



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



between

**INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF
KASHMIR, SRINAGAR**

and

GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, BUDGAM

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) is executed on day of 23rd March, 2026 by & between the Institute of Technology, Srinagar, and Government Polytechnic College, Budgam.

1. PREAMBLE

Whereas, the **Institute of Technology, Zakura Campus**, a premier constituent institute of the **University of Kashmir**, was established with a strategic mandate to advance higher technical education, cutting-edge research, and technological innovation in the region. Situated at Zakura Campus, Srinagar, the Institute operates within the academic and statutory framework of the University of Kashmir and upholds nationally recognized standards of excellence in engineering education and professional formation. Conceived to address the evolving technological, industrial, and societal demands of the 21st century, the Institute offers undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in engineering and allied disciplines, integrating rigorous academic curricula with research-driven inquiry, industry engagement, and experiential learning. It is dedicated to cultivating engineers and technologists who are not only technically proficient but also analytically sound, ethically grounded, socially responsible, and globally competitive. With a strong emphasis on innovation ecosystems, interdisciplinary collaboration, sustainable development, and entrepreneurship, the Institute of Technology fosters an academic environment that encourages critical thinking, creative problem-solving, research excellence, and knowledge transfer. Through strategic partnerships, advanced laboratories, and a commitment to continuous quality enhancement, the Institute seeks to contribute meaningfully to regional development, national progress, and global technological advancement. Guided by the broader vision of the University of Kashmir, the Institute aspires to emerge as a center of excellence in engineering education and applied research, nurturing leadership, integrity, and transformative capabilities among its students and faculty.

Whereas, the Government Polytechnic College, Budgam, established in the year 2012 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Government of India, is a premier Government technical institution located at Nagam, Budgam, Jammu & Kashmir. The College functions under the

administrative control of the Directorate of Technical Education, Jammu & Kashmir, and is affiliated to the Jammu & Kashmir Board of Technical Education and approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The institution is committed to imparting quality technical education and fostering skill development in the core engineering disciplines of Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Automobile Engineering. With a focus on academic excellence, practical training, industry linkage, and professional ethics, the College strives to produce competent diploma engineers equipped to meet the evolving demands of industry, government, and society. Guided by its vision to emerge as a model institution in technical education, Government Polytechnic College, Budgam, endeavors to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, environmental responsibility, and holistic development of its students while contributing to regional and national growth.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to formalize a structured and sustained framework of cooperation between the **Institute of Technology, Zakura Campus** of the **University of Kashmir**, and **Government Polytechnic College Budgam** to facilitate coordinated academic interaction, capacity enhancement, research support, technical mentoring, and institutional strengthening. Through the optimal utilization of complementary expertise, infrastructure, and professional experience, the Parties seek to create measurable academic outcomes, strengthen progression pathways, enhance technical competencies, and promote collaborative initiatives that contribute to institutional development and broader socio-economic advancement. The broad objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding between the **Institute of Technology, Zakura Campus**, a constituent institute of the **University of Kashmir**, and **Government Polytechnic College Budgam** are as follows:

- **To promote academic collaboration** through knowledge exchange, curriculum enrichment, lectures, workshops, and joint academic activities.
- **To strengthen research and innovation linkages** by facilitating collaborative projects, technical mentorship, and innovation-driven initiatives.
- **To enhance skill development and capacity building** of students and faculty through training programmes, laboratory exposure, and professional development activities.
- **To improve employability and industry engagement** by fostering internships, industrial interaction, entrepreneurship development, and career support mechanisms.
- **To optimize institutional resources and expertise** for mutual academic growth and quality enhancement.
- **To contribute to regional development and societal advancement** through outreach programmes, sustainable technological solutions, and community-oriented initiatives.

The detailed scope, modalities, responsibilities, implementation mechanisms, financial terms (if any), and monitoring framework governing these objectives shall be specified in the subsequent clauses of this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Whereas both Parties have decided to enter into an MoU that shall aim to achieve:

A. Academic Enrichment and Progression

- Facilitate academic cooperation through curriculum enhancement, guest lectures, workshops,

and seminars.

- Create structured academic progression pathways for diploma students of Government Polytechnic College, Budgam, to pursue higher technical education.
- Promote sharing of academic resources, expertise, and best practices in teaching-learning methodologies.

B. Research, Innovation, and Technology Development

- Encourage collaborative research initiatives in engineering and applied sciences.
- Facilitate mentorship and technical guidance from the Institute of Technology in developing innovation-driven projects.
- Promote joint participation in research grants, funded projects, patents, technology transfer, and incubation activities.
- Foster an innovation ecosystem that supports prototyping, product development, and problem-solving aligned with societal and industrial needs.

