



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT)

And

Cyber Security Association of India (CSAI)

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and executed on 20th March 2026 ("Effective Date") at New Delhi.

BY AND BETWEEN

The National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology an Autonomous Scientific Society under the administrative control of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, having its office at NIELIT Bhawan, Plot No.3, PSP Pocket, Sector-8, Dwarka, New Delhi-110077, **hereinafter Called "NIELIT"**, which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its executors, administrators and assigns of the **first party**.

AND

Cyber Security Association of India a professional association working towards the promotion of cyber security awareness, education, research, and best practices in India and globally, having its registered office at 415, Jop Plaza, Sector 18, NOIDA 201301, **hereinafter Called "CSAI"**, which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and permitted assigns of the **second party**.

WHEREAS, NIELIT is set up to carry out Human Resource Development and related activities in the field of Information, Electronics & Communications Technology (IECT). NIELIT is engaged both in Formal & Non-Formal Education in the area of IECT besides development of industry-oriented quality education and training programs in the state-of-the-art technologies.

WHEREAS, CSAI is committed to enhancing cyber security awareness, education, research, professional capacity building, and the development and promotion of cyber security best practices across sectors, with the objective of strengthening cyber resilience and fostering a secure digital ecosystem in India and globally.

AND, WHEREAS, both the Parties, having held detailed discussions, have agreed to collaborate in order to strengthen cyber resilience, promote cyber hygiene, and develop skilled cyber security professionals, with the objective of enhancing cyber security

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awareness, education, research, and best practices in India and globally, and to cooperate on initiatives that advance and promote cyber security.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PROMISES MADE AND THE MUTUAL COVENANTS SET FORTH HEREIN, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. UNDERSTANDING AND COLLABORATION POINTS

NIELIT and CSAI shall collaborate, subject to mutual consent and availability of resources, in areas of academic, research, and industry relevance, with particular emphasis on cyber security awareness, education, research, professional development and industry engagement. The collaboration may include, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- a) **Joint Initiatives** - Design and implementation of joint initiatives including cyber security awareness campaigns, educational programs, certification courses, training workshops, Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), seminars, conferences, hackathons, cyber drills, and industry-oriented programs.
- b) **Curriculum & Program Development** - Development and alignment of cyber security curricula, certification programs, and training modules in accordance with national standards, emerging technologies, and industry requirements.
- c) **Research & Innovation** - Promotion of collaborative research projects, consultancy assignments, publications, patents, cyber threat analysis studies, development of cyber security tools, frameworks, and best practices.
- d) **Capacity Building** - Development and delivery of training programs aimed at strengthening the skills and competencies of cyber security professionals, government officials, students, law enforcement personnel, and industry stakeholders.
- e) **Exchange of Knowledge & Information** - Exchange of knowledge, expertise, and non-confidential information relating to cyber threats, vulnerabilities, mitigation strategies, cyber hygiene practices, and global best practices.
- f) **Public Awareness & Outreach** - Joint organization of awareness drives, public seminars, cyber hygiene campaigns, workshops, and community outreach programs to promote a secure cyber ecosystem.
- g) **Establishment of Specialized Facilities** - Subject to mutual agreement, establishment of joint Cyber Security Labs, Centres of Excellence (CoEs), or specialized training facilities.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

NIELIT shall:

NIELIT Shall nominate a coordinator as nodal contact to represent the respective organization and promote interface so as to plan, implement, monitor and review the progress

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CSAI nominate Shri Navtresh Kumar, ED & CEO, CSAI as a coordinator as nodal contact to represent the respective organization and promote interface so as to plan, implement, monitor and review the progress on collaboration.

Joint Responsibilities of Both the Parties shall:

- Identify priority areas and develop mutually agreed annual or project-based action plans for collaboration.
- Constitute a Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) to oversee planning, implementation, monitoring, and review of activities under this MoU.
- Share responsibilities related to coordination, publicity, logistics, and reporting of joint activities as per mutually agreed terms.
- Ensure confidentiality and protection of intellectual property generated during collaborative activities, as per mutually agreed terms and applicable laws.
- Review the progress of collaborative activities periodically and make amendments as necessary with mutual consent.

3. IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS:

The NIELIT and the CSAI will identify their respective nodal officers to define framework, including feedback process and coordinate this initiative. Both the parties may also form a sub-committee to deliberate upon the implementation methodology and to guide and monitor the progress of implementation of the MoU.

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)

4.1 Information on research results and study materials (reports, articles, books) will be exchanged freely keeping in mind the mutually agreed provision of Intellectual Property Rights. All Intellectual Property solely conceived and/or developed by CSAI during the course of this MoU shall be owned by CSAI. All Intellectual property solely conceived and or developed by NIELIT during the course of this MoU shall be owned by NIELIT. Intellectual property jointly conceived and or jointly developed by NIELIT and CSAI will be jointly owned by NIELIT and CSAI. Each party may use such property for research and study purpose. NIELIT and CSAI will be committed to the protection of appropriate and application of such intellectual property for commercial or other purpose on mutually acceptable terms to be negotiated in good faith between NIELIT and CSAI.

4.2 NIELIT and CSAI shall acknowledge one another in any form of writing, publication or presentation based on research derived from the co-operative efforts of both parties under this MoU unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties.

