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# VIDYA VIHAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) Between

Nepal Institute of International and Strategic Studies (NISS)  
and  
Vidya Vihar Institute of Technology (VVIT), Purnea  
Sub Himalayan Research Institute (SHRI)  
INTACH – Purnea Chapter

**This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on this 22/04/2025 by and between:**

**Nepal Institute of International and Strategic Studies (NISS)**, a premier policy think tank based in Nepal, represented by its **Director & Founder, Mr. Bhaskar Koirala**, hereinafter referred to as “**NISS**”,

**AND**

**Vidya Vihar Institute of Technology (VVIT), Purnea**, a leading institution of technical education in Bihar, India,

**AND**

**Sub Himalayan Research Institute (SHRI)**, an academic research initiative focused on socio-cultural and environmental development in the Indo-Nepal Sub-Himalayan belt,

**AND**

**INTACH – Purnea Chapter**, affiliated with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, committed to the preservation of India’s tangible and intangible heritage, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**Parties**”.

### **Purpose of the MoU:**

This MoU establishes a framework for cooperation between the Parties in the areas of:

- Strategic research and policy dialogue
- Academic exchange and collaboration
- Cross-border cultural, heritage, and environmental research
- Youth engagement and capacity building
- Promotion of regional peace, tourism, and socio-economic integration



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## Areas of Collaboration:

- 1. Joint Research Projects:**  
Undertake collaborative research on international relations, heritage conservation, regional connectivity, tourism, and sustainable development.
- 2. Workshops, Seminars & Conferences:**  
Co-organize academic events, summits, and cultural dialogues focusing on Indo-Nepal cooperation and shared regional interests.
- 3. Publications and Policy Briefs:**  
Collaborate on publishing scholarly articles, research papers, and policy recommendations.
- 4. Student and Faculty Exchange:**  
Facilitate academic exchanges and experiential learning programs between Nepal and India, particularly in the Koshi-Seemanchal region.
- 5. Field-based Heritage Documentation:**  
Promote joint initiatives for the preservation and promotion of tangible and intangible heritage across the Indo-Nepal border region.

## Duration and Termination:

- This MoU shall remain in effect for a period of **three (3) years** from the date of signing and may be extended upon mutual consent.
- Any party may terminate the MoU by giving **one month's prior written notice** to the other parties.

## General Provisions:

- This MoU is not legally binding but expresses the goodwill and shared intentions of the parties to collaborate in good faith.
- All activities under this MoU will be subject to mutual agreement, applicable laws, and institutional policies.



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Signed on this 22/04/2025 at VVIT, Purnea

For VVIT, Purnea

Dr. Sujit Kumar

Principal

Vidya Vihar Institute of Technology (VVIT), Purnea



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