

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN
ARMY TRAINING COMMAND
INTEGRATED HEADQUARTERS OF MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (ARMY),
NEW DELHI AND SHOOLINI UNIVERSITY HIMACHAL PRADESH

This memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is executed on 06 day of December 2021 between the following parties:

SHOOLINI UNIVERSITY OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES situated at Bajhol, Solan 173229 Himachal Pradesh, a private University recognized by UGC established under Private Universities act of Himachal Pradesh **through** its Vice Chancellor, **Prof. Atul Khosla** hereinafter called as "**SHOOLINI**", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns of the Other Part;

AND

The Army Training Command on behalf of integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army), New Delhi, hereinafter referred to as 'Army' and duly represented by Chief of Staff, Headquarters, ARTRAC.

Scope:

The scope of this academic and research cooperation between the Army and Shoolini University is to promote and facilitate:

1. Exchange of information on educational programmes run by Shoolini University as part of its on-campus and off-campus programmes and on research and innovation currently undertaken by Shoolini University at its campus.
2. Army to sponsor officers to undergo on-campus and off-campus (as desired) educational programmes in Shoolini University.
3. Collaborative research and innovation in areas of mutual interest in basic and applied sciences, physical sciences, engineering, management, social sciences.

Terms and conditions of admission:

1. Shoolini University has agreed to provide admissions to the nominated officers of the Indian Army, in its following courses, as per the number of seats mentioned against each and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this MoU and regulations of the University.

Sr. No.	Name of the course	No. of Seats (As per subscription for courses and vacancies available)
1.	Ph.D. Computer Science and Engineering	10
2.	Ph.D. Management, Disaster management, HR, Finance, Supply Chain, Marketing	05 each

3.	Ph.D. IT, Data Analytics, AI, Cloud Computing, Cyber Security	03 each
4.	Ph.D. Basic and Applied Sciences	10
5.	Ph.D. Nanotechnology, Material Technology	5 each
6.	Ph.D. Law including Human Rights, Cyber law, IPR, ADR etc.	5 each
7.	Ph.D. Mass Communication, Public Relation, Journalism	5 each
8.	Ph.D. Quality Assurance, Reliability Engineering, and Industrial Relations	5 each
9.	Ph.D. Liberal Arts (Economics, Psychology, Political Science, Yoga, English, Food Science)	5 each

Note: -

- I. The number of seats to be allotted to Army personnel will be over and above the sanctioned strength in each subject mentioned above.**
 - II. All Ph.D. vacancies under the MoU will be subject to availability of guides in the respective centres/departments.**
 - III. Admissions in full time regular programmes will be given only after production of study leave certificate of the duration equivalent to the course duration.**
 - IV. Any other subjects offered by the University in future which are of organizational interests to the Army will be subscribed to by separate addendum to this MoU.**
2. The duly filled in application for admission should be submitted to the University every year through HQ ARTRAC.
 3. If the applications are not received within the prescribed date, the seats may be filled by the University itself, in whatever manner it deems to be fit.
 4. The Army personnel nominated by the HQ ARTRAC have to fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria prescribed for various courses.
 5. The nominated Army personnel shall, however, have to pass the entrance Examination to be conducted by Shoolini University at an exclusive centre for the Army at a mutually convenient location. A separate merit list will be prepared for these seats from amongst the Army candidates.
 6. Admission will be given to the officers seeking admission for Ph.D. programme as per the provision contained in 2.1(f) of Ph.D. regulations of the University.
 7. The University will provide accommodation to the extent possible in the Research Scholars Hostel, or otherwise they have to make their own arrangements.
 8. The fee will be paid by the officer at the normal rates prescribed for other students or at mutually agreed upon fee structure if agreed between the University and the Army.

