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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) made and entered into on this 14th day of November, 2026,

BETWEEN

The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE), having its office at Neeladri Towers, Sri Giri Certificates Center, 6th Battalion Road, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh – 522503, represented in this MoU by its Secretary / Authorized Signatory (hereinafter referred to as **"APSCHE"**),

AND

School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada, a Centrally Funded Technical Institution for imparting Planning and Architecture education in addition to high-quality Research in these areas, established by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, having its campus at Survey No.4/4, ITI Road, Vijayawada-520008, Andhra

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Pradesh, India, represented in this MoU by the Director, SPAV (hereinafter referred to as **"SPAV"**).

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, both APSCHE and SPAV appreciate each other's activities in promoting excellence, higher education standards, capacity building, and quality research in planning, architecture, and sustainable urban and regional development across Andhra Pradesh.

WHEREAS, SPAV is conceptualizing/establishing a "Centre for Excellence in Urban Planning and Design" aiming to deliver capacity building, research, advisory, and advocacy assignments across the region.

WHEREAS, APSCHE and SPAV desire to collaborate and mutually extend expertise toward developing higher education initiatives, academic policy support, research, and sustainable development framework for educational infrastructure and capacity building of faculty and creation of student talent pool in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, both parties agree to mutually cooperate to the fullest extent under the following terms:

ARTICLE 1: AREAS OF COLLABORATION

1. Joint Seminars & Workshops: Hold joint workshops, seminars, roundtable discussions, and brainstorming sessions on topics of mutual benefit focusing on higher education planning, architectural design, urban infrastructure, and sustainable development in Andhra Pradesh.

2. Capacity Building & Training: Conduct training programs and faculty development programs (FDPs) for academic professionals, practicing professionals, and stakeholders on themes of mutual professional interest pertaining to planning, architecture, administration, and higher education management.

3. Knowledge Sharing & Student Engagement: Exchange domain experts and faculty for curriculum design, special lectures, juries, strategic meetings, and capacity-building initiatives. SPAV students may be involved with APSCHE initiatives, study programs, and internships as per SPAV's academic norms and mutually agreed terms.

4. Advisory & Technical Support: Provide advisory and consultancy support to each other on technical aspects related to higher education infrastructure, urban and regional planning, and spatial design. Any financial implications for specific consultancy

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or project-based activities shall be mutually finalized prior to project initiation through separate agreements.

5. Infrastructure Sharing: Support each other by granting access to basic infrastructure such as libraries, seminar halls, auditorium and meeting rooms for joint endeavors, subject to availability and institutional procedures.

6. Joint Publications: Collaborate to publish joint research works, project reports, and policy white papers in national and international platforms for academic dissemination.

7. Specialized Academic Programs: Explore the development of specialized short-term courses, certification modules, post-graduate diplomas, or degree electives addressing emerging needs in urban planning, heritage management, and spatial analytics.

8. Digital Repositories & Heritage Studies: Collaborate on developing digital repositories and documentation of natural and built heritage in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

9.General Support: Any other mutually agreed academic, research, or development activity.

ARTICLE 2: IMPLEMENTATION AND WORKING GROUP

- To effectively execute the objectives of this MoU, a joint **Working Group** consisting of designated representatives from both APSCHE and SPAV shall be constituted within **one week** of signing this MoU.
- Any financial commitments or expenditure for specific joint tasks shall be incurred only upon prior mutual written agreement between both parties.

ARTICLE 3: AMENDMENT, TERMINATION, AND DURATION

- **Tenure:** This MoU shall remain valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of signing. It may be extended or revised upon mutual consent of both parties.
- **Amendment:** Amendments or modifications to this MoU shall be made in writing with the explicit consent of both parties.
- **Termination:** Either party may terminate this MoU by giving prior written notification, subject to the mutual consent of both parties and ensuring ongoing student/research activities are not adversely affected.
- **Jurisdiction:** This MoU is subject to the approvals of the respective governing bodies of both institutions and operates under the applicable jurisdiction of Andhra Pradesh.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of both parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date mentioned above.

For School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada (SPAV) (Under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)	**For Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE)**
14/11/26 **Prof. Dr. Ramesh Srikonda** Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada Date: Prof. Dr. S. RAMESH निदेशक / DIRECTOR योजना तथा वास्तुकला विद्यालय, विजयवाड़ा राष्ट्रीय महत्व का एक संस्थान, शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada. An Institute of National Importance, Ministry of Education, Government of India. Seal:	14.11.26 **Prof. B.Tirupati Rao** Secretary, APSCHE Date: SECRETARY A.P. State Council of Higher Education 3rd, 4th and 5th Floors, Neeladri Towers, Sri Ram Nagar, 6th Battalion Road, Atmakur Village, MANGALAGIRI-522 503, Guntur District, A.P. Seal:

In the presence of Witnesses:

1. Signature: 14/11/26 Name: P.V.S. Shyam Kumar

2. Signature: 14/11/26 Name: G. Mathew Sriranjam, Academic Officer, APSCHE

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