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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM NIWAS)

and

Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM), Kolkata

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 between:

**Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM NIWAS)**, an autonomous institution under the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, located at Joka, Kolkata, hereinafter referred to as “SPM NIWAS”, the **First Party**;

and

**Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM)**, Kolkata, an autonomous postgraduate institute engaged in education and research and

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development in management and allied disciplines, having its campus at Kolkata, hereinafter referred to as "IISWBM", the Second Party.

SPM NIWAS and IISWBM shall individually be referred to as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

- 1.1. WHEREAS SPM NIWAS is a premier national institute functioning as a scientific and policy support body to the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, with a mandate encompassing training, research, innovation, outreach, advisory services and policy support in the water and sanitation sector.
- 1.2. WHEREAS IISWBM is a reputed academic institution with expertise in management education, social sciences, policy studies, and applied research, with a strong orientation towards public systems, governance, entrepreneurship and development.
- 1.3. WHEREAS both Parties recognise mutual benefits in academic and professional collaboration, and share a common objective of strengthening knowledge systems, evidence-based policy support, innovation and capacity building, particularly in areas relevant to environment, water, sanitation, development management and social outcomes.
- 1.4. Accordingly, the Parties desire to enter into this MoU to establish a framework of cooperation for collaborative activities of mutual interest.

## 2. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a formal understanding between SPM NIWAS and IISWBM to jointly engage in academic, research, training and innovation initiatives that will:

- 2.1. Strengthen capacity building in the field of environment, water and sanitation sector;
- 2.2. Encourage academic exchange and interdisciplinary learning;
- 2.3. Promote start-up ecosystems and applied research;
- 2.4. Improve evidence-based policymaking; and
- 2.5. Enhance institutional capabilities through mutual collaboration.



2.6. Any other item as per mutual agreement.

### 3. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

The Parties agree to collaborate in the following areas, subject to mutual consent and availability of resources:

#### 3.1. Joint Conferences & Symposia

Organising national and international conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops and policy dialogues on themes related to environment, water, sanitation, governance, management, social welfare, sustainability and public policy.

#### 3.2. Joint short-term Courses

Design and delivery of certificate programmes, modular courses, executive development and customised training programmes for government officials, NGOs, professionals and students.

#### 3.3. Academic Support and Advisory

Collaboration in curriculum design, expert advisory support, research supervision, academic consultations, guest lectures and mentoring support.

#### 3.4. Start-up Initiatives

Promoting entrepreneurship in the field of environment, water and sanitation ecosystem including incubation, innovation mentoring, ideation platforms, industry-academia linkages and exposure to governance ecosystems.

#### 3.5. Assessment and Surveys

Undertaking baseline assessments, field surveys, diagnostic studies, evaluation projects and impact assessments related to water, sanitation and social development.

3.6. Any other area of collaboration as per mutual agreement.

### 4. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

This MoU does not create any automatic financial obligation on either Party.

For specific joint activities:



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- 4.1. Each Party shall bear its own costs unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 4.2. Cost-sharing arrangements for events, training programmes or research may be agreed upon on a case-to-case basis.
- 4.3. External funding, sponsorships or grants may be jointly explored, subject to compliance with applicable financial rules and institutional guidelines.
- 4.4. Any financial commitment shall be governed by a separate written agreement.

## 5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- 5.1. **Intellectual Property:** All intellectual property jointly created under this MoU shall be jointly owned, unless otherwise decided in a project-specific agreement.

Each Party shall retain exclusive ownership of its pre-existing intellectual property.

Commercialisation, if any, shall be governed through mutual agreement.

- 5.2. **Confidentiality:** Both Parties shall maintain confidentiality of proprietary or sensitive information exchanged under this MoU and shall not disclose the same without written consent, except where legally required.

## 6. MONITORING AND COORDINATION

The Parties may constitute a joint coordination mechanism, if required, to:

- 6.1. Review progress,
- 6.2. Resolve operational issues, and
- 6.3. Provide strategic direction for joint initiatives.

## 7. DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MoU shall remain in force unless terminated by either Party by giving **Thirty (30) days' written notice**.

Ongoing activities at the time of termination shall continue unless otherwise mutually decided.


  
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## 8. AMENDMENTS

This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of both Parties.

## 9. GENERAL PROVISIONS


- 9.1. **Jurisdiction:** This MoU shall be governed by the laws of India and subject to the jurisdiction of courts at Kolkata.
- 9.2. **Force Majeure:** Neither Party shall be liable for failure to perform due to circumstances beyond reasonable control.
- 9.3. **Non-Exclusivity:** This MoU does not restrict either Party from undertaking collaborations with other organisations.

## 10. IN WITNESS WHEREOF

The parties have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date first mentioned above.





For and on behalf of निदेशक / Director  
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Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National  
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### Witnesses:

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