9. They will abide by the rules and regulations of the University from the date of their admission/joining.
10. Any issues arising out of discipline in their cases will be reported to the HQ ARTRAC by the University for Appropriate Action.
11. The parties will also examine and set up centres of education in distant locations through procedures laid down in the University regulations, after fulfilling the norms and regulations of the Central Government Regulatory Bodies and Central Government, issued from time to time, and after obtaining the specific approval of the State Government.
12. Army will provide guest speakers/adjunct Professors/ members on various bodies of the University in mutual consultation on a need basis and within the rules of both parties.
13. The term Army nominees includes serving Army personnel only.
14. An apex level Joint Committee will be formed to take the process forward and also examine further areas of cooperation. The recommendations of the Joint Committee on any matter referred to it under this scheme will be placed before the appropriate bodies of the University for approval. The committee will consist of two members each from both parties and will be chaired by the Vice Chancellor.
15. A co-ordinator on both sides will be nominated to oversee the implementation of the MoU. The Army will nominate one officer as their representative for co-ordinating the activities relating to the admission of Army personnel. He will liaise with the University personnel dealing with admission.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

16. The Army and Shoolini University agree to respect each other's rights to intellectual property. Further, intellectual property rights that result from collaborative research or any activity under this MoU will be worked out on case-to-case basis and consistent with IPR policies of both the parties and the laws in force governed by security considerations and will be preferably arrived at through an agreement prior to commencement of any specific project/program.

COORDINATION

17. Shoolini University shall identify one member of its faculty to coordinate the programme on its behalf. Similarly, the Army will identify one serving officer to coordinate the programme on its behalf. Further, an Empowered Committee, to be co-chaired by the Nominee of the GOC-in-C, Army Training Command and the Vice Chancellor, Shoolini University and additionally consisting of (a) one or more nominees of Vice Chancellor, Shoolini University, (b) one or more nominees of the GOC-in-C, Army Training Command (c) Programme Coordinator from the side of the Army, and (d) Programme coordinator from the side of Shoolini University, will work out the details of programmes, and other forms of engagement, identified above. The same committee will periodically review existing programmes, as also identify, and implement new programmes, to strengthen cooperation between the two organizations.

CONFIDENTIALITY

18. Each organisation undertakes that it will not at any time use, divulge or communicate to any person, except to its professional representatives or advisers or as may be required by law or any legal or regulatory authority, any confidential information concerning the business or affairs of the other organisation which may have come to its knowledge as a result of entering into this memorandum and each of the organisation shall use its reasonable endeavours to prevent the publication or disclosure of any confidential information concerning such matters, in any medium whatsoever.

DATE OF EFFECT AND TERMINATION

19. This MoU will take effect from the date it is signed by representatives of the two organizations. It will remain valid for five years and may be renewed after suitable review thereafter. Either organisation may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the organisation three months in advance. Once terminated, neither the Army nor Shoolini University will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other organization may suffer as a result. However, the Army and Shoolini University agree that all activities in progress are allowed to be completed successfully.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

20. Should there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic and research cooperation, the GOC-in-C, Army Training Command, or his nominee and Vice Chancellor, Shoolini University or his nominee will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

APPROVAL

21. This MoU is subject to the approval of the competent authorities of both the parties and also subject to the relevant laws of the land. The approval would be deemed to be in place once the MoU is signed.
22. Any new proposal if jointly accepted will be appended as addendum to this MoU.




TERMINATION

23. Either party shall be entitled to terminate this MoU by providing the other party with three calendar months advance notice. The termination of the MoU, for whatever reason, will not affect the rights of either party, which may have been secured as on the date of termination and will further not affect any rights, which specially or by their nature survive the termination of this MoU.

This MoU is signed subject to the approval of the respective academic or administrative bodies of HQ ARTRAC (Indian Army) and representative of Shoolini University Himachal Pradesh, in presence of the Chairman, HPPERC:-

On Behalf of:

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ARTRAC, IHQ of MoD (Army) Signature & Date:	Shoolini University Himachal Pradesh Signature & Date:
 Lieutenant General J.S. Sandhu, AVSM Chief of Staff HQ ARTRAC Dated : 07 Dec 2021	 Prof. Atul Khosla, Vice Chancellor, Shoolini University Vice-Chancellor PRO CHANCELLOR Shoolini Univ. Dated : Dec 2021
WITNESSED BY :	WITNESSED BY :
 Major General Vivek Kashyap, VSM MGGS, Training (B) HQ ARTRAC Dated : 06 Dec 2021	 Major General Atul Kaushik SM, VSM (Retd.) Chairman, HPPERC Dated : 07 Dec 2021
 Brig Rohit Datta BGS Trg (B) HQ ARTRAC Dated : 07 Dec 2021	 (Sunil Puri) Registrar Shoolini University Dated : Dec 2021