



SMU SIKKIM
MANIPAL
UNIVERSITY
Established under Govt. of Sikkim, Act 9 of 1993, recognised under 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956



SDG 4



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

SDG 4: SMU ROLE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

Sikkim Manipal University offers quality education in the field of medical, engineering, nursing, physiotherapy, medical biotechnology, humanities & basic sciences programs. The programs are developed based upon considering local, national, regional, global developmental and social needs.

Sikkim Manipal University believes inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all class of society.

Northeastern states of India are mostly underdeveloped and many parts of it are not widely connected with rest of India properly considering the fact Sikkim Manipal University came to existence in 1992 with an agreement between Govt. of Sikkim and well know Manipal Group with a vision of education for all and to harbour quality professional education for the people of Northeast and the state of Sikkim.

The following are the initiatives taken by Sikkim Manipal University:

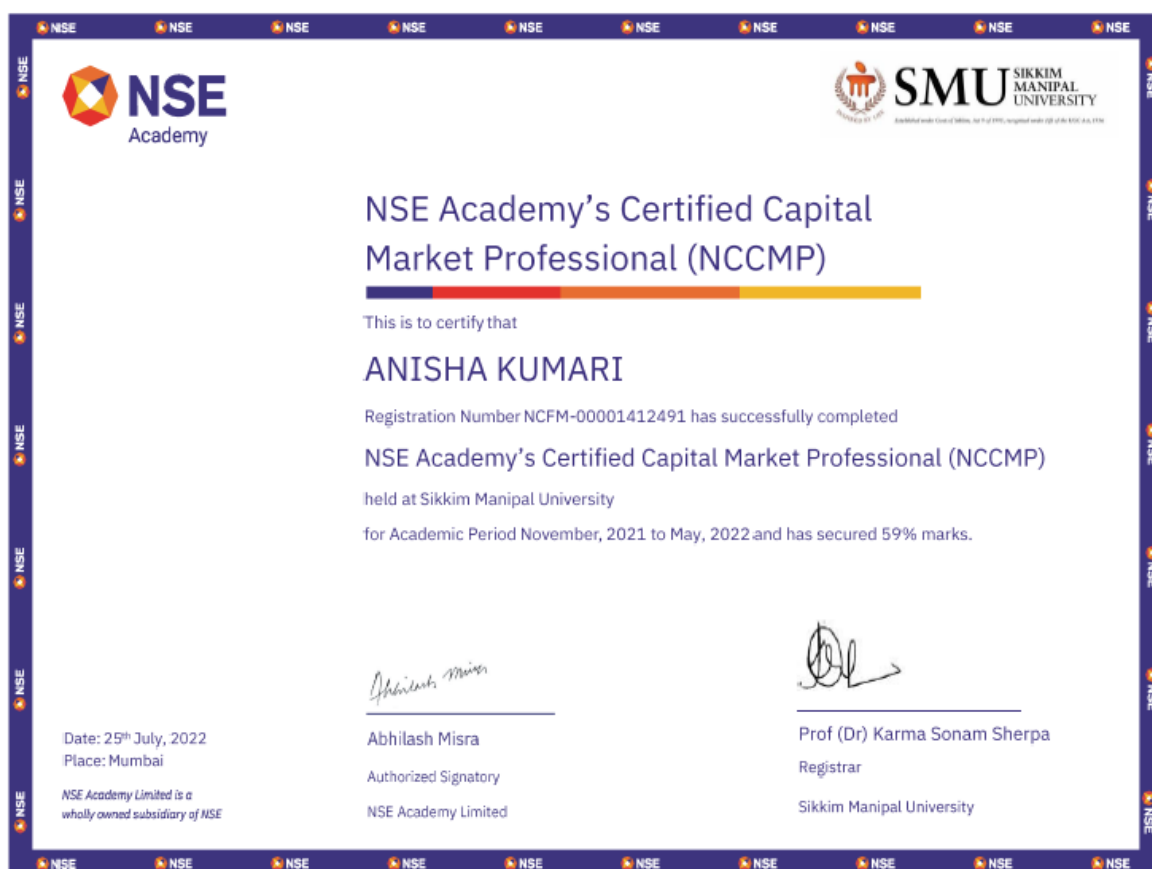
a. Reservation of Seats for the people of Sikkim:

20% to 50% seats with 75% freeship in course fee are reserved in all the programme for the people of Sikkim where even a student from BPL can apply and join the programmes. Sikkim Manipal University has students strength from 28 states who are studying in various programmes. More than 30% students are studying from NE states where development has not reached in many parts.

b. Vocational Training on Capital Market Professional:

Sikkim Manipal University has partnered with National Stock Exchange of India Limited to offer NSE Certified Capital Market Professional (NCCMP).

