



Coursera

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology ('NIELIT')

And

Coursera, Inc.

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") is made and executed on this 10th day of February, 2026.

BY AND BETWEEN

The National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology is 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

Coursera, Inc. with its business address as 2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 500 Mountain View, CA 94040, USA **hereinafter, "Coursera"** 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**.

NIELIT and Coursera are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "the Parties" and individually as "the 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 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, Coursera is a provider of its proprietary e-learning platform.

AND, WHEREAS, both the Parties have held discussions and have agreed for collaboration with the purpose of synergizing their mutual strengths in public interest and to deliver a larger good for the society.

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



1. Scope of MoU

The **NIELIT and Coursera partnership** aims to modernize India's digital education landscape through a **mutually collaborative approach**. The partnership envisages the **integration of selected NIELIT programs on the Coursera platform**, as well as the **integration of selected Coursera's relevant global content into NIELIT's platforms**, including within the Virtual Academy ecosystem, **on mutually agreed terms and conditions**.

Additionally, both Parties shall **jointly explore and develop a roadmap for the establishment of Digital University**, leveraging the respective academic, technological and platform capabilities of NIELIT and Coursera through mutual efforts.

Possible activities:

- **Joint Content Integration:** Integration of NIELIT-developed modules into Coursera's learning platform and reciprocal integration of Coursera's content into NIELIT's programs, including offerings on the NIELIT Digital University platform, on mutually agreed terms, with the objective of enhancing learner employability through globally recognized credentials.
- **Content Co-creation:** Leveraging Coursera's GenAI technology and authoring tools (Course Builder) to develop industry-aligned, high-fidelity curricula.
- **National Digital University Roadmap:** Collaborative development of a strategic roadmap for establishing a NIELIT-led National Digital University.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

NIELIT'S Responsibilities

- **Accreditation & Quality:** Oversee curriculum mapping as per UGC/NCrF norms and ensure academic rigor & process for credit transfers.
- **Operational Delivery:** Provide the physical infrastructure (Labs/Centers) and mobilize faculty for blended learning delivery on mutually agreed terms.
- **Learner Management:** Manage the end-to-end student lifecycle, including admissions, assessments, and certification.

Coursera's Responsibilities

- **Solution Consulting:** Provide comprehensive support for curriculum mapping and integration.
- **Technical Support and Integration:** Facilitate seamless cross integration with NIELIT's LMS, ensuring single sign-on and interoperable systems, wherever possible.
- **Faculty, Student, and Administrator Training:** Deliver training programs focusing on platform navigation
- **Strategic Advisory:** Provide technical and pedagogical expertise to support the design and scaling of the Digital University framework.



Joint roles and responsibilities of NIELIT and Coursera

- **Initial Action Plan:** Focus on executing the curriculum and Virtual Academy integration.
- **Content Co-creation:** Establish innovation teams to explore opportunities in co-developing content leveraging existing Coursera platform GenAI capabilities like Course builder.
- **Roadmap development for a Digital University:** Collaboratively conceptualize a roadmap for establishing a National Digital University.

3. IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS: NIELIT and COURSERA will identify their respective nodal officers to define & executive 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 agreements on project-to-project basis as and when required.

5. TERM OF THE MoU: The MoU shall be effective from the date of execution and shall remain in-force for a period of THREE (3) years unless terminated earlier in accordance with this MoU or completion of the obligations mentioned under this MoU.

6. 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.

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

8. OBLIGATION OF THE PARTIES: The parties agree to display NIELIT and COURSERA logos, in relation to a project-on-project site, its resource materials, annual report(s), newsletters, certificates and its website. To this extent, both Parties shall ensure that the intellectual property rights of each other are not violated. Both the Parties shall exercise reasonable skill, care and diligence in the performance of their respective obligations under this MoU. NIELIT and COURSERA shall ensure that all the project obligations are met as per project wise addendum, which is to be executed separately.

9. 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.

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

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) or other electronic transmission service such as E-Mail, 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:

NIELIT

NIELIT Bhawan,
Plot No. 3, PSP Pocket, Sector-8,
Dwarka, New Delhi-110077

COURSERA India Private Limited

HQ27-office 06-B102, MG Rd B-660,
Sushant Lok Phase I, Sector 27,
Galleria DLF-IV, Gurgaon, Haryana, 122009
Coursera Representative, Prashasti Rastogi: prastogi@coursera.org

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.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY:

For the term of this MoU, 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 Three (3) days before submitting the information to the statutory bodies.

The Parties shall not during or after one year of 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, personal identification information, business or technical matters of both Parties.



12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR):

Intellectual Property (IP) solely created by either Party during this MoU shall remain the property of that Party. Any IP in Coursera's services or its platform shall be subject solely to the terms and conditions present in the addendum mutually executed by the Parties, pursuant to which the services or the platform access was provided.

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 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 COURSERA in connection with this MoU shall be referred to the designated officials of NIELIT and COURSERA 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 Delhi;
- iii. In respect of matters where a reference to the courts is permitted by the Arbitration Act, the courts at 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.

Dr. Alok Tripathi
For NIELIT

Name: Dr. Alok Tripathi

Designation: Director (Scheme/ Skilling)

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For COURSERA

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