



PATIENT SAFETY AND ACCESS
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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

between

Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (IIT BHU)

and

Patient Safety and Access Initiative (PSAI) of India Foundation

for Establishing a Centre of Excellence on

“Safe Medicines & Access to Quality Healthcare in India”

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed between IIT, BHU and PSAI of India Foundation on 10th Day of August Two Thousand Fifteen at Varanasi to set-up a Centre of Excellence at the Department of Pharmaceutics on Safe Medicines and Access to Quality Healthcare by engaging with the Students and the Faculty Members of IIT, BHU.

The Objectives of the Centre are:

- To create innovative interventions within the communities of Varanasi and other locations in India on tackling issues concerning Spurious and Not-of-Standards Medicines found in the supply chain by use of technology and Science and empower the consumers to differentiate between Fake and Genuine Medicines.
- To Conduct Research Studies and Surveys for Scientific Publications emerging from various field surveys and data emerging from the Varanasi Pilot Project on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) at Mata Anandmayee Hospital for academic purpose.
- To organise seminars and Conferences by engaging with all stakeholders to deliberate on the Scientific Studies and recommend Policy Changes to the Central and the State Governments in collaboration with reputed Institutions and International Development Agencies working on Health Sector Reforms in India and other developing countries.

Terms of Reference (ToR) of the MOU:

1. The MOU will come into effect from the date of signing of the MOU between the two parties and will be valid till such time it is not terminated or closed with mutual consent between the two parties.
2. The MOU can be terminated without any justification or reason within 30 days of notice given in writing by any of the two organisations without any financial liability or obligation for compensation due to premature termination between the two parties.



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3. There shall be no financial obligation between the two signing parties and all the agreed activities will be conducted by mutual consent and understanding to ensure that all the agreed activities are conducted efficiently in a transparent manner as per the guidelines of the donors or potential partners to the project or activities.
4. All the activities will be governed by the Rules and Regulations existing within the functioning of IIT, BHU and PSAI of India Foundation and all the time devoted towards the activities by the Students, Staff, Faculty of IIT BHU and similarly the Board Members and the Staff of PSAI of India Foundation will be voluntary and without any remuneration or salary.
5. All the funds raised for the purpose will be jointly managed by both the parties and duly audited and presented to the CORE Group Members of the ACCESS Project, which will be operated by 3 authorised signatories as approved in the 2nd CORE Group Meeting held in Varanasi on 8th July 2015.
6. A Monthly Report shall be submitted to the Director, IIT, BHU on the activities of the Centre of Excellence by the Head, Department of Pharmaceutics and a yearly report will be published and for seeking feedback from the beneficiaries and the donors supporting the project on the performance.
7. A working Group will be constituted between IIT, BHU and PSAI of India Foundation of nine members (4 from IIT BHU and 4 from PSAI of India Foundation) and the Head of the Department of Pharmaceutics will be the Ex-Officio Chairman of the Working Group. The Working Group will be responsible to draw the plan for various activities and implement them as per the desire of the donors or the partners to the Project like Mata Anandmayee Hospital, Consumer Online Foundation and others.
8. In case of any dispute the decision of the Director IIT, BHU will be final and binding to both the parties and cannot be challenged in any court of Law.
9. All the documents and the data emerging from the Centre of Excellence will be in public domain and will not be the property of any particular person(s) or any of the two signatories to the MOU. If deem fit, the documents can be archived in the IIT BHU Library or any such libraries for public use.

***This MOU is signed in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Ranjit Roy Chaudhary and
Shri Wajahat Habibullah, IAS Retd. between:***

Ranjit Roy Chaudhary

Wajahat Habibullah

10-02-15
Dr. Ranjit Roy Chaudhary

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Indian Institute of Technology
Banaras Hindu University (IIT, BHU)

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Director
Patient Safety and Access Initiative
of India Foundation (PSAI)