

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

SAYLOR ACADEMY

AND

NIELIT DIGITAL UNIVERSITY PLATFORM

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and executed on **21st January 2026** ("Effective Date").

The Constitution Foundation d/b/a the **Saylor Academy ("Saylor")**, a not-for-profit foundation located in the United States of America ("USA")", 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**.

NIELIT Digital University platform, is an online educational platform launched by the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) to democratize access to high-quality digital education in India; hereinafter Called "**NDU Platform**", 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 **SECOND PARTY**.

Whereas, Saylor, a respected open education provider that, among other things, builds freely available college level and professional development courses, desires to provide no cost skills training to people around the world; and

Whereas NIELIT Digital University (NDU) platform aims to democratize high-quality digital education by providing accessible, industry-oriented courses in emerging technologies like AI, cybersecurity, and data science to youth across the world.

Whereas, NIELIT and Saylor desire to work together to provide new pathways to increase access to higher education and otherwise develop innovative solutions toward that end.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for the mutual promises and covenants herein, intending to be legally bound, Saylor and NIELIT now agree to this supplemental skill development partnership. The principal terms of this MoU follow.

1. PURPOSE OF THE COLLABORATION:

The purpose of this collaboration between NIELIT and Saylor is to enhance students' learning opportunities by providing access to high-quality, free online courses that complement their degree programs and skill development. NIELIT will promote these courses to its students and recommend suitable ones, while Saylor will offer a dedicated platform, monitor progress, and guide students on certificate submission. This partnership ensures a structured and supportive framework for students to effectively utilize open learning resources and advance their skills and employability.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (a) NIELIT agrees to inform its students about Saylor's free courses to enable them to learn additional skills to supplement their degree program learning. NIELIT will provide Saylor with a list of courses it recommends to its students that Saylor may post on its website on a dedicated landing page.
- (b) NIELIT agrees to align the courses with National Skill Qualification Framework of India so that certified learners can get the credits in their academic bank of credit.
- (c) Saylor will (1) create a dedicated landing page for NIELIT students to direct them to the selected courses; (2) make reasonable efforts to collaborate with the NIELIT team to integrate with the NIELIT Digital University Platform through appropriate technical mechanisms, including Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), single sign-on (SSO) or comparable authentication processes, and/or referral links to enable seamless access for learners to the Saylor learning platform. (3) provide NIELIT with student enrollment and completion data on a quarterly basis; and (4) inform NIELIT students about the process for them follow to submit their completed certificates to designated officials at NIELIT.

3. IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS: Saylor Academy and NIELIT 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. 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.

5. EXTENSION OF THE MoU: Based on mutual discussions about the work completed during the term of this MoU, any additional opportunities can be included and the extension will be finalized after signing a separate addendum for such additional activities within the broader scope of this MoU.

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

7. 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 a 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, subject to fulfilling its outstanding obligations to ensure that the candidates undergoing such training programs are not impacted by termination of this MoU.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND USAGE:

(a) License of Marks.

Saylor Academy and NIELIT will license to the other Party on a royalty-free, non-exclusive basis the right to use its applicable Marks (as defined below) solely for the purpose of fulfilling such party's obligations with respect to this MoU, provided that such license shall automatically terminate upon termination of this MoU without the requirement of further notices or any other action by any Party. For the purposes hereof, "Marks" shall mean a Party's trademarks, trade names, service marks and/or logos provided to the other Party for the business purposes outlined herein, or such additional or replacement Marks as either Party may permit in writing for the other Party to use solely in connection with the performance of this MoU.

(b) Usage.

The parties may display trademarks, trade names, service marks and/or logos provided by the other Party solely to promote this skill development MoU.

9. STUDENTS PRIVACY:

NIELIT and Saylor will protect student privacy in a professional manner with due care and skill in accordance with their respective privacy policies and all applicable laws.

10. TERM AND TERMINATION:

(a) This MoU will have a three (3) year term commencing upon execution hereof.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, either Party may

terminate the MoU for convenience (i.e. for any reason or no reason) during the term upon at least ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other Party. Upon termination of this MoU pursuant to this paragraph, neither Party shall have any liability or obligation to the other Party.

- (c) Either Party may terminate the MoU upon a material breach by the other Party if such breach remains uncured for ninety (90) days following receipt of written notice to cure by the breaching Party.

11. NOTICE: Any required notices or other contractual communications, such as termination, hereunder shall be made in writing and served by electronic mail to the person(s) at the email address set forth below or such other address as may be designated in writing hereafter, in the same manner:

If to NIELIT:

NIELIT DIGITAL UNIVERSITY
dg@nielit.gov.in
contact-ndu@nielit.gov.in

If to Saylor:
Sheila Jagannathan
Deputy Exec Dir, Strategic Relations
The Constitution Foundation,
(dba Saylor Academy)
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With a copy to:
Jeff Davidson
Executive Director
The Constitution Foundation
(dba Saylor Academy)
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Jeffery S. Davidson

12. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: Any dispute arising out of the implementation of the MoU shall be settled amicably through consultations between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this MoU to be executed in their names and on their behalf by and through their duly authorized representatives, as of the day and year first written.

For Saylor Academy

Name: Sheila Jagannathan

Designation: Deputy Exec. Director

Signature: *Sheila Jagannathan*

For NIELIT Digital University

Name: Dr. Alok Tripathi

Designation: Director

Signature: *Alok Tripathi*

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