiate in good faith to resolve the dispute.

L. DURATION

This MOU shall be effective from the date of its signature and shall continue to be in force for a period of three years (The Term). Any extension of the Term shall be subject to the mutual written agreement of the Parties.

M. AMENDMENTS

This MOU may be amended or modified by the written agreement signed by the representative of each Party.

N. TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time upon a six-month advance written notice to the other Party with such termination becoming effective upon the date set forth in such written notice. In the event of the early termination of the MOU, each Party will assume responsibility for its residual obligations to students who have yet to complete any program of study. This may include providing the necessary support to enable students to complete the program of study within a reasonable period.

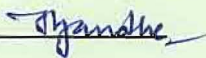
O. DISCLAIMER AND STATUS OF THE PARTIES

The relationship of the Parties to each other is that of independent and autonomous organizations. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to create any cooperation or joint venture between the Parties. Nothing in this MOU restricts the right of any Party to enter into agreements with other organizations or entities for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, each acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this MOU to be signed in their names and delivered as of this 28 day of MAY 2019.

Sandip Institute of Technology and Research Centre

Riga Building College





**Professor (Dr.) Sanjay T. Gandhe
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Principal

Executing director

