



## Memorandum of Understanding Between

## State Institute of Advanced Studies in Teacher Education (SIASTE) Palwal, Kurukshetra

(An Autonomous Institute under Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Haryana)

#### and

### Govt. College for Girls Palwal Kurukshetra

(College under Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Haryana)

#### for

# Teaching/Research Collaborations and Faculty/Student Exchangefor StrengtheningTeacher Education as per NEP-2020

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between the State Institute of Advanced Studies in Teacher Education, Palwal Kurukshetra affiliated with Kurukshetra University, hereinafter called "SIASTE Palwal Kurukshetra or First Institute" and Govt. College for Girls Palwal Kurukshetra affiliated with Kurukshetra University, hereinafter called Govt. College for Girls Palwal Kurukshetra "or Second Institute".

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is effective from the date of signing by functionaries of SIASTE Palwal Kurukshetra through Principal/Incharge on the behalf its Director and Govt. College for Girls Palwal Kurukshetra through its Principal to establish collaboration and partnership between:

State Institute of Advanced Studies in Teacher Education (SIASTE) Palwal, Kurukshetra; an autonomous institute established by the Government of Haryana under the administrative control of DHE Haryana to act as a pace-setting institute of teacher education and currently running B.A.B.Ed. / B.Sc.B.Ed. (Four Year Integrated Teacher Education Program) in affiliation with Kurukshetra University since 2021.

Govt. College for Girls is a government-run Post-Graduate college established in 2018 and currently running various Undergraduate and Post-Graduate programs in Arts/Commerce/Science/etc. in affiliation with Kurukshetra University.

#### Preamble

SIASTE Kurukshetra aims to improve the quality of school education in the state of Haryana in specific and the country in general by producing teachers equipped with twenty-first century skills. The government of Haryana, in its proactive measure to impart state-funded Integrated Teacher Education Program, established SIASTE Jhajjar in 2012 and extended it to SIASTE Palwal Kurukshetra in 2021 for the same noble cause and expertise. As per Clause 15.5 of NEP-2020; the integrated teacher education programs (B.A.B.Ed./B.Sc.B.Ed.) program run under SIASTEs is going to be a minimal degree qualification and mandatory requirement for teacher recruitment in the country by 2030.

Government College for Girls, Palwal, Kurukshetra was established in 2018 by the Department of Higher Education, Haryana primarily to cater the educational needs of Girl students of this predominantly rural area. The establishment of this college proved to be a boon for this area. Ever since its inception, the college has not looked back making significant strides and developed into a multi-faculty institution.

The college offers a variety of traditional undergraduate programs, including B.Sc. in Physical Sciences, B.Sc. in Computer Science, Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) and Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) that is a professional program as per requirement of current employment opportunities in Private and Public sectors.

In the academic year 2023-24, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was implemented in Undergraduate courses, while NEP introduced to postgraduate courses in 2024-25. The college offers a number of postgraduate courses such as M.Com., M.Sc in Mathematics, MA in Hindi and MA in History.

The mission of the institution is to empower girl students by providing holistic education that nurtures their growth and development.

The vision of the institution is to prepare young girls to become catalysts for societal change, bridging the gap between slow and advanced learners through tailored attention. The institution focuses on enhancing employability and entrepreneurship skills while fostering a sense of national, social, and international unity. By promoting academic excellence through innovative teaching and learning methods, and offering well-developed infrastructure, the institution strives to create an environment where students can thrive and contribute meaningfully to society.

The college is proud of its imposing infrastructure and an environment conducive to learning. It has a spacious building surrounded by lush green lawns and a playground. The institution prides itself on its well-versed, fully qualified faculty, well-equipped classrooms, number of smart rooms, well equipped labs (Commerce ,Computer, English Language, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Psychology), number of smart rooms, a spacious library, a seminar hall, a big canteen, girls common room besides computerized office and an overall excellent infrastructure. The campus is spread over about Ten acres of land catering to the educational needs and overall development of its students.

National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020) is a visionary document suggesting several policy directions for offering multidisciplinary education in the twenty-first century on the guiding principle of "आनोभद्राःक्रतवोयन्त्विश्वतः"(Let noble thoughts come to us from all directions) [Rigveda 1.89.1], thereby contributing directly to transforming the country into a global knowledge superpower.NEP-2020 envisages teacher education as a profoundly enunciated field of knowledge like other skill domains in multidisciplinary perspectives grounded in Indian values, languages, knowledge, ethos, and traditions while also being well-versed in the latest advances in teaching, learning, and pedagogy. Clause 15.4 of the policy envisioned imparting teacher education as an integrated dual major holistic Bachelor's degree within composite multidisciplinary institutions. Apart from that, the gist of the NEP-2020 focuses on stimulating and facilitating collaboration and clustering between Higher Education Institutes for mutual benefits through resource sharing. Subsequently, the National Council for Teacher Education vide notification dated 04.05.2022 provisioned for collaboration between standalone government colleges conducting Bachelor of Education and nearby multidisciplinary Government Higher Education Institutions affiliated to the same university to offer Integrated Teacher Education Program. Similarly, the University Grant Commission (UGC) notified Guidelines for Transforming Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) into Multidisciplinary Institutions in Sept. 2022. Also, the Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Haryana vide memo no.

