

Memorandum of Understanding

between

**Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
and**

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on 4th October 2023 at New Delhi by and between the “Logistics Division” under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), Government of India (herein after referred to as “Logistics Division”) having its office at Vanijya Bhawan, Akbar Road, New Delhi.

AND

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (herein after referred to as “GSV”), a Central University located in Vadodara, Gujarat.

Logistics Division, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce, and Industry (MoCI) and the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya are herein also referred to collectively as the “Parties” and individually as the “Party”.

Preamble

Logistics primarily involves various transportation modes and storage options along with the services component and regulatory processes. Connectivity and convenience in logistics operations are the key to growth of sustainable global trade. Logistics infrastructure covering road, rail, waterways, and air networks plays a major role in establishing connectivity.

PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan was launched by Government of India in 2021 followed by ambitious National Logistics Policy in 2022 for fast tracking development of Logistics sector in the country. While PM Gati Shakti is a transformative approach to planning multimodal infrastructure connectivity, National Logistics Policy focuses on Service Improvement, Standardization and Benchmarking of Physical Assets, Capacity Building, etc.

India’s rank has improved in Logistics ranking of the World Bank in the 7th edition of the Logistics Performance Index (LPI 2023). India has been taking numerous initiatives since 2015 to improve its logistics efficiency. The World Bank has acknowledged India’s efforts towards increasing logistics efficiency.

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The Logistics Division has worked on reforms to improve logistics performance. The Logistics Division anchors national integrated logistics policy development and interfaces with various logistics-related Ministries/Departments. The range of initiatives focuses on orchestrating logistics developmental plans to realise synergies of multimodal logistics and overall performance improvement.

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (hereinafter referred to as GSV) is a Central University, established through an Act of Parliament of India in 2022, and is operating under the Ministry of Railways (Govt. of India) with a mandate to focus exclusively on entire transportation and logistics sector. GSV is a “first of its kind” university aiming to fulfil the mandate of the National Developmental Plans (PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan 2021 and National Logistics Policy 2022) across railways, shipping, ports, highways, roads, waterways, and aviation etc. through creation of best in class human resources and talent.

Following a demand-driven curriculum and leveraging state of the art infrastructure of all the Centralized Training Institutes of Indian Railways, the GSV shall create a resource pool of professionals across technology, economics, management and policy comprising multidisciplinary teaching (bachelors/masters/doctoral), executive training, skilling and research. GSV shall also undertake trainings for probationers and serving officers of Indian Railways and other related domains/organizations in transportation and logistics sector.

Both Parties are entering into a bipartite MoU to set up an institutional mechanism for the parties to work with various stakeholders in the logistics sector.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND AMONG THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

1. Role of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya:

1.1 Education and Research Specific to logistic sector

This objective includes but not limited to, undertaking education, research and studies in relevant areas for optimizing the logistics cost and providing peer review of multi-modal projects and services. In addition, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya shall co-work with the Logistics Division as a nodal agency to establish a strong network of research to create and mainstream logistics and PM Gati Shakti courses in Higher education. It shall also co-work in developing curriculum and course content in logistics and PM Gati Shakti for under-graduate and post graduate levels. GSV shall also co-work to develop certificate/diploma programs for short duration skilling programs, and also consider accreditation of logistics courses/skilling programs conducted elsewhere by DPIIT.

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1.2 Training and Capacity Building

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, as a nodal agency, would also help in developing capacity building programs, continuing education program in logistics, both short-term and long-term training programs that could be run in universities, colleges and organizations. This will help in skilling workforce in logistics sector and increase employability in the sector.

It shall also devise ways and mechanisms to forge industry tie-ups for internships of students pursuing courses in logistics and practical training for them.

1.3 Dissemination and Outreach

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya shall conduct workshops, seminars and conferences for the dissemination of policies, practices and exchange of information and experiences in logistics and PM Gati Shakti. GSV shall also identify and collate best practices in different aspects of logistics followed at regional and international levels.

1.4 Creation of Knowledge centres of PM Gati Shakti

GSV shall co-work with the logistics division as a nodal agency to conceptualize and establish knowledge centres of PM Gati Shakti in different states and institutions which shall serve as repository of best practices of PM Gati Shakti approach, best Logistics Practices, centres of further research and innovation in logistics.

1.5 Building a pool of Resource Persons

GSV shall co-work with Logistics Division and build a repository of resource persons, both Public and Private Sector, who have wide practical experience in logistics policy and sector and can deliver effective training and can help in capacity building in Central Training Institutes and State Administrative Training Institutes.

2. Role of Logistics Division:

Logistics Division shall support, guide and provide necessary assistance to enable the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya to fulfil its obligations under this MoU:

- a. To collaborate for promoting research, teaching, and training activities of the logistics sector;
- b. Carry out joint programs related to teaching, training, executive education, curriculum development, consulting, Continuing Education Programmes and Technology Enabled Education Programmes;

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- c. Carry out and supervise joint research activities in order to deepen the analysis and understanding of the logistics sector;
- d. Organize joint events, such as symposiums, technical festivals, conferences and workshops on research and teaching issues;
- e. Collaborate towards joint submission for international projects and sponsored research Opportunities;
- f. Connect with international/national institutes for projects and research work;
- g. Promote institutional exchanges by inviting faculty/subject matter experts, students and administrative staff of the parties to participate in a variety of research activities and professional development;
- h. Help foster scholarship at GSV through financial support for meritorious and needy students as CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiatives.

3. Financials:

It has been agreed between the Parties that apart from the objectives and initiatives envisioned under this MoU, if both the Parties after mutual consensus, wish to undertake any other programmes and initiatives which have financial implications, the same shall be discussed between the Parties and both the Parties shall execute separate MoU or Agreement for all such programmes and initiatives. This MoU shall be identified as the parent document of any such agreement executed between the parties for any joint activity.

4. Implementation:

Each party shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this MoU. This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficially co-operation and is not legally binding upon both the parties.

5. Applicability:

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force from the date of its signing (the "Effective Date") and remain in effect for a period of seven (7) years from such effective date. This MoU may further be extended subject to both Parties agreeing to such extension at least one (1) month prior to the expiry of the Term. This MoU is not intended to create any legally binding obligation on either of the parties but rather, intended to facilitate each other and cooperate towards attaining the agreed objectives.



6. **Termination clause:**



Each Party shall have the right to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving three (03) months' written notice in writing to the other Party at any time. If this Memorandum of Understanding is terminated by either Party, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination does not affect any prior obligation, project, or activity already in progress.

7. **Amendment clause:**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified or amended by written agreement between the Parties.

It is hereby agreed that this signed Memorandum of Understanding can be put in the public domain by any of the signatories.

Signed at New Delhi on 4th October 2023, in two original copies in English, both texts being equally authentic.

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