

**Article 10**

This MoU will remain in force for **Five (5) years** unless either party gives written notice of termination to the other party no later than six 6 months before the expiry date. MoU may be terminated with mutual consent of the Parties. The MoU will become effective upon the date of signature by duly authorized representatives of the Parties. The terms of the MoU can be modified at any time by mutual agreement communicated in writing. This MoU may be extended for another five (5) years by express agreement of the parties.

Dated on..... in two originals in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

**For Banaras Hindu University  
Varanasi, India**

Registrar.....

Banaras Hindu University,  
Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India

Date: 12/2/2026

**For Light of Buddhadhama  
Foundation International, U.S.A**

Executive Director.....

Light of Buddhadhama Foundation  
International, U.S.A.

Date: Feb. 12, 2026 .

**Witness:**

1. Dean  
Faculty of Arts  
Banaras Hindu University

2. Assistant Registrar  
International Centre  
Banaras Hindu University

Program Manager  
LBDFI

Director  
SINI

## **Article 6**

The Parties will decide for future activities like teaching, research, workshop and exhibition on life and teachings of Buddha including Nalanda academic culture by mutual consent.

## **Article 7**

Any Intellectual Property Right brought by one of the Parties for the implementation of the cooperation activities under this MoU shall remain the property of that Party. Further, that Party shall be liable for any claim made by any third Party on the ownership and legality of the use of the intellectual property right which is brought in by the aforementioned Party for the implementation of the cooperation activities under this MoU.

Any Intellectual Property Right, data and information resulting from research activities conducted under this MoU shall be jointly owned by the Parties, and either of them shall be allowed to use such property for non-commercial purposes free of royalty. Should the intellectual property right, data and information resulting from the cooperation activities under this MoU be used for commercial purposes by one Party, the other Party shall be entitled for the share on the basis of the principle of equitable contribution. In such a case, the object of the research activities conducted shall constitute a part of the constitution of the Party from which the object derives.

If either of the Parties wishes to disclose confidential information/or information resulting from the cooperation activities under the MoU to any other party, the disclosing party must obtain prior consent from the other party before such disclosure can be made.

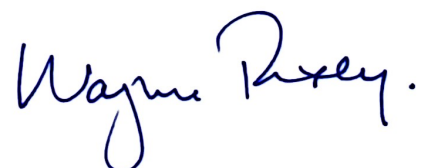
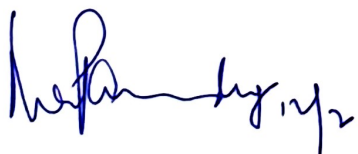
## **Article 8**

Any difference arising out of the interpretation on the implementation of the MoU shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

## **Article 9**

Either party shall be entitled to obtain such publicity as it considers necessary relating to the subject matter provided that any press releases and other material (including electronic) shall be approved as to form and content by the Parties in writing.

The BHU name and logo and the LBDFI name and logo may not be used without written permission from the other institution. Light of Buddhadharma Foundation International will seek permission from Banaras Hindu University, and Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, and the BHU from Light of Buddhadharma Foundation International before using name and logo.



- (b) To jointly explore the development of community-based programs;
- (c) To jointly explore the development of research projects;
- (d) To explore the potential to exchange relevant academic information;
- (e) To facilitate the exchange of faculties, researchers and students; and
- (f) To jointly collaborate on programmes involving teaching, research and projects.

The cooperation will encompass diverse disciplines and interdisciplinary fields as follows:

1. Buddhist Philosophy and Culture (Workshop and exhibition);
2. Buddhist Studies (Research, teaching and projects);
3. Abhidhamma and Buddhist Psychology;
4. Other areas of common interest related to Buddhism.

### **Article 3**

The MoU will not give rise to any financial obligation by one party to the other and each party will bear its own cost and expenses in relation to the academic activities under this MoU.

Appropriate institutional approval will be sought for program development and implementation. All policies and procedures within each institution, including and Ministerial and accreditation approval will be sought and followed.


The Parties intend that any agreement for academic cooperation in relation to specific program activities will be documented in separate and formal agreement executed by the parties in accordance with the policies and procedures of the respective parties.

### **Article 4**

The MoU will be implemented within the framework of the legal and administrative conditions to which the respective institutions are subject.

### **Article 5**

To administer and facilitate this cooperation, each party will designate an appropriate office to coordinate activities resulting from this cooperation.





**LBDIFI**

**Memorandum of Understanding on Academic and Research  
Co-operation**

Concerning the development of international academic and research linkage  
between  
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India-221005;  
and  
Light of Buddhadharma Foundation International, 2222 Harold Way, Berkeley, CA  
94704 U.S.A.

**Whereas**

Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India and Light of Buddhadharma Foundation  
International, U.S.A (hereinafter "the Parties")

Desire to collaborate and strengthen academic and research cooperation between  
their respective institutions based on the principles of mutual benefit

They have concluded

this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MoU")

and have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

The objective of the co-operation between the Parties is to promote academic  
collaboration for research and education. The Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi,  
India, is a Central University, and Light of Buddhadharma Foundation International-  
India, U.S.A, is a non-profit organization devoted to the revival and preservation of  
Buddhist culture and heritage in India, the sacred land of the Buddha.

**Article 2**

The Parties agree that Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, BHU and Light of  
Bodhidharma Foundation International will co-operate together in the following  
strategic areas:

- (a) To jointly explore the development of educational programs;