DHE -170005/5/2023-Deputy Director-NPE dated 08.06.2024 identified Teacher Education as a Key Component during the implementation of NEP-2020.

SIASTE Kurukshetra and Govt. College for Girls are reputed HEIs having many areas of common interest and are affiliated with the same university, which may gain advantages from their pursuit on a collaborative basis in the field of academics, education, research, student/faculty exchange, resource sharing, joint courses/programs, etc.

Now, therefore, SIASTE Kurukshetra and Govt. College for Girls have decided to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MOU), which defines the framework for the cooperation of the two institutions set out in the following sections:

#### 1. Objectives

Both institutes agreed to work in the area of Teaching / Research Collaborations and Faculty / Student Exchange for Strengthening Teacher Education as per NEP-2020 to meet the following objectives:

- (a) To develop quality in multi-disciplinary education through academics, education, research, student/faculty exchange, resource sharing, joint courses/programs, internship, etc., required for a holistic teacher education program in the light of NEP-2020.
- (b) To work in the professional area of teaching and pedagogy for school education and higher education domains by organizing joint education programs, conferences, workshops, seminars, exhibitions, and projects for short and long terms.
- (c) To offer an Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) as a dual-major holistic Bachelor's degree in teacher education and extend it to a multidisciplinary environment in conformity with NEP-2020.
- (d) To establish a joint adjunct professorship and chair in the domain of teacher education, pedagogy, training, Indian Knowledge System, etc., or similar issues of contemporary importance.
- (e) To exchange, on a reciprocal basis, mutually agreed faculty, staff, and students atall levels for cultural and intellectual enrichment opportunities for staff and students of both institutes.
- (f) To provide opportunities for the exchange of information, research, sharing laboratories, libraries, sports facilities, IT infrastructure, etc., for the mutual benefit of students.

(g) To work on other mutually agreed projects and areas of common interest requiring training and skilling for uplifting the quality of school and higher education.

#### 2. Nature and Provisions of Collaboration

The nature of the partnership of this MOU is a mutually beneficial exercise for the set goal of disseminating teachers' training programs within the framework of NEP-2020 and subsequent steps taken by the state government and statutory/professional bodies. The collaboration will work to materialize the universal goal of gross enrolment in teacher education and improve the quality of school education by producing skilled and future-ready teachers. Initially, the collaboration will cover conducting the Four Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme as per NEP-2020, which may be further extended for other courses/programs in the teacher education regime on mutually agreed terms. The MOU will be implemented and executed by the following committees: -

- (a) Supervisory Committee
  - (i) Director SIASTE Haryana
  - (ii) Principal, Govt. College for Girls Palwal Kurukshetra
- (b) Programme Implementation Committee
  - (i) Principal / In-charge, SIASTE Palwal Kurukshetra

Co-ordinator

(ii) Two faculty members nominated by Director SIASTE, Palwal Kurukshetra

Members

(ii) Two faculty members nominated by Principal, Govt. College For Girls Palwal KKR

Members

The following provisions shall be applicable to the MOU: -

- (a) The essential documentation for MOU will be maintained by the Co-ordinator of the Programme Implementation Committee in SIASTE Kurukshetra.
- (b) The existing resources in both institutes will be shared for the teacher education programme conducted by SIASTE Kurukshetra.
- (c) All the liabilities of admissions, enrolment, and examinations of the students will lie with partner institutions, and no party will intervene in the day-to-day affairs of the other party.
- (d) The financial liability, if any, arises from the MOU shall be borne by the concerned institute as per Haryana government rules.
- (c) The expert faculty from both institutes can share the teaching workload in the relevant areas of expertise as to be decided by the Supervisory Committee. In such case, both institutes shall reciprocate an approximately equal number of teaching hours, without any extra remunerations.

#### 3. Validity

The Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of 3 years commencing from the effective date. Institutions may extend the term by written agreement signed by both after review.

#### 4. Termination

Either institution may terminate the MOU by giving written notice three months in advance to the other institution. Once terminated, neither SIASTE Kurukshetra nor Govt. College for Girls will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other institutions may suffer. However, both institutes will ensure that the provisions of this Memorandum shall continue to apply to all activities in progress until their completion.

#### 5. Amendment/ Modification

This MOU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both institutes. Such amendments/modifications shall be considered part of this MOU.

#### 6. Legal Effects/Dispute Resolution

This Memorandum is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration between two government institutes to effectuate the vision and best practices of NEP-2020. In case there is a dispute related to this MOU, the decision of the Director General Higher Education Haryana shall be final and abiding for both parties. No party shall move to any court of law, arbitration agency, or any grievance redressal agency without the permission of the state government.

Both, SIASTE Palwal Kurukshetra and Govt. College for Girls, welcome the establishment of this MOU for cooperation and jointly agree to the provisions as set out above.

This Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the functionaries of both institutes at Kurukshetra /Panchkula on this Wednesday day of January 29, 2025.

Prinicpal/ Incharge (Behalf of Director)

SIASTE Palwal Kurukshetra,

Dr. Gagandeep Kaur

Principal / Nominee

Govt. College for Girls Palwal Kurukshetra

Witnesses