C. Skill Development and Capacity Building

- Organize advanced training programmes, certification courses, and skill-upgradation workshops.
- Strengthen practical competencies through laboratory exposure, specialized technical training, and emerging technology modules.
- Conduct faculty development programmes, technical training, and research methodology workshops for academic staff.

D. Industry Linkages and Employability Enhancement

- Promote collaborative engagement with industry for internships, industrial visits, live projects, and placement facilitation.
- Align skill development initiatives with industry requirements and emerging technological trends.
- Encourage entrepreneurship development, start-up awareness programmes, and incubation support.

E. Infrastructure and Resource Optimization

- Enable access, subject to regulations, to advanced laboratories, research facilities, and technical expertise at the Institute of Technology for academic and research purposes.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange through digital resources, technical documentation, and scholarly interaction.

F. Outreach, Social Responsibility, and Sustainable Development

- Undertake joint outreach programmes addressing regional technological challenges.
- Promote sustainable engineering practices, environmental responsibility, and community-based technical solutions.
- Encourage student participation in societal development initiatives and innovation for public welfare.

G. Institutional Development and Quality Enhancement

- Strengthen institutional governance, quality assurance mechanisms, and accreditation preparedness.
- Promote continuous improvement in academic standards, research output, and professional ethics.
- Develop long-term collaborative frameworks that enhance institutional visibility and impact.

These objectives aim to create a collaborative platform wherein the Institute of Technology, Zakura Campus, contributes its advanced academic and research strengths, while Government Polytechnic College, Budgam, strengthens its technical skill base and progression pathways—ensuring mutual growth, academic excellence, and sustainable technological advancement.

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS

I. Validity and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall come into force on the date of its signing by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties. It shall remain valid for a period of three (03) years from the date of execution and shall be subject to review after three (03) years from the effective date.

The terms and conditions of this MoU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties. Any extension of this MoU beyond the stipulated validity period shall be effected only through a formal written agreement duly signed by both Parties.

Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving the other Party one (1) month's prior written notice. In the event of termination, neither the University of Kashmir nor the Government Polytechnic College Budgam shall be liable for any financial or other losses incurred by the other Party. However, both Parties shall ensure that all ongoing activities and commitments initiated under this MoU before the date of termination are allowed to conclude in an orderly and mutually agreed manner.

II. Force Majeure

If either Party is temporarily unable to fulfill any of its obligations under this MoU due to a Force Majeure event, and if such Party provides written notice to the other Party within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence of such event, the affected obligations shall be suspended for the duration of the Force Majeure condition.

Neither Party shall be held liable for any loss or damage arising from such circumstances.

For this MoU, "Force Majeure" shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, natural disasters, war, civil unrest, strikes, fire, floods, changes in laws or regulations, or any other events beyond the reasonable control of either Party which cannot be overcome through the exercise of due diligence.

III. Confidentiality

Both the Institute of Technology and Government Polytechnic College, Budgam shall, during the tenure of this MoU and thereafter, maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all information, documents, data, and materials related to activities undertaken pursuant to this MoU.

Neither Party shall disclose, divulge, or grant access to such information to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party. Each Party shall take all reasonable steps to prevent unauthorized disclosure by its employees, representatives, or associates.

Information obtained in the course of collaboration under this MoU shall be used solely for authorized and legitimate purposes consistent with the objectives of this MoU.

IV. Modification

Any modification or amendment to this MoU shall be valid only if made in writing and mutually agreed upon by both Parties. Such modification shall take effect only upon execution of a duly signed written amendment by the authorized representatives of both Parties.

V. Waiver

No waiver of any provision of this MoU shall be deemed valid unless made expressly in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of both Parties.

Failure or delay by either Party to exercise any right, remedy, or provision under this MoU shall not constitute a waiver of such right, remedy, or provision.

VI. Notices

All notices and communications under this MoU shall be made in writing and addressed as follows:

For the Institute of Technology: Director, Institute of Technology, University of Kashmir, Zakura Campus, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir

The Director, Institute of Technology, or his appointed nominee not below the rank of an Assistant Professor, shall act as the Nodal Officer for all collaborations and activities under this MoU.

For Government Polytechnic College, Budgam: Principal, Government Polytechnic College, Budgam, Jammu & Kashmir

Accordingly, the Memorandum of Understanding is signed on 23/3/2026.



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In the presence of Witness:


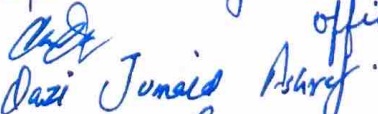

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