It is offered to impart knowledge and awareness about the securities market and thereby upgrade the skills and proficiency of the participants (candidates) of the course. Student of Sikkim Manipal University can attend the courses as value added courses and are offered after college hours where the experts from NSE along with faculty from Dept. of humanities & social sciences, SMU takes classes on virtual and offline mode.



c. Vocational Training: Building Innovation and Startup Ecosystem

NITI Aayog:

18/11/2024: Two-day Peer learning Workshop on “Building Innovation & Startup Ecosystem for North-East” is the second workshop in the series for building startup ecosystems.

A fireside chat featuring our innovative startups was hosted alongside Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, Mission Director of AIM and NITI Aayog Atal Innovation Mission Official. The session began with startups presenting their unique ventures and solutions. The Mission Director then engaged them in a discussion about the challenges they face in the current landscape and how the state innovation policy can offer support. The dialogue continued with questions from the audience, fostering a collaborative environment that encouraged the exchange of ideas and potential solutions.

Participants for this session included Siddhartha Bora from AgSpeak™ Agspert Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Lalrinngheti Sangsiamia from Quantum Quests Pvt. Ltd., Medo Putsure from JOME FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED, Bhutesh Niroula from Interioverse Pvt. Ltd., and Abhimanyu Dhakal from Earthier, startups that have been supported by AIC-SMU Technology Business Incubator.



Building Innovation and Startup Ecosystem NITI Aayog

On 12th November, 2024 Atal Innovation Mission Official NITI Aayog hosted the second Peer Learning workshop, 'Building Innovation & Start-up Ecosystem for North East' at Gangtok, Sikkim. During the event, Prof (Dr) Tej Chingtham was invited to conduct a session on the Impact of Policy on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in North Eastern states.

Prof. (Dr.) Tej Chingtham shared the three key stages of policy impact as the visualization for a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem that sparks innovation,

implementation and the nuts and bolts of putting these policies into action and finally the outcome. He further highlighted the opportunities in the North Eastern region filled with untapped potential and rich cultural diversity.

The session was attended together by a diverse group of stakeholders from across the North eastern states, creating an incredible opportunity for collaboration and idea-sharing.

The sensitization of Digi SAPNE 2.0 for North Eastern stakeholders was also done during the workshop.



d. SEED School for underprivileged students of Majitar Village:

Many school going students in Majitar village leaves their education at early age as no one in their family is educated and can give time to them at home for teaching them after school. Looking into the fact Society of Electrical and Electronics Department (SEED), Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology in 2009 started SEED School to provide quality education to underprivileged students of Majitar Village.

SEED school conducts classes for students from 4th to 10th standard. Classes are conducted after college hours inside the college classes. Classes are conducted by the students of college who helps children with their homework, help them complete their study work post school hours. SEED School has been supportive for the underprivileged school students with quality education after school hours.





e. SMU part of NSDC under the PMKVY 4.0 program

SMU is a designated training partner with NSDC under the PMKVY 4.0 program of Ministry of Skill Development, GOI.

a) The following vocational programs are being offered under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0) scheme.


b) The five job roles/ course we have selected are as follows:

Job Role	Sector
Assistant Technician-CCTV	Electronics
Software Developer Associate	IT-ITeS
Electrician-Aide	Construction
Internet Support Technician	Telecom
Software Programmer	IT-ITeS

In first phase training was of the session SMU has trained 25 students in above mentioned programs





 **GPS Map**
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C-Quad Portico, Majitar, Sikkim 737136, India

Latitude
27.1825011°

Longitude
88.5019855°

Local 03:03:29 PM
GMT 09:33:29 AM

Altitude 338 meters
Wednesday, 24.05.2023



Members present.

- (a) Prof.Dr. Gurdaman Lal Sharma, Director, SMIT
- (b) Prof. (Dr.) Udit Kr Chakraborty, HOD CSE & Head QC
- (c) Dr. Bikash Sharma, Head e cell
- (d) Dr. Amrita Biswas, Deputy Registrar(A)
- (e) Dr. Satadru Jha, Dept of Chemistry
- (f) Dr. Abhinandan Baruah, Dept. of ME
- (g) Dr. Dipendra Gurung, Dept. of CA
- (h) Prof. (Dr.) Rabindranath Bera, Dept. of CSE(DS)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

17000 ft Foundation (17000ft)

AND

Manipal Foundation

This is a MOU dated 1 July 2021 ("Effective Date") by and between

17000 ft FOUNDATION is a non-profit organisation, registered under Sec 25 (Non Profit) of the Indian Company Act 1956, and having its office at Q-139, Ground Floor, South City, Gurugram-12003, Haryana (hereinafter referred to as "**17000ft**" which term shall unless repugnant to the context include its successor, representatives, administrators and permitted assign)

and

Manipal Foundation a trust established under the Indian Trust Act, having its registered office at University Building, Madhava Nagar, Manipal – 576104, hereafter referred to as '**Manipal Foundation**' which expression shall include its permitted assigns)

for the purpose of providing access to Quality Education for children living in the rural areas of Sikkim, by 17000ft.

