

Established under Gujarat Private Universities (Amendment) Act 2023 (Gujarat Act No. 7 of 2023) & Approved by UGC, New Delhi

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered on <u>06th May</u> ("Effective Date") by and between **Edunet Foundation** having its office at A-11- 1105, Arcadia South City 2, Gurgaon 122018, India (hereinafter referred to as "**Edunet**"); and,

SIGMA UNIVERSITY, having its office at Ajwa-Nimeta Road, At & Po: Bakrol, Vadodara, Gujarat-390019 India (Hereinafter referred to as "University").

Whereas, Edunet is a non-profit organization with multiple programs, sponsored by government and corporate entities, that are offered free to learners across the education spectrum, including but not limited to <u>IBM SkillsBuild</u> (www.skillsbuild.org).

Whereas, University is a premier Higher Educational Institution with the following details:

Established (year):	Sigma Group of Institutes was established in the year 2003 and received the status of the University in the year 2023
Recognition, NAAC rating, ranking:	NA
Vision:	Be a university of global excellence, encompassing an inclusive learning ecosystem that empowers individuals to become socially responsible global citizens.

And whereas, the Parties seek to collaborate with each other to mutually complement their synergies and to jointly work on building capacity of learners through one or more of the programs managed by Edunet.

Now therefore, this **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter called "**MOU**") witnesses the following.

- 1. Term and termination: This MOU is valid for an initial term of 1 year from the Effective Date. It can be extended by further periods, as agreed to by the Parties from time to time. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving the other minimum 30 days' notice. The MOU will be deemed terminated at the end of the notice period or after completing all ongoing activities so that the beneficiaries (learners and teachers) are not negatively impacted, whichever is later.
- 2. Non-binding nature of this MOU: The MOU is not binding on either Party, and each is working with the other out of sheer good-will and for the benefit of the learners.

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- 3. **Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for program co-ordination**: Both the Parties shall appoint a suitable person who will serve as a single contact on all matters related to program rollout. Individual learners and teachers may be in touch with corresponding trainers, mentors, advisors, and peers during program rollout, but all matters related to the execution of this MOU shall reside with the SPOC.
- 4. **Program Calendar**: The SPOCs from both Parties will work with their respective internal stakeholders to develop a calendar for the program(s) rollout at the start of every quarter. This calendar will then be synchronized and published for use by everyone.

5. Responsibilities of Edunet and/or its program sponsors/partners:

- a. **Orientation sessions**: Edunet will conduct orientation sessions for learners and educators, at a mutually agreed schedule, to onboard them onto the program(s).
- b. **Program materials**: Edunet will share all program materials with the institution and/or learners as required. All sharing will be online and/or through electronic media.
- c. Online instructor led sessions: These sessions may take the form of webinars or mentoring workshops or technology bootcamps or innovation camps or career readiness workshops that will seek to assist learners in their career goals. These programs will be organized regularly as per a regular calendar, published online and will be conducted by Edunet team members or program sponsors or external stakeholders as appropriate.
- d. Interaction with Industry experts: Edunet will bring industry experts to the Institute to drive engagements with students through seminars/webinars or project mentorship.
- e. **Online platform availability**: Online platforms for each of the programs of interest to the Institution will be made available to it. Links for these platforms will be made available to the Institution in a timely manner.
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- h. Updates: Edunet will keep Institution management updated with the progress of the program(s)

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- a. Learner identification: The University will identify learners, volunteers and instructors who may participate in one or more programs offered by Edunet.
 - Support with orientation sessions: The University will support Edunet conduct orientation sessions for all stakeholders.

- c. **Support with attendance**: The University will ensure that program participants enthusiastically participate in chosen programs, with minimum attendance as agreed between the Parties.
- d. **Support with assessments**: The University will ensure that assessments carried onsite are proctored and professionally managed.
- e. **No fees**: The University will not charge any extra fees from learners for participation in Edunet programs. Edunet will not charge any fees from the students/university for the program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU on the Effective Date.

For University

Name: Dr. Harsh S. Shah Designation: President Institutional Seal:



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