



# Memorandum of Understanding between Bureau of Indian Standards and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur for Establishing BIS Standardization Chair Professorship

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on Sixteenth day of October, 2023 between the Bureau of Indian Standards, the National Standard Body of India established under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, conformity assessment and quality assurance of goods, articles, processes, systems and services and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, having its Headquarters at 'Manak Bhavan', 9 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002, hereinafter referred to as the Bureau, or the FIRST PARTY,

and

The **Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur**, an institute having expertise in the area of scientific and technological education and research, and the application of scientific knowledge and technology to human advancement and social development, established under the Institute of Technology Act, 1961, enacted by the Parliament of Republic of India, located at Kharagpur – 721302, West Bengal hereinafter referred to as IITKGP, or the SECOND PARTY.

Both the Bureau and IITKGP hereinafter refer to individually as the 'Party' and collectively as 'Parties'.

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#### 1. General

The Bureau, with this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IITKGP intends to develop collaborative activities in the field of Standardization and Conformity Assessment on the basis of equality and reciprocity.

One of the areas of collaboration identified is to appoint a Chair in the field of Standardization and Conformity Assessment for which the Bureau will provide financial support to IITKGP.

# 2. Objectives

The creation of a BIS Standardization Chair is for research & development, teaching and training in the field of Standardization and Conformity Assessment in the country with focus on the areas of Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Chemical, Earthquake Engineering, Development and Management of water resources and renewable energy projects, Infrastructure development, Medical Biotechnology & Nanotechnology, Biomaterials, etc. (as mutually agreed).

## 3. Activities

The BIS Standardization Chair Professor is expected to provide leadership in one, or more, of the following areas:

- a) Coordinating R&D efforts towards development of standards and inputs to the drafts of new Indian Standards or revision/amendment of Indian Standards or are of relevance to Conformity Assessment Schemes of the Bureau.
- b) Identifying and facilitating the integration of existing R&D project outputs with standards, as may be relevant.
- c) Undertaking review of Indian Standards involving thorough analysis of technical developments that have taken place in the product/processes/practices/use or application/testing/input materials, the international standards available, etc relevant to the standard under review.

- d) Preparation of handbooks/literature/case studies on implementation of Indian Standards and Conformity Assessment.
- e) Sensitizing and strengthening participation of the faculty/professors of IITKGP in standards formulation activities of the Bureau.
- f) Promoting the integration of Indian Standards in course curricula of IITKGP and for initiating short term course on standardization in IITKGP.
- g) Organization of BIS-IITKGP joint seminars, conferences, workshops, symposia or lectures on topics of Standardization and Conformity Assessment of common interest for dissemination of knowledge. At least one lecture to be given by the Chair Professor every year at an event organized by the Bureau.
- h) Designing and executing short-term capacity-building programmes and training programmes on Standardization and Conformity Assessment.
- i) Exchange with incubation centres at IITKGP for promoting the standards which can encourage/facilitate innovation.

#### 4. Contribution

## 4.1 Bureau's Contribution

In order to create a corpus fund at IITKGP, the Bureau will provide a non-refundable endowment of Rs. 1.25 Crores in a single payment for creating BIS Standardization Chair Professorship at IITKGP. The expenditure related to the Chair, including honorarium, contingency and travel shall be met from the interest accrued on the corpus. The endowment fund shall be managed and maintained by IITKGP in perpetuity. Specific projects or studies identified or conceived or facilitated through this Chair will need separate funding as per the requirement of the project.

# 4.2 Responsibility of IITKGP

IITKGP shall provide adequate and suitable office and laboratory space, access to the library and other central facilities such as Institute Computer Centre, Institute Instrumentation Centre etc. to help BIS Standardization Chair Professor to carry out his/her mandate.

#### 5. Selection of the Chair Professor

The Chair Professor will be selected through an open advertisement as per the norms of Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. IITKGP will take steps to ensure that the BIS Standardization Chair Professor is appointed within six months of the signing of the MoU.

## 6. Monitoring and Tenure of Chair Professor

- **6.1** For effective functioning of the Chair, the following Steering Committee will meet as and when required:
  - a) Nominee of Director, IIT Kharagpur Chairman
  - b) Nominee of the Bureau (to be decided) Member
  - c) BIS Standardization Chair Professor Convener
- **6.2** The Chair Professor shall submit the detailed report of the projects/assignments (completed & ongoing) to the Steering Committee every year.
- **6.3** The tenure of the Chair Professor will be three years.
- 7. Due caution would be exercised by IITKGP in dissemination/publication of any information/data/findings of a sensitive/classified nature, emanating out of this collaboration. Bureau's support is to be duly acknowledged in publications by the Chair Professor.
- 8. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing or creating a relationship of master and servant or principal and agent between the Bureau and IITKGP or the employees of the Bureau and IITKGP or the Chair appointees and BIS or any person directly or indirectly associated with this collaboration.
- 9. All activities of the Bureau and IITKGP, in relation to the BIS Standardization Chair Professorship, will be as per the policies and guidelines laid down by the Bureau and IITKGP within the framework of this MoU on Standardization and Conformity Assessment.

## 10. Confidentiality

10.1 The Receiving Party shall ensure confidentiality of documents and information received and marked as confidential of the Disclosing Party, within the framework of this MoU. The documentation and information can be shared with a third party only with the written consent of the Disclosing Party.

**10.2** The obligation of non-disclosure of such documentation and information shall survive till the validity of this MoU.

# 11. Resolution of Disputes

Dispute Resolution: Dispute Resolution: The Bureau and IITKGP will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence and shared responsibility. In case of any dispute that cannot be resolved amicably, it shall be referred to Sole Arbitrator appointed by the Director General of the Bureau of Indian standards, whose decision shall be final and binding upon both the parties. The provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as amended from time to time, shall be applicable.

# 12. Right to Intellectual Property and confidentiality

The copyright of all documents/literary works arising from this MoU shall be owned by the Bureau and IITKGP. The documents and information of the Bureau must not be shared with third parties or reproduced, whether in whole or part, without the prior written consent of the Competent Authority of the Bureau;

# 13. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The Hon'ble courts at Delhi alone shall have the jurisdiction to try and decide the lawsuit arising out of this MoU.

## 14. Effective Date and Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective from the date of the signing by the parties and shall remain in force for a period of ten years therefrom. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed for successive ten-year periods. The Parties may renew the term of the MoU by mutual consent of both the parties.

#### 15. Termination of the MoU

The MoU may be terminated by BIS any time by giving a written notice of 6 months to IITKGP.

#### 16. Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended and supplemented at any time by written consent of both the Parties.

Signed

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