Both the Parties hereto collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as the "Party".

- 17000ft is a non-profit organisation working to improve lives of the people of remote, high altitude mountainous villages of the Indian Himalayan region.
 - Manipal Foundation is engaged in funding and implementing social projects in five focus areas of Education, Healthcare, Women Empowerment, Skill Training & Employability and Environment & Civic initiatives independently and with help of other service providers.
- Manipal Foundation contemplates to carry out an Educational project by which 3 schools and the students studying in those schools, located at remote Sikkim will benefit and would like to collaborate with 17000ft in this initiative.
- From the Effective Date, Manipal Foundation with a view of promoting Education as an approved activity as per Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013, governing the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy of the Company under the said Act, will provide to 17000ft, a **onetime amount of INR 30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Only) for a year**, towards 17000ft's project aimed at providing access to quality education for children in three rural Govt. schools of Sikkim by setting up a Digital Education Program (DigiLab) and a Library Program, as listed in the annexure to this agreement. The contribution shall be made at the start of the Project, on formalization of this agreement

The funds are being provided in accordance with and so as to comply with various laws, rules or regulations as laid down by Companies Act, 2013, Income Tax Act, 1961, etc. or any such other law, rules or regulations as may come in force during the course of this Agreement.

- Disbursement to funds shall be made in Indian Rupees (INR) and funds so disbursed shall be deposited in the bank account of Foundation shared below:

A/c Holder:	17000 FT FOUNDATION
Bank Name:	HDFC Bank
Branch:	VATIKA BUSINESS PARK, BADSHAHPUR, GURGAON
A/c No.:	10981450000110
Type:	SAVINGS
IFSC:	HDFC0001098

5. 17000ft agrees to provide all necessary and required documentation to Manipal Foundation to enable its compliance under the various laws, rules or regulations as laid down by Companies Act, 2013, Income Tax Act, 1961, etc. or any such other law, rules or regulations as may come in force during the course of this Agreement.
6. 17000ft agrees to provide specifically all required and necessary documentation required by Manipal Foundation from time-to-time claim expenditure/ deduction on account of CSR contributions made by it to 17000ft for compliance and tax deduction purposes as applicable with specific reference to where CSR expenditure is specifically allowable under the applicable laws.
7. **Reports:**
 - a) **Progress Report:** 17000ft shall submit quarterly Progress Report on the Project, on a mutually agreed format finalized at the project start. The Final Completion Report of the project will be submitted by 17000ft, within 45 days of completion of the said project, incorporating scope of work met, benefits achieved, financial details mentioned and recommendations made by 17000ft along with photographs (at no extra costs to Manipal Foundation).
 - b) **Financial Reports:** 17000ft shall furnish to Manipal Foundation receipt for the funds received. 17000ft shall submit to Manipal Foundation ONE utilization certification from a Chartered Accountant-Independent Auditor for the aforesaid contribution, within 45 days of the completion of the Project Term.
8. **Inspection, Evaluation and Audit:** Manipal Foundation shall, at its discretion, undertake or cause to undertaken, evaluation of the impact and cost effectiveness or an audit of the Projects. Such evaluation/audits shall be carried out during the tenure of this Agreement. 17000ft shall when notified by a thirty (30) day notice, give Manipal Foundation or its representative reasonable co-operation and access to its records in connection with this Agreement.
9. 17000ft reserves its right to return in part or in whole the funds provided by Manipal Foundation if the work envisaged cannot be reasonably executed by 17000ft or if such work does not fall within the intended interests of 17000ft.
10. 17000ft shall acknowledge the support received from Manipal Foundation in such manner and in such communications as may be mutually agreed to by the parties. For on-site physical branding, Manipal Foundation to provide all design and material for installation by 17000ft. Promotional videos, if required, will be quoted for separately.
11. Media interaction with the beneficiaries and their relatives may be arranged by 17000ft and the Manipal Foundation with prior intimation and co-ordination and under controlled circumstances.

