

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### **M.1 Parties to the MoU**

**M.1.1** This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) is made and entered into force this-day 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 between MNR University, situated at Fasalwadi-502294, Sangareddy, Gr Hyderabad, Telangana, India comprising of **School of Clinical Research, Medical and Health Sciences (SMHS) and School of Physiotherapy (SOPR)** (hereafter referred as “MNRU”) which expression shall where the context so admits mean and include its successors, representatives and permitted assigns of the First part,

**And**

**M.1.2** Cumberland University, Lebanon, USA which is referred by University HUB, Hyderabad, INDIA mentioned above herein after referred to as ‘**Cumberland**’ which expression shall, where the context so admits, mean and include its successors, representatives and permitted assigns of the other part.

### **M.2 Preamble:**

**M.2.1** MNRU is a State Private University established under the Telangana State Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Amendment Act 11 of 2024 comes under MNRET (MNR Educational Trust), which is a registered charitable trust registered under the Indian Trust Act-1882. The trust is running 38 education institutions in Telangana and Maharashtra states of India, with a student strength of 32000 and around 1800 faculty members. The institutions under the trust offer various courses from kindergarten to post graduation, with its registered office at MNRET, 2-23 D/350 Bhagya Nagar (Phase 3), near HMT Hills, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500085, Telangana.

**M.2.2.** Cumberland University has been an integral part of Lebanon, Tennessee, since its establishment in 1842 by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in consultation with Dr. Mark Hanshaw, General Counsel and Associate Provost. Over the years, the university has evolved into a distinguished institution of higher learning, currently comprising the School of Humanities, Education and the Arts, the Labry School of Science, Technology and Business, and the Rudy School of Nursing and Health Professions.

### **M.3 Scope of Work and Responsibilities:**

**M.3.1** Both parties agree to contribute relevant resources and strengths pursuant to its commitment and in furtherance of objectives of this MoU. The two Institutes after considering their objectives and strengths have agreed:

- i) Student support in the form of internships to be taken forward for a duration to be agreed upon.
- ii) Research collaboration, in the form of exploratory research projects, consultative projects, patents, and design registration, among others.
- iii) Other collaborations to merge the industry-academia gap, in the form of setting up delivery lab and practical worksites. Also, collaboration in organizing workshops, guest sessions, executive certification programs, subject matter expert talks, etc.
- iv) Global Immersion, Study Tours, Semester/Year Abroad, Student, Faculty Exchange, Collaborative Research with Indo-US Funds, Joint Programs, Twinning Programs, Dual Degree Programs

**M.3.2** Specific terms, conditions and procedural aspects of collaboration including financial obligations of either party shall be finalized on mutual discussion in respect of each specific project under this MoU separately. Both the parties will be entering into separate agreements where financial involvements are exclusive.

**M.3.3** Single point of contacts (SPOCs)

(a) Dr. Kiran Kumar Ravulakollu, Dean, School of Engineering & Technology,  
MNRU

(b) Mr. Anil Sanaka, University Hub

**M.4 Confidentiality and IPR-Protection**

**M.4.1** Both parties hereunder agree that any information disclosed by one party to the other shall be maintained as proprietary confidential information and will be disclosed only to the authorities as required in the relevant statutory regulations and to those persons in the recipient party's organization that has a need to know for purposes authorized by the relevant agreement. All such proprietary confidential information will be kept in confidence and the party receiving the confidential information agrees not to disclose to any other person or persons outside the organization or any unauthorized person or persons except to the organization authorized by either of the parties hereunder on need to know the basis for the execution of the work. The obligations that are created under this MoU on either party as well as through subsequent relevant agreements on either party shall be duly discharged during the term of the MoU and agreement and after their expiry/termination.

