

# Memorandum Of Understanding Setting up Quantum & AI University

Between



Government of Andhra Pradesh  
&  
Andhra Pradesh State Quantum Mission

And



National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology  
(NIELIT)

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and executed on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

## 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

**Government of Andhra Pradesh, India, hereinafter Called "GoAP"**, 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**, The Government of Andhra Pradesh is the duly constituted government administration for the state of Andhra Pradesh, India.

**AND, WHEREAS**, both the Parties, having held detailed discussions, have agreed to collaborate in order to strengthen research, education, skilling, entrepreneurship ecosystem and other aspects for Quantum computing & artificial intelligence across software, hardware domains.

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

### 1. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

NIELIT Deemed to be University Campus, supported by MeitY, is established to foster human resource development and research in deep-tech sectors.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is the duly constituted government administration for the state of Andhra Pradesh, India.

This MOU will serve as a general framework for cooperation between the Parties in connection with the proposed establishment of a specialized NIELIT Deemed to be University Campus

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in Amaravati, focused on **Quantum Computing and Artificial Intelligence** (the "Amaravati Campus").

This initiative is intended to align with the **Amaravati Quantum Mission** to create a world-class ecosystem for emerging technologies.

## 2. SCOPE OF THE COLLABORATION:

The Parties intend to develop a working relationship to facilitate the development of the Amaravati Campus and the accomplishment of the Parties' mutual goals for advancing higher education, accelerating technological development, and enhancing economic activity. To that end, the Parties agree to use their best efforts to undertake the following:

- 2.1 Development of Amaravati Campus:** NIELIT, with support from MeitY, will develop a location in Amaravati that will offer specialized degrees and certifications in Quantum and AI.
- 2.2 Joint Project Proposals:** Proactively identifying and submitting Joint research proposals to central agencies, specifically targeting **MeitY R&D Groups**, the **IndiaAI Mission**, and the **National Quantum Mission** to secure high-impact project funding.
- 2.3 Quantum Research and Entrepreneurship:** Fostering an ecosystem dedicated to advanced research in Quantum and AI while driving deep-tech entrepreneurship by providing student and local innovators with "sandbox" access to the available quantum infrastructure aligning with AQM.
- 2.4 International Collaborations:** Spearheading international outreach to establish partnerships with global universities and research centers of excellence for joint research initiatives.
- 2.5 Exchange Programs:** Implementing structured **Faculty and Student Exchange Programs** with international institutions to facilitate global knowledge transfer and enhance academic exposure.

## 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH THE PARTIES:

### 3.1 NIELIT's Responsibilities

- a. **Project Documentation & DPR:** NIELIT will prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR), covering technical architecture, financial outlays, and phase-wise implementation.
- b. **Fiscal Mobilization:** NIELIT will act as the primary liaison with MeitY (Government of India) to secure the approval and release of budgetary grants, CAPEX, and OPEX.
- c. **Academic Governance & Human Capital:** NIELIT is responsible for the full academic lifecycle, including recruiting specialized faculty and awarding degrees, ensuring compliance with the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF), AICTE and other national standards.

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### 3.2 Government of Andhra Pradesh Responsibilities

The Government of Andhra Pradesh shall provide comprehensive support, including:

- a. **Immediate Space:** Providing a built-up area of at least **10,000 square feet** to immediately commence classes and research activities.
- b. **Land Allocation:** Identifying and allocating at least **10 acres of land** for the development of a permanent, state-of-the-art campus.
- c. **Ecosystem Integration:** Facilitating access and permissions to **leverage available Quantum hardware and HPC infrastructure** within the Amaravati Quantum Mission ecosystem for research, training, and entrepreneurship.
- d. **Industry Support:** Bringing a consortium of industries to play a role across curriculum design, Internship & job opportunities, and setting up of industry-led Centre of Excellence (COE) inside the university campus for domain research.

### 4. SPECIFIC COLLABORATION & FUTURE AGREEMENTS

The Parties acknowledge that this MOU is a preliminary framework. The specific activities, financial commitments, and legally binding undertakings required to fully realize the Amaravati Campus shall be preceded by detailed deliberations between NIELIT and the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Following these deliberations, the Parties intend to execute a much broader, legally binding definitive agreement or instrument. Each such separate agreement shall be in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each Party.

### 5. LIAISONS

For the implementation and care of this MOU, each Party appoints the following individuals to provide oversight:

If to Andhra Pradesh (AP):	If to NIELIT:
<b>Secretary, GoAP</b>	<b>Director General, NIELIT</b>
A.P. Secretariat in Velagapudi, Amaravati, 522238.	NIELIT Bhawan, Plot No. 3, PSP Pocket, Institutional Area, Sector-8, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110077

6. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES; RESPONSIBILITY:** Each Party is independent of the other Party. This MOU does not create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship. This MOU is not intended to and does not create any rights, benefits, or legal obligations enforceable at law or in equity. Each Party will be responsible for the negligence, acts, and omissions of its own employees and agents.
7. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND MARKS:** This MOU does not constitute a grant by either Party to the other of any license or rights to intellectual property. Neither Party will use any names, logos, or trademarks of the other Party in any advertising or publicity without prior written permission.

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8. **TERM AND TERMINATION:** Either Party may terminate this MOU, with or without cause, at any time.
9. **TERM OF THE MOU:** The MOU shall be effective from the date of execution and shall 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.
10. **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.
11. **DELIVERABLES & REPORTING:** All deliverables and reports pertaining to the project shall be elaborated in the proposal to be shared, whenever required.
12. **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.

### 13. OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:

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

**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.

### 14. 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.

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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.

#### 15. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

The Parties shall attempt to amicably settle all disputes arising out of this MoU and the obligations hereunder ("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 between NIELIT and GOAP in connection with this MoU shall be referred to the designated officials of NIELIT and GOAP for mutual discussions and negotiations.

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:

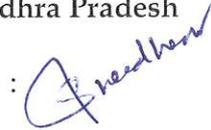
- i. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English;
- ii. The place of arbitration shall be at New Delhi.
- iii. In respect of matters where a reference to the courts is permitted by the Arbitration Act, the courts at New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction;
- iv. The costs of arbitration 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 and on behalf of

Government of Andhra Pradesh

Signature



Name

: Mr. CV Sridhar

Title

: Mission Director AP State Quantum Mission

Date

: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

For and on behalf of

National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT)

Signature



Name

: Dr. Alok Tripathi,

Title

: Director (Scheme & Skilling)

Date

: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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