



### Memorandum of Understanding

This **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** is entered on January 2021-22, by and between:

- a. **VILASRAO DESHMUKH FOUNDATION GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**, located at New MIDC, Airport Road, latur-413531, Maharashtra – India.

And

- b. **Friends Union for Energising Lives** (here in after referred to as FUEL) duly registered under the Indian Trusts Act 1882, and having its office at FUEL, Forest Trails Township, Near Sales office, Paranjape Schemes, Near Manas Lake, Paud Road, Bhugaon, Pune, Maharashtra 412115.

This MoU is drawn up and agreed upon to establish the cooperation between VILASRAO DESHMUKH FOUNDATION GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY and FUEL to bridge the divide that exists between industry and academia in the skill ecosystem and provide Skilling support to the youth to enhance their employability.

### Background and Purpose of Parties Involved

- c. **VDF GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**, located at New MIDC, Airport Road, latur-413531, Maharashtra – India.

Being the brainchild of its visionary President, **MR. AMIT VILASRAO DESHMUKH**, VDFGISET established in 2010, VDF aims at providing, through its School of Engineering & Technology, and School of Pharmacy, world-class professional education programmes in the two disciplines with additional focus on business and cross cultural communication and related soft skills. Students shall be appropriately trained for placement in select companies with the help of the Placement Cell and the Institutes' industry interaction programmes. VDF also intends to set up a medical college and teaching hospital as well as run accelerated short-term learning programmes to meet on-demand industry requirements in sectors such as retail, outsourcing, travel, tourism, hospitality, etc.



- a. **Friends Union for Energising Lives–FUEL**, a credible non-profit organization which provides Career Guidance and Skilling to the students throughout India. FUEL has received the highly prestigious Ashoka Fellowship which is awarded to leading social entrepreneurs for their exemplary solutions to social issues.

FUEL aims to work for the Mission 2021 as envisioned by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam for FUEL to reach career guidance support to over 1 crore students. FUEL believes that through the provision of essential life skills; Indian youth can achieve excellence in their professional life. It has a track record of several years, having already reached 1 million students across India, and is supported by India's leading corporate's and foundations.

Recently FUEL had a great opportunity to interact with the **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi** during the "Champions of Change" event organized by the Niti Ayog from PMO's office in Delhi.

#### **Significant Recognition**

- Appreciated by Hon'ble President of India Shri. Ram Nath Kovind

**Vision:** FUEL has a vision to empower the youth and enable them to become the torch bearers of tomorrow.

#### **Goals:**

- To reach students through career counseling and guidance over 1 crore (10 million) students
- To support mechanics & drivers through trainings for better sustainability & livelihood
- To Train under privileged youth with future skills & vocational skills from rural and semi urban areas in India
- Provide 360-degree career support to enable youth to choose the right careers and excel both personally and professionally.

### **Context of the MoU**

**VDF GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY** consistent efforts towards integrated development of Youth as agents of change and expertise of FUEL and its years of experience in the field brought the two parties together. Realizing the skill gap that exists and ensuring that India's huge demographic dividend should not become demographic burden, both the parties thought to come together for more meaningful and sustainable intervention in the lives of youth.



### **Scope of Work**

- a. To establish, a cooperative arrangement towards - strengthening the identified objectives.
- b. Review and co-create initial roadmap for students in the VILASRAO DESHMUKH FOUNDATION GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY for improvement in the employability potential through interventions such as Aptitude training and Future Skill Development.
- c. Establish a mechanism for formulation of strategy and review of progress in mutual consultation with each other with intent to bring efficiencies in the existing schemes through convergence of efforts.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **FUEL's Roles and Responsibilities**

- a. To deliver Aptitude Training and Future Skill Development with the support of Corporate Social Responsibility.
- b. Mapping of student on skill development, education, and entrepreneurship.
- c. To facilitate that during skill training student spend reasonable time at industry internships for the on-the-job-learning.
- d. To facilitate employment to the skilled student with the support of industry.

#### **VILASRAO DESHMUKH FOUNDATION GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY Roles and Responsibilities**

- a. Facilitate co-creation and execution of agreed plan with FUEL.
- b. Facilitate functioning of the persons engaged by the FUEL in the project
- c. To share required policy inputs and data with FUEL.
- d. Assist FUEL in connecting with industry.
- e. Assist FUEL in establishing Center of Excellence in University premises.



### Terms and Conditions

- a. This Memorandum shall commence from the date of its signing and shall continue for a period of one (1) year from the date thereof and be automatically renewed for successive periods of one (1) year, unless either Party notifies in writing to the other Party of its intention to terminate this MOU ninety days in advance.
- b. This Memorandum is not a legally binding contract and under no circumstances does this Memorandum subject either of the Parties to liability for breach, whether material or minor, of contract or any other liability under national or international law or any other applicable law.
- c. The Parties may nominate an identified individual to establish a "Joint Working Group" to manage and execute the cooperative activities mentioned in this MOU.
- d. Parties may use other party's logo/branding only after prior permission from each other.

### Contact Persons

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This MoU is prepared in two identical copies. Each Party holds one original copy duly signed by the competent authority.

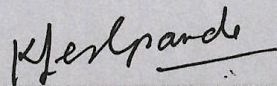
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Date : - 17/11/2021

For and on behalf of :

Friends Union for Energising Lives (FUEL)

Ketan Deshpande

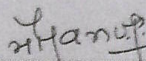


Founder Chairman and CEO, FUEL

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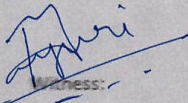


DR. M. V. BUKE



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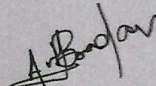


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