Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad
And
Silicon IT Hub Pvt Ltd.
For
Establishing an Industry – Institute linkage

This memorandum of understanding (MoU) is made and entered into on **September 30th, 2020** by and between Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad and **Silicon IT Hub Pvt Ltd. - Ahmedabad** in order to promote industry – institute linkage.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU) was established by the Government of Gujarat in 1994 with head quarter at Ahmedabad. The University has 285 study centres across Gujarat with established Regional Centres at Rajkot, Kutch, Surat and Patan in Gujarat. The University has been established to provide the opportunities for higher education to a larger segment of the population irrespective of classes, castes, creed, religion or sex. With objective of advancement and dissemination of learning and knowledge by a diversity of means including use of any communication technology it has reached to the number of more than 6,00,000 learners as a cumulative enrolment.

BAOU offers more than 65 courses, ranging from certificate to post graduate level covering diverse disciplines like Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce & Management, Information Technology and Foreign Languages. Doctoral Research Program (Ph.D.) in 26 subjects being offered at BAOU has added one more feather to its hat. It is the only Open University in India to successfully converge open education with conventional education through 149 Choice Based Credit System courses. BAOU has its own Quality Assurance Cell committed to the quality of the content of the programme as well as the delivery of the program. The association and communication of BAOU with the other study centres as well as other stake holders is exemplary.

Recognition
- BAOU is recognized by the University Grant Commission (UGC)/Distance Education Bureau (DEB) for offering distance education programme.
- BAOU is recognized by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) for offering education and special education programme.
- BAOU is a member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU)

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Awards and Achievements

1. BOAU has trailed a new path with its innovative and empowering vision in the field of education. In 2011 National Survey, BAOU ranked fifth in terms of "Performance and Output" in India as one of the leading open universities in India.

2. In 2012, BAOU, on invitation joined as one of the founder-anchor members of the UNESCO-funded international Open Educational Resources University (OERu). BAOU is the only Open University from Asia to have been invited by the OER University as one its founder-anchor member.

3. Kamdhenu is the first of its kind ICT enabled world's most advanced classroom on wheels. "Kamdhenu" project earned for BAOU, the prestigious Enterprise Driving Growth and Excellence (EDGE) award in 2012.

4. BAOU has won the "Best ICT Enabled University 2015" award in ICT4SD conference and awards. ICT4SD (Information and Communication Technology for Sustainable Development) is an International Conference held at Ahmedabad. In order to recognize and reward the extraordinary performance as well achievements by ICT and allied industries in India, ICT Award The Excellencia 2015 concurrent with ICT4SD Conference during 3 & 4 July 2015 is held at The Pride Hotel, Ahmedabad.

5. CCI Technology Education Excellence Awards 2015 is to recognize excellence in different aspects of working of technology Universities. The CCI Technology Education Excellence Awards 2015 was organized by Gujarat Technological University (GTU) and CMAI (Communication Multimedia Applications Infrastructure) Association of India. CMAI is India's largest ICT association with 48,500 members and 54 MoU partners across the globe. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University was conferred with award in category Best University in Open & Distance Learning/ Satellite or TV or webinar-based Learning systems.

6. The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) organized World Education Congress Global Awards for excellence in education, leadership and teaching. The BAOU was conferred with 3 awards in following categories:
   a. Innovation in Distance Learning
   b. Award for Distance Learning Leadership
   c. Best Government-Distance-Learning Institute/University

7. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University was among three finalists for the FICCI Higher Education Awards 2015 in the category Excellence in Technology given by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).

8. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad was awarded with "Most Innovative Government University" at ABP News National Education Awards – 2019 on 4th July 2019 at Taj Lands End, Mumbai.

School of Computer Science, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University:

The School of computer science offers a wide range of programmes in Computer Science & Information Technology for the benefit of one and all. The main focus of the school is to expose the students with the latest technologies in the field of Computer Science & Information Technology so that the student is able to fill the gap that exists between the supply and the demand of the technically trained manpower in the field of CS & IT. The courses offered by the school ranges from Certificate, Diploma, Undergraduate, Post Graduate Degree programmes and Research programme such as M.Phil. and Ph.D. The main focus of the school is to expose the students with the latest technologies in the field of Computer Science & Information Technology.

Silicon IT Hub Pvt. Ltd.
Overview of the Company:
Silicon IT Hub Pvt Ltd is committed to provide the custom tailored solutions catering worldwide clientele to match their BUDGET & NEEDS, thus ensuring optimum solution guarantee with utmost satisfaction.

Our business management software and solutions help our customers thrive in the new application economy by delivering the means to deploy monitor and secure their applications and infrastructure. Our goal is to help organizations develop applications and experiences that excite and engage and, in turn, open up money-making opportunities for their businesses.

For additional information, visit our website at www.siliconithub.com.

Nature of Business	IT Services
Additional Business	Software Development
Year of Establishment	2012
Ownership Type	Pvt. Ltd.
Annual Turnover	Approximate Rs. 7.5 Crores

This MoU is designed to encourage the collaborative activities on academics, training and research as following:
1. Faculty training and students training at the industry
2. Provision of Expert lectures of mutual interest
3. Research collaboration cum projects on the topics of mutual interest to be undertaken at the research center of this college as well as industry by students and faculty.
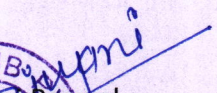4. Exchange of information and technical literature related to teaching and research.

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5. Involvement in organization of conferences/workshops/seminars on the topics of mutual interest.
6. Exchange visits of collaborating partners to promote the objectives of this MoU.
7. Live project/internship for final year under-graduate and post-graduate students.
8. Placement of the students at the company on performance basis.
9. To establish Research and Development centre for tool designing at the institute campus.
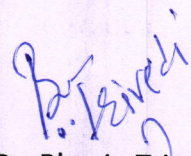
This agreement of cooperation will become effective from the date of signing for an initial term of five years and will be subject to change, renewal and termination on mutual consent.

This memorandum of understanding is signed by Divyani Porwal – HR Executive on behalf of Silicon IT Hub Pvt Ltd, - Ahmedabad and Dr. Bhavin Trivedi, Registrar (I/c.) on behalf of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad.

This MoU is signed subject to approval by the appropriate authorities on both sides.

Divyani Porwal
HR Executive
Silicon IT Hub Pvt. Ltd.
Ahmedabad
Date: 30th September, 2020

Dr. Bhavin Trivedi,
Registrar (I/c.),
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open
University, Ahmedabad.
Date: 30-09-2020