

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

PRADHAN MANTRI - UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA ABHIYAN (PM-USHA)

The Memorandum of Understanding (herein after referred to as "MoU") is made and executed at New Delhi on this*22 August*..... of 2023.

BETWEEN

The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, through the Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary/Adviser in the Department having its office at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi which expression unless repugnant to the context thereof shall mean and include their successors and assigns of the First Party;

AND

The Government of Jharkhand, through its Secretary, Department of Higher & Technical Education, which expression unless repugnant to the context thereof shall mean and include their successors and assigns of the Second Party;

AND WHEREAS, the Pradhan Mantri – Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM- USHA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to fund States/UTs institutions, with the vision to attain higher levels of access, equity, and excellence in the State higher education system with greater efficiency, transparency, accountability, and responsiveness.

AND WHEREAS, this phase of the scheme will be implemented till 31st March 2026.

SCOPE OF THE MoU

Expectations from MoE

- i. Prior intimation to States/UT regarding PAB meetings, Mission Authority meetings, workshops, conferences etc.
- ii. Ensuring timely submission of documents.
- iii. Timely release of instalments of central share to the States, on the basis of

the receipt of complete proposal at the ministry. In case of incomplete proposals, deficiencies to be communicated by the ministry to the state in a timely manner.

- iv. Creation of portal for online submission of PM-USHA Plans and inventory management system.
- v. Regular monitoring of the implementation of the scheme through digital mechanisms such as PFMS, Fund tracker, Reform Tracker, online portals, Project Monitoring Units etc.
- vi. Ensuring timely submission of documents.
- vii. Ensuring that the States/UTs submit the Completion Certificate.
- viii. Resolving existing committed liabilities.
- ix. Providing guidance to State/UT.
- x. Ensuring monitoring of unaccredited institutions supported under the scheme.

Expectations from State/UT

- i. To undertake administrative, academic, accreditation and governance reforms etc., detailed in the NEP 2020, at State/UT and Institutional level such as Academic Bank of Credit, flexibility in entry and exit, Samarth, etc.
- ii. Preparation of the PM-USHA Plan within the guidelines and norms of the scheme in the light of the National Education Policy 2020.
- iii. Creation of a State Higher Education Council (SHEC).
- iv. Preparation and submission of a PM-USHA Plan after following a bottom-up approach and analysing the critical needs of the State/UT in terms of excellence, access & equity and quality in higher education and define proper output.



- v. Uploading updated and correct information on the online/digital portal on a real- time basis for proper monitoring of the scheme.
- vi. Participation in Project Approval Board (PAB) meetings, PM-USHA Mission Authority meetings, workshops, video conferences etc as informed by MoE.
- vii. Fulfilment of conditions laid down by the PAB in its approval of the components.
- viii. Releasing of the State share within 30 days after the Centre share is released.
Timely contribution and utilisation of corresponding State Share.
- ix. Timely utilisation and submission of utilisation certificate (UC) for released central share, using the online portal.
- x. Timely completion of projects and submission of completion report to MoE.
- xi. Focusing on key areas of multidisciplinary education, research and innovation, online and ODL modes of teaching-learning and vocationalisation & employability.
- xii. Conducting a study to identify the gaps leading to high unemployment of graduates in their respective states.
- xiii. Ensuring a firm plan of action for accreditation of unaccredited institutions of the States/UTs.
- xiv. Making efforts for filling up faculty vacancies and for ensuring that there is no ban on recruitment.
- xv. Annual maintenance of the equipment to be borne by the States/UTs.
- xvi. Ensuring that infrastructural facilities created will be barrier free and follow Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier-free Built Environment for persons with Disability and Elderly Persons.
- xvii. Encouraging its institution towards increasing their IRG.



xviii. Making efforts for increasing their spending on Higher Education as a percentage of GSDP as per the recommendation of NEP 2020.

xix. As a condition, if the commencement of project does not happen within 6 months of approval by PAB, the State/UT shall surrender the funding and other institutions within or outside the State/UT shall be preferred under the same component for funding.

For and on behalf of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education

For and on behalf of State of Jharkhand


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