**M.4.2** Both parties can seek intellectual property rights on joint names of the parties as mutually agreed on case-to-case basis.,

**M.4.3 Intellectual property generated during the activities under the MoU shall be shared jointly. The parties proportionally to their respective intellectual, material and financial contributions shall share the extent of ownership.** The expenditure incurred and to be incurred for the maintenance of IPR shall be borne by

each party equally or in proportion to the extent of ownership as may be decided by the Steering Committee.

### **M.5 Publications & Patents**

Publications & patents, if any, in respect of the activity under this MoU shall be in the names of involved personnel from both the parties. The authorship order should be given according to preference of the work done and its importance to that outcome. In all publications (papers, reports, etc.,) it will be duly acknowledged that the work has been carried out by/in **MNRU** and **Cumberland** under this MoU between the parties.

### **M.6 Duration**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for a period of **three years** from the date of signing of the same and thereafter can be renewed for further periods subject to such other terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

### **M.7 Termination**

Notwithstanding clause 6, either of the participating parties may terminate this MoU by giving three months' notice in writing to the other party. Either of the parties shall honor within a mutually agreed period, the outstanding commitments, if any, as on the date of termination.

### **M.8 Notices**

All notices and other communications required to be served on **MNRU** under the terms and this MoU, shall be considered to be duly served, if the same is delivered at or posted by email or registered mail to the "**SMHS and SOPR, MNR University, Fasalwadi- 502294, Sangareddy, Gr Hyderabad, Telangana, India**". Similarly, any notice to be given to the **MNRU** shall be considered as duly served, if the same is delivered at or posted by email or registered mail to the "**Cumberland University, Lebanon, USA**".

### **M.9 Arbitration**

In the event of any dispute or difference between the parties hereto, such differences shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation. Where it could not be resolved so, then it shall be referred to arbitration of two Arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party to the dispute and in case of difference of opinion between the said two Arbitrators, then to an umpire appointed by the said two Arbitrators. The decision of the said Arbitrators or Umpire as the case may be shall be final and binding on both parties. The venue of arbitration shall be at such place as may be fixed by the arbitrators or umpire and the arbitration proceeding shall be as provided under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

**M.10 Jurisdiction**

All legal disputes shall be subjected to the jurisdiction of the courts at Hyderabad, Telangana state only.

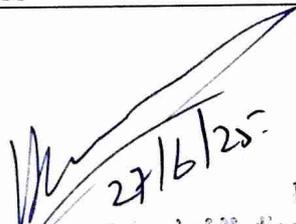
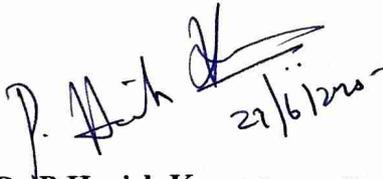
**M.11 Modification**

No modification to this MoU shall be binding unless made in writing and signed by both parties.

**M.12 Force Majeure**

Any of the parties hereto shall not be released from its obligations for any reason except for force majeure such as war, strike, fire, acts of God or other causes beyond control of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this, the Memorandum of Agreement on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

<p><u>For and on behalf of</u> <b>Cumberland University</b></p>	<p><u>For and on behalf of</u> <b>MNRU</b></p>
<p> <b>Dr. Mark Hanshaw</b> General Counsel and Associate Provost Cumberland University, Lebanon, USA</p>	<p> 27/6/25 Dean <b>Dr. K. Venkataramana</b> School of Medical and Health Sciences Fasalwadi-502 294, Sangareddy (Dist.), Gr. Hyderabad, Telangana. Dean, SMHS</p> <p> 27/6/25 Dean <b>Dr. P. Harish Kumar</b> School of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Dean, SOPR Fasalwadi-502 294, Sangareddy (Dist.), Gr. Hyderabad, Telangana. MNR University, Fasalwadi-502294, Sangareddy, Gr Hyderabad, Telangana, INDIA</p>
<p><b>Witnesses (Name &amp; Address)</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>Witnesses (Name &amp; Address)</b></p> <p></p>