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Dated : 07/10/2026

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

DPG Institute of Technology and Management, Gurugram
(DPGITM)

and

SRJ: International Journal of Scientific Research
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Website: journalsrj.com

For Academic, Research, Publication and Institutional Collaboration

1. PARTIES TO THE MoU

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is entered into between:

DPG Institute of Technology and Management (DPGITM), Gurugram, Near Hero Honda, Behind Marble Market, Sector-34, Gurugram, Haryana – 122004, India, represented by its duly authorised representative, hereinafter referred to as "DPGITM";

AND

SRJ: International Journal of Scientific Research, published by SRJ Publication and Research LLP, represented by its duly authorised representative, hereinafter referred to as "SRJ".

DPGITM and SRJ may individually be referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

2. PURPOSE OF THE MoU

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for academic and research cooperation between DPGITM and SRJ in areas including scholarly publication, conferences, seminars, webinars, workshops, Faculty Development Programmes, research dissemination, peer-review activities and other mutually agreed academic initiatives.

The Parties intend to develop a continuing academic association that may extend beyond individual conferences or events.

3. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The Parties may collaborate in the following areas:

1. National and international conferences.
2. Seminars, symposiums and academic events.
3. Webinars and research-oriented programmes.
4. Publication of selected conference research papers.
5. Special Issues and Conference Issues.
6. Research dissemination and scholarly communication.
7. Peer-review and reviewer development activities.
8. Guest-editing opportunities for suitable Special Issues.
9. Other academic and research activities mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

4. CONFERENCE AND SPECIAL ISSUE COLLABORATION

For conferences and other academic events organised or supported by DPGITM, SRJ may provide a publication pathway for eligible research papers.

The proposed publication workflow may include:

Submission → Editorial Screening → Peer Review → Revision → Final Decision → DOI Registration → Online Publication

Selected papers may be considered for publication in a dedicated Conference Issue or Special Issue, subject to SRJ's editorial policies, peer-review process and publication standards.

Participation in a conference or academic event shall not automatically guarantee publication. Each manuscript shall remain subject to the applicable editorial and peer-review requirements of SRJ.

5. PREFERENTIAL PUBLICATION ARRANGEMENTS

Under the institutional collaboration, SRJ may provide preferential and reduced Article Processing Charges (APCs) for eligible DPGITM faculty members, researchers, students and conference participants.

The applicable APC, discounts, eligibility criteria and payment arrangements may be mutually agreed upon for each conference, Special Issue or academic programme.

6. DOI AND PUBLICATION

Articles accepted for publication through SRJ may receive a DOI registered through Crossref, subject to the journal's publication procedures.

The publication of an article, assignment of a DOI and inclusion in any scholarly discovery service shall remain subject to the applicable technical, editorial and indexing requirements.

7. Promote approved collaborative academic activities through SRJ's website and digital channels.
8. Publish approved DPGITM institutional/event photographs and information relating to the collaboration.

14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COPYRIGHT

Each Party shall retain ownership of its pre-existing intellectual property, trademarks, logos, photographs and other proprietary materials.

Copyright and publication rights relating to research manuscripts shall be governed by the applicable publication and copyright policies of SRJ and the individual authors.

Nothing in this MoU shall transfer ownership of intellectual property from one Party to the other unless separately agreed in writing.

15. CONFIDENTIALITY

Both Parties shall make reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of non-public information exchanged in connection with the collaboration.

Confidential information shall not be disclosed to third parties except where required by law or with the consent of the concerned Party.

16. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

This MoU does not create any automatic financial obligation on either Party.

Any financial arrangements relating to publication charges, event sponsorship, conference services, promotional activities or other programmes shall be agreed separately in writing for the relevant activity.

17. TERM OF THE MoU

This MoU shall remain valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this MoU.

The MoU may be renewed by mutual written consent of the Parties.

18. TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing 30 days' written notice to the other Party.

Termination shall not automatically affect activities, publications or commitments already formally agreed upon before the effective date of termination, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

19. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment, modification or addition to this MoU shall be made in writing and shall become effective upon approval and signature by authorised representatives of both Parties.

