



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)



Between

CSIR-CENTRAL FOOD TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MYSORE

and

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY KAKINADA (JNTUK)

This Agreement is made this **15th** day of **July** 2026 between CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute, Government of India, having its office at Cheluvamba Mansion, Mysore – 570 020, Karnataka (hereinafter called as **CSIR-CFTRI**, which expression shall include its successors-in-interest and assigns) of the First part represented by its authorized officer Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysore.

And

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY KAKINADA having its office at Pithapuram Road, KAKINADA – 533 003, Kakinada District, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter called as **JNTUK**, which expression shall include its successor-in-interest and assigns) of the Second part, represented by its Registrar, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY KAKINADA.

1. PREAMBLE

Whereas CSIR-CFTRI is a constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, engaged in research and development and conducting post-graduate & doctoral programs in the area of Food science & Technology and allied areas.

JNTUK is a premier academic institution offering B.Tech and M.Tech programs in Food Engineering and Technology, and provides food testing services to food industries across the State of Andhra Pradesh and operates as a laboratory accredited by NABL and recognized by FSSAI, being the only Government laboratory in the state with such credentials. JNTUK also actively supports the food industry through research and development, consultancy, quality control, testing and training services.

Now it is hereby agreed to by and between **CSIR-CFTRI and JNTUK** to sign this MoU under the following terms, and the word parties below means CSIR-CFTRI and JNTUK together.



2. SCOPE OF MoU

- Strategic positioning through collaborations between both the institutions in meeting emerging scientific and technological challenges of the society.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CSIR-CFTRI

- 3.1 Guidance on Academic courses and Food testing Laboratory
- 3.2 Nomination of experts to BOS for designing the course and advisory board of Food Testing Laboratory
- 3.3 Depute subject experts for guest lectures
- 3.4 Offer project work to students on payment basis
- 3.5 Jointly to organize workshops, skill development courses and training programs of regional importance

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF JNTUK

- 4.1 Assist CSIR-CFTRI for technology transfer, promotion of Food Science and Technology and identification of R&D projects
- 4.2 Conducting surveys on regional traditional foods and raw materials
- 4.3 Collection of data on processing of traditional and other foods including preliminary experiments for collaborative projects
- 4.4 Offer infrastructure and other support to promote Food Science and their technologies in the region through workshops, seminars, training programmes etc.
- 4.5 Provide support in areas related to Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Analytics, Computer Vision, and other engineering technologies for collaborative research initiatives.

5. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The financial obligations in meeting the requirements under various identified programs and activities will be met as per the norms followed by respective organizations.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In case of collaborative research activities under this MoU result in any potential for intellectual property, each party shall seek an equitable and fair agreement as to ownership and other property interests that may arise according to the rules and regulations of the participating Institutions.



7. PUBLICATION

Any publication, document and/or paper arising out of joint work conducted by the participants pursuant to this MoU will be jointly owned. The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of the participants on any publication, document and/or paper will require prior permission of the parties. It may however be ensured that the official emblem and logo is not misused.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE

The parties may disclose certain confidential information to the other in relation to any future proposals made under this MoU. Each party therefore agrees that contents of this MoU and the negotiations in relations to any future proposal remain strictly confidential and each party hereby undertakes not to disclose the same to third party without the prior written consent of the other party except where such disclosure is required by law.

9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

General clauses:

- 9.1 Each party will ensure appropriate protection of Intellectual Property Rights generated from cooperation pursuant to MoU, consistent with relevant laws, rules and regulations and national/international agreements to which both parties are committed.
- 9.2 In case research is carried out solely and separately by the Party or the research results are obtained through the sole and separate effort of the Party, the party concerned alone will apply for grant of IPR and once granted, the IPR will be solely owned by the concerned party.
- 9.3 In case of research results obtained through joint activities, the grant of intellectual property rights will be sought by both the parties jointly and once granted these rights will jointly owned by the parties. The cost of filing/maintenance will be borne by both the parties.
- 9.4 The Parties shall not assign any rights and obligations arising out of the IPR generated to inventions/activities carried out under the MoU to any third Party without consent of the other party.
- 9.5 In the event the Intellectual Property is patentable, then the application for registration of the patent, in India and/or abroad (as mutually desired by the Parties), shall be jointly filed by the parties. The parties shall jointly bear the expenses for drafting, filing, prosecuting, grant and renewal of such patent. The Parties shall jointly file documents, papers, forms etc. as may be required for maintenance and renewal of such patent. In no circumstances, either Party shall file patent on its own name without approval of the other Party. In the event either of the Party do not wish to renew the patent, the other Party may renew it at their own cost and the benefits/ privileges received from maintaining such patent rights will be accrued to the benefit of the Party(ies) who have renewed the patent.



10. PERIOD OF MoU AND ITS EXTENSION

This MoU comes into effect from the date of its signing and will remain in force for three years. The period can be extended by mutual agreement between the parties at the appropriate time.

11. OTHER OBLIGATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

All the parties commit to making reasonable administrative and academic efforts to achieve success of this collaboration.

During the terms of this MoU, the parties shall comply with their respective laws and regulations and shall be solely responsible for their own actions and consequences and shall not be responsible for the actions of the other party and their outcomes.

12. NO LIABILITY CLAUSE

No particular institution shall be responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever, resulting due to the implementation of relevant phases of the programme at the premises of JNTUK/ CSIR-CFTRI.

13. MoU AND ITS AMENDMENTS

This MoU shall be sole repository of the terms and conditions agreed to between the parties and no amendment thereof shall take effect or be binding on CSIR-CFTRI and JNTUK unless such amendment is authorized by the parties and is recorded in writing and signed by the representatives of CSIR-CFTRI and JNTUK as and when required.

14. ARBITRATION

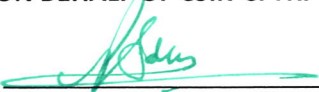
In the event of any dispute or difference between the parties hereto so as to the construction, interpretation, effect and implication of any provision of this MoU, such dispute or difference shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation or through the nominated officers of the collaborating parties failing which Director, CSIR-CFTRI and Registrar, JNTUK shall meet and mutually try to settle the issue.

Further, disputes or difference between the parties regarding sharing accomplishments in terms of intellectual property, publication, technology or confidentiality of data sets shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation through the Nodal officers of collaborating parties. Any official communication or sharing of data among the collaborative institution shall be carried out through designated Nodal officers for official record purposes.



In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this MoU through their authorized representatives.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF CSIR-CFTRI

Signature: 

Name: **Dr. Giridhar Parvatam**

Designation: Director

Dr. Giridhar Parvatam
Director
CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute
Mysuru-570 020

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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF JNTUK

Signature: 

Name: **Prof. R. Srinivasa Rao**

Designation: Registrar, JNTUK

REGISTRAR
J.N.T. University Kakinada
Kakinada-533003

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Witnesses: (Name & Address)

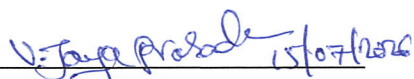
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Dr. B. KUMAR, PMC Dept.

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Date: 15.07.2026

Witnesses: (Name & Address)

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Prof. K. Padma Raju,
Principal,
University College of Engineering, Kakinada.

2.  15/07/2026
Prof. V. Jaya Prasad,
Head of the Department,
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