5. ADDENDUM FOR OTHER PROJECTS: If the Parties envisage any project requiring

payment of fees, then both Parties will sign separate addendums on project-to-project basis.

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6. TERM OF THE MOU: The MOU shall be effective from the date of execution and shall

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remain in-force for a period of FIVE (5) years unless terminated earlier in accordance with the MOU or completion of the obligations mentioned under this MoU.

7. EXTENSION OF THE MoU: After having a mutual discussion about the work completed during this period, the additional opportunities can be included and the extension will be finalized after signing a separate document.

8. DELIVERABLES & REPORTING: All deliverables and reports pertaining to the project shall be elaborated in the proposal to be shared, whenever required.

9. OBLIGATION OF THE PARTIES: The parties agree to display NIELIT and CSAI logos, in relation to a project on project site, its resource materials, annual report(s), newsletters and its website. To this extent, both Parties shall ensure that the intellectual property rights of each other are not breached.

Parties shall exercise reasonable skill, care and diligence in the performance of the MOU. NIELIT and CSAI shall ensure that all the project obligations are met as per project wise addendum, which is to be executed separately.

10. TERMINATION: Each Party has the right to terminate this MOU by giving 90 days advance notice to the other Party or on a mutually agreeable basis.

Without prejudice to the foregoing, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination of this MOU will not compromise or discriminate against any of the activities undertaken.

11. OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Amendment: The MOU shall be amended only by written mutual consent of both the Parties to the MOU.

No Relationship: Nothing in this MOU shall constitute or be deemed to constitute a partnership between the Parties, nor render one the agent of the other for any purpose whatsoever. Neither Party shall have the right or authority, to assume, create or have the power to bind the other Party to contract or create any liability or obligation, expressed or implied, against, in the name of, or on behalf of another party.

Force Majeure: A Party shall be excused from performing its obligations under this MOU to the extent its performance is delayed or prevented by a Force Majeure Event provided that the affected Party promptly notifies the other of the occurrence of Force Majeure Event. For the purposes of this clause, "Force Majeure Event" means circumstances beyond reasonable control of a Party, including but not limited to, change in government policy, fire, flood, epidemic, act of God, war and riot. In case the Force Majeure Event continues for a period exceeding thirty (30) days, either Party shall have the right to

terminate this MOU with immediate effect.

Notices: All notices, reports and receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given on (i) the date of personal or courier delivery; (ii) the date of transmission by telecopy or



other electronic transmission service, provided a confirmation copy is also sent no later than the next business day as in (i), or confirmation of receipt is received, or (ii) the date of receipt by any other means of delivery.

The address for service of notice to the respective Parties is as given below:

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NIELIT Bhawan,

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415, JOP Plaza, Sector 18 NOIDA 201301

Either party may change its mailing address by written notice to the other Parties in accordance with this paragraph. The Parties may also later decide upon sharing each other's email ID for such notices etc.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties shall keep all data or information disclosed by each other in connection with this MOU, confidential, use it only for the purpose of this Project, protect it from unauthorized use, reproduction, access and damage or destruction and employ the same degree of care as it would employ to protect its own confidential information. Under such an eventuality wherein the information is required to be shared with statutory bodies, each party must intimate the other party of such disclosure at least Five (5) days before submitting the information to the statutory bodies.

The Parties shall not during or after the termination of the MOU disclose to any third party any confidential information arising from the MOU (other than in the proper performance of their duties hereunder or as may be required by a court or arbitration panel of competent jurisdiction) except with the prior written permission from the other Party.

For the purposes of this Clause, "Confidential Information" shall mean information relating to proprietary, technological, economic, financial, legal, administrative, business or technical matters of both Parties.

13. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

13.1 The Parties shall attempt to amicably settle all disputes arising out of this MoU and the obligations thereunder ("Dispute"). Either Party may give written notice of a dispute to the other Party within ten (10) days of the occurrence of the event which gives rise to such Dispute or the date such event comes to the notice of the applicable Party. Any dispute

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between NIELIT and CSAI in connection with this MoU shall be referred to the designated officials of NIELIT and CSAI for mutual discussions and negotiations.

13.2 If no settlement can be reached through mutual discussions and negotiations within 15 days or if both the Parties fail to agree on a common arbitrator within 30 (Thirty) days of receiving the notice for arbitration by either Party from the other Party, then either Party can approach the court, by way of filing a petition under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and seek the appointment of a neutral person to preside over as the Arbitrator. With respect to such arbitration, the following provisions shall apply:

- i. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English;
- ii. The place of arbitration shall be at New Delhi;
- iii. In respect of matters where a reference to the courts is permitted by the Arbitration Act, the courts at New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction;
- iv. The costs of arbitration shall be borne as determined in the arbitration award;
- v. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding on the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, each acting under due and proper authority, have executed this mutually binding Memorandum of Understanding as on the date first written above.

For NIELIT Auro Tripathi

Name: Dr. Alok Tripathi

Designation: Director (Scheme/Skilling)

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Witness:

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For CSAI

Name: [Signature]

Designation: Chairman (-)

Stamp: Cyber Security Association of India - CSAI

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