7. GUEST EDITOR AND EDITORIAL PARTICIPATION

Qualified faculty members or researchers from DPGITM may be considered for:

- Guest Editor roles;
- Editorial participation;
- Special Issue coordination;
- Academic advisory roles; and
- Other scholarly publishing activities.

Such participation shall be subject to the qualifications, suitability and editorial requirements of SRJ.

8. REVIEWER COLLABORATION

Eligible DPGITM faculty members and researchers may be invited to participate in the SRJ Reviewer Network according to their academic qualifications, research expertise and subject specialisation.

Reviewer participation shall be voluntary and shall be conducted in accordance with SRJ's applicable peer-review and confidentiality policies.

9. WEBSITE AND DIGITAL VISIBILITY

The Parties agree to support mutual institutional visibility through their respective official websites.

9.1 DPGITM Website

Subject to its website policies and approval procedures, DPGITM may publish a reference to SRJ and provide a hyperlink to: https://journalsrj.com

The placement, wording and location of the link may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

9.2 SRJ Website

SRJ may publish information about DPGITM's academic events and collaboration activities on its website.

With the permission of DPGITM, SRJ may publish DPGITM campus photographs, event photographs, institutional photographs, event banners and other approved visual materials relating to the collaboration.

DPGITM shall provide or approve the photographs and materials that may be published by SRJ.

Neither Party shall use the other Party's name, logo, photographs or institutional materials in a manner that falsely suggests endorsement, accreditation or certification beyond the scope of this MoU.

10. BRANDING AND LOGO USE

Each Party may use the other's name and logo solely for legitimate activities directly connected with this MoU, subject to prior approval and applicable brand guidelines.

Neither Party shall modify, misuse or commercially exploit the other Party's logo or institutional identity without written permission.

11. ACADEMIC INDEPENDENCE AND EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Parties acknowledge that academic and publication decisions must remain independent.

For manuscripts submitted to SRJ, editorial decisions, peer-review outcomes, revisions and publication decisions shall be made in accordance with SRJ's applicable editorial policies and procedures.

This MoU shall not be interpreted as a guarantee of publication, acceptance, indexing or any particular academic outcome.

12. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DPGITM

DPGITM may:

1. Coordinate academic events with SRJ.
2. Share information regarding upcoming conferences, seminars, webinars and FDPs.
3. Encourage eligible faculty members and researchers to participate in relevant academic activities.
4. Coordinate submission of eligible conference papers where applicable.
5. Provide approved institutional photographs and event materials for SRJ's website.
6. Provide a link to SRJ's website on its official website, subject to institutional approval.
7. Nominate suitable faculty members for reviewer, guest editor or other academic opportunities.

13. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SRJ

SRJ may:

1. Provide publication and research dissemination support for eligible academic events.
2. Facilitate Conference Issues or Special Issues where appropriate.
3. Provide preferential APC arrangements as mutually agreed.
4. Facilitate peer-review of submitted manuscripts.
5. Provide Crossref DOI registration for accepted articles where applicable.
6. Consider eligible DPGITM faculty members for reviewer and guest-editor opportunities.

20. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

This MoU is non-exclusive.

Nothing in this agreement prevents either Party from entering into similar academic or institutional collaborations with other organisations.

21. NATURE OF THE MoU

This MoU represents the Parties' framework for academic cooperation and mutual understanding.

Specific conferences, publications, Special Issues, events or other activities may be governed by separate written arrangements where required.

SIGNATURES

The Parties, through their duly authorised representatives, agree to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

For DPG Institute of Technology and Management, Gurugram

Name: Dr Preeti Gahlot

Designation: Managing Director

Signature: For DPG Inst of Tech & Mgmt

Date: 07/10/26

Official Seal: Authorised Signatory

For SRJ: International Journal of Scientific Research

SRJ Publication and Research LLP

Name: Dr Hari [illegible]

Designation: Editor in Chief

Signature:

Date: 08/10/2026

Official Seal: SRJ International Journal of Scientific Research Editor in chief