The Manipal Foundation shall be entitled to use the photographs of the beneficiaries for promotion. 17000ft shall be responsible to secure appropriate no objection certificate (NOC) from the concerned beneficiaries in this regard. This utilization shall be applicable during and after the period of MoU with and the promotional material should mention "in association with 17000ft".
12. **Term and Termination:** This MoU shall be effective from 1 July 2021 and shall be valid until 30 June 2022 ("Term"). The Parties agreed and acknowledged that for the implementation of the CSR Project they may renew the MoU on mutual consent of both the Parties in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiry of the MoU.
13. **Relationship:** Both the Parties acknowledge that they are acting for the limited and exclusive purpose of the Agreement. This Agreement does not constitute any Party as a servant, employee, partner, a joint venture partner or an agent of the other Party and no Party shall have no authority to bind the other Party in any respect whatsoever and shall not hold itself out as owned by or associated with the any Party other than as specifically authorized and permitted under the terms and conditions of the Agreement herein set forth. At no point of time, none of the employees of the Party shall be construed or deemed to be the employees of the other Party at any time.


14. **Intellectual Property:** 17000ft shall not have or claim to have any rights in or to the Manipal Foundation title, or any such property provided by the Manipal Foundation. Similarly, the Manipal Foundation shall not have or claim to have any right in or to 17000ft title, trademarks, trade names logo or any such property provided by 17000ft.
15. **Assignment:** Neither Party shall be entitled to assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.
16. **Notices:** Any notice required to be given under the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered to the Parties at the address given above, including any changes communicated thereon.
17. **Force Majeure:** Parties shall not be liable for any loss or damage for delay in delivery of the Project activities due to causes beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, acts of civil or military authority, priorities, fire, strikes, floods, extreme weather conditions, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, war, riots, road blockage, delay in transportation, car shortages, economic recession, acts of government or compliance with any governmental rules or regulations, acts of terrorism and in such a delay occur, Parties may reasonably extend the Project activities for such delayed period.
18. **Amendment:** The Parties shall always have the right to add, delete, amend or alter any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as may be required by business exigencies and/or any change made by the regulatory authority and/or statutory changes and such terms and conditions as mutually agreed shall be reduced in writing and shall be binding on the Parties.
19. **Governing Laws:**
- (a) All disputes, differences and/or claims arising out of this Agreement shall be settled by mutual resolution within 30 (thirty) days, failing of which, the same shall be subjected to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Bangalore.
- (b) This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of India.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have hereunto executed these presents on the Effective Date first hereinabove written.


For Manipal Foundation


Name: Harinarayan Sharma
Designation: Chief Executive Officer
Date: 1 July 2021

For 17000 ft Foundation


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Date: 2021.07.02 10:59:39 +05'30'
Name: Sandeep Sahu
Designation: Director
Date: 1 July 2021

Witness:


(Saritha K)

Witness:

ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

17000 ft FOUNDATION (17000ft)

AND

MANIPAL FOUNDATION

In view of certain additions in the earlier MoU executed on 1st July 2021 between **17000 ft Foundation**, a non-profit organisation, registered under Sec 25 (Non Profit) of the Indian Company Act 1956, and having its office at Q-139, Ground Floor, South City, Gurugram-12003, Haryana and **Manipal Foundation**, a trust established under the Indian Trust Act, having its registered office at University Building, Madhava Nagar, Manipal – 576104, hereafter referred to as '**Manipal Foundation**'; both parties are executing an addendum to the earlier Memorandum of Understanding. This addendum to the MOU is made at Gurgaon and signed on 6th December 2021.

1. From the Effective Date, Manipal Foundation with a view of promoting Education as an approved activity as per Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013, governing the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy of the Company under the said Act, will provide to 17000ft, a **onetime amount of INR 11,87,514 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Four Only)**, towards 17000ft's project aimed at improving the infrastructure in three rural Govt. schools of Sikkim by setting up an Outdoor Playground, as listed in the annexure to this agreement. The contribution shall be made at the start of the Project, on formalization of this agreement

The funds are being provided in accordance with and so as to comply with various laws, rules or regulations as laid down by Companies Act, 2013, Income Tax Act, 1961, etc. or any such other law, rules or regulations as may come in force during the course of this Agreement.

2. Disbursement to funds shall be made in Indian Rupees (INR) and funds so disbursed shall be deposited in the bank account of Foundation shared below:

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Bank Name: HDFC Bank

Branch: VATIKA BUSINESS PARK, BADSHAHPUR, GURGAON

A/c No.: 10981450000110

Type: SAVINGS

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3. **Term and Termination:** This MoU shall be effective from 1 July 2021 and shall be valid until 30 June 2022 ("Term"). The Parties agreed and acknowledged that for the implementation of the CSR Project they may renew the MoU on mutual consent of both the Parties in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiry of the MoU.

4. All the other terms and conditions of the original MOU remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have hereunto executed these presents on the Effective Date first hereinabove written.

For Manipal Foundation



Name: Harinarayan Sharma
Designation: Chief Executive Officer
Date:

Witness:

For 17000 ft Foundation

17000 ft Foundation



Name: Sandeep Sahu **Director**
Designation: Co-Founder & Director
Date:

Witness: