COSS-IN
Campus Open Source Software India Foundation
Empower India with Open Source.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN COSS-IN FOUNDATION AND PARTNER INSTITUTION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on **{date}** by and between **Campus Open Source Software-India Foundation (COSS-IN)**, a Section 8 Not-for-Profit Organization, and **{Name of the Institution}** (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution").

1. PURPOSE & VISION

The primary objective of this partnership is to establish a COSS-IN Open Source Development lab within the Institution. This center will facilitate the transition of students from academic learners to industry-ready contributors by engaging them in the development of real-world, open-source software products.

2. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION

To ensure the success of the "One College One Product" initiative, the Institution agrees to:

- **Infrastructure:** Provide a dedicated laboratory space (COSS-IN Hub) with high-speed internet and necessary hardware for student contributors.
- **Faculty Nomination:** Appoint a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) or "Campus Mentor" from the Department of CSE/IT/ECE/AI/Placement Cell etc., to oversee local coordination and student verification on the COSS-IN portal.
- **Time Allocation:** Allow participating students to dedicate a specified number of hours per week to open-source contribution as part of their laboratory, project work, elective credits, or On-Campus internships.
- **IP Compliance:** Execute the Corporate Contributor License Agreement (CCLA) to ensure all software developed is legally contributed under the Foundation's governance.

3. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FOUNDATION (COSS-IN)

- **Project Governance:** Allocate a specific "Campus Product" to the institution and provide the architectural roadmap and repository management.
- **SDLC & Engineering Excellence:** Mentor students in professional Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) adoption, including industry-standard frameworks, agile methodologies, version control (Git), automated testing, DevOps and CI/CD pipelines.
- **Curriculum Alignment:** Provide L.E.A.D.S Framework resources to bridge academic gaps (Java, Vue.js, PostgreSQL, Linux, Go, Rust, Python etc.).
- **Verification & Certification:** Issue digital badges and "Verified Contributor" certificates to successful contributors.
- **Industry Expert Engagement:** Leverage professional networks to facilitate mentoring sessions with seasoned domain experts focusing on architectural challenges.

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & ETHICS

All software code, documentation, and assets created under this MoU shall be released under a Foundation-approved Open Source License (e.g., Apache 2.0 or MIT). The Institution retains the right to be credited as the "Originating Campus." Ethical conduct and a "Code of Honor" are mandatory.

5. TENURE & TERMINATION

This MoU is valid for a period of **(_____)** years. Either party may terminate with a 30-day written notice, provided ongoing student projects are given a graceful exit.

Foundation Signature: _____ **Institution Signature:** _____

6. COVENANT OF THE "OPEN MIND" & SHARED MISSION

Both parties commit to a partnership governed by an "Open Mind" philosophy, recognizing the transformation of the Indian engineering ecosystem as the primary cause.

> ***The Spirit of Openness:*** *Transparency, flexibility, and a shared passion for Open Source values. Innovation thrives where barriers are removed.*
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> ***Student-Centric Success:*** *Success is measured solely by the Industry Readiness of the students. Every decision is weighed against its ability to empower a student.*
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> ***The Bridge to Industry:*** *Turning academic potential into professional excellence through rigor and standards.*

FOR CAMPUS OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE - INDIA	FOR {Name of the Institution}
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Authorized Signature	**Authorized Signature**
Name: _____	Name**: {Name of the Authorized Signatory}**
Date**: {Date}**	Place: **{Place}**