

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is entered into on 05 August 2026 at Kalaburagi, Karnataka, India, by and between:

Krishikalpa Foundation

A Section 8 Company incorporated under the Companies Act, having its registered office at Anand Nagar, Hebbal, Bengaluru, Karnataka, represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Mr. C. M. Patil (hereinafter referred to as "Krishikalpa"), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns.

AND

Lingaraj Appa Engineering College, Bidar

An educational institution located at Bidar represented by its Principal Dr. Vinita Patil (hereinafter referred to as the "College"), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns. Krishikalpa and the College are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties".

About Krishikalpa Foundation

Krishikalpa Foundation works towards strengthening rural livelihoods, entrepreneurship, innovation, agriculture value chains, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), startups, and youth development through training, mentoring, market linkages, technology adoption, and ecosystem building.

Krishikalpa has established the **Agri Innovation Centre of Excellence (CoE), Kalaburagi**, to nurture innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership, and problem-solving capabilities among students and rural youth through structured programs such as Jigyasa, Udgama, Prerana, Vikaas, and Gati.

About the College

Lingaraj Appa Engineering College is a private engineering and management institution located near Gornalli in Bidar district, Karnataka. Established in the early 2011, the college has been serving as a regional technical institution, providing quality education to students from Bidar and neighbouring districts.

The college is affiliated with **Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi**, and is approved by the **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi**. It offers a range of undergraduate (B.E./B.Tech) and postgraduate (M.Tech and MBA) programmes designed. It is also a recognized "Research Center" to meet industry and academic standards.

Vision:

To be a premier technical institution, imparting excellence for global competency, humanity, ethics and social welfare.

Mission:

To facilitate quality education by moulding the characters of our students with intellectual ability as well as strengths of culture.

To provide an exceptionally conducive learning environment that prepares students to think independently and make them responsible citizens.

To prepare the students to face the societal challenges and to meet the needs of the stake holders.

To nurture industry, institute collaboration leading to competency enhancement and entrepreneurship.

Participative learning in a cross-cultural environment that promotes the learning beyond the classrooms.

Purpose of the MoU

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a collaborative partnership between the College and Krishikalpa Foundation to promote entrepreneurship, innovation, skill development, startup culture, industry exposure, and livelihood opportunities among students.

The collaboration shall also facilitate the implementation of Krishikalpa's structured entrepreneurship and innovation programs, namely **Jigyasa (Awareness & Exploration)**, **Udgama (Idea Discovery & Validation)**, **Prerana (Pre-Incubation Support)**, **Vikaas (Startup Development & Growth)**, and **Gati (Scale-up Support)**, to create a progressive pathway for students from awareness to entrepreneurship and startup development.

Objectives

The Parties agree to collaborate on the following objectives:

- Promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership among students.
- Develop problem-solving and entrepreneurial mindsets.
- Facilitate startup creation and incubation support.
- Provide exposure to industry, startups, investors, and innovation ecosystems.
- Enable internships, field projects, and experiential learning opportunities.
- Strengthen employability and livelihood opportunities for students.
- Organize training programs, workshops, seminars, hackathons, and innovation challenges.
- Encourage research, product development, and startup initiatives.
- Build a sustainable innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem within the campus.

Roles and Responsibilities of Krishikalpa

Krishikalpa shall:

- Conduct entrepreneurship awareness and orientation programs for students.
- Provide access to Krishikalpa's Centre of Excellence, innovation ecosystem, mentors, and startup networks.
- Organize workshops, mentoring sessions, startup boot camps, and innovation programs.
- Facilitate exposure visits to startups, industries, incubators, and innovation centers.
- Connect students with entrepreneurs, investors, industry experts, and startup founders.
- Support students in idea validation, business model development, prototyping, and startup formation.
- Provide internship opportunities, subject to availability and selection criteria.
- Recognize and showcase outstanding student innovations through Krishikalpa's communication channels.
- Facilitate participation of selected students and faculty in regional, state, and national innovation events.
- Issue participation certificates for students and faculty successfully completing approved programs.
- Implement and facilitate structured entrepreneurship and innovation programs including Jigyasa, Udgama, Prerana, Vikaas, and Gati for eligible students and faculty members.
- Provide guidance, mentoring, and ecosystem support to students progressing through various stages of innovation, entrepreneurship, incubation, and startup development.

Roles and Responsibilities of the College

The College shall:

- Integrate entrepreneurship and innovation activities into its academic and extracurricular calendar.
- Nominate a Faculty Coordinator to coordinate activities under this MoU.
- Provide suitable infrastructure and facilities for conducting workshops, seminars, mentoring sessions, and events.
- Encourage active student participation in entrepreneurship and innovation programs.
- Maintain communication and coordination with Krishikalpa regarding program implementation.
- Facilitate participation of faculty and students in scheduled activities.
- Support student-led projects, innovations, and entrepreneurial initiatives.
- Host guest lectures, expert talks, startup interactions, and related events.
- Display relevant information, opportunities, and announcements shared under this collaboration.
- Provide necessary administrative support for the successful implementation of activities under this MoU.
- Facilitate and encourage student participation in internships with Krishikalpa-supported startups, incubated startups, and partner organizations, subject to availability and selection criteria.
- Ensure adequate participation of students in entrepreneurship, innovation, startup, and skill development activities conducted jointly under this MoU.
- Facilitate the implementation of Jigyasa, Udgama, Prerana, Vikaas, and Gati programs by providing student access, scheduling support, institutional coordination, and necessary approvals.
- Nominate faculty members and student representatives, wherever applicable, to support coordination, mobilization, and implementation of activities under this MoU.
- Identify and encourage students with entrepreneurial aspirations, innovative ideas, research interests, and startup potential to participate in relevant programs.
- Support the collection and sharing of participation data, feedback, outcomes, and impact information required for monitoring, evaluation, and reporting purposes.

- Extend institutional support for conducting entrepreneurship development programs, innovation challenges, startup showcases, hackathons, awareness sessions, and related activities on campus.
- Support the establishment and strengthening of Entrepreneurship Development Cells (EDCs), Innovation Clubs, Startup Clubs, or similar student-led innovation platforms within the institution.

Joint Responsibilities

The Parties shall jointly:

- Plan and implement entrepreneurship, innovation, leadership, and startup development activities for students.
- Promote awareness and participation in Jigyasa, Udgama, Prerana, Vikaas, and Gati programs.
- Identify opportunities for student engagement, internships, field projects, startup development, and industry exposure.
- Periodically review the progress and outcomes of activities conducted under this MoU.
- Foster a culture of innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership, and problem-solving within the institution.
- Explore opportunities for collaborative projects, research initiatives, innovation programs, and ecosystem-building activities.

Areas of Collaboration

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The Parties may jointly undertake:

- Implementation of Krishikalpa's structured entrepreneurship and innovation programs including **Jigyasa (Awareness & Exploration)**, **Udgama (Idea Discovery & Validation)**, **Prerana (Pre-Incubation Support)**, **Vikaas (Startup Development & Growth)**, and **Gati (Market Access & Scale-up Support)**.
- Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs)
- Startup Incubation and Acceleration Support
- Innovation Challenges and Hackathons
- Industry Exposure Visits to Udgama students
- Internship and Placement Support in startups
- Research and Development Initiatives through startup companies
- Rural Innovation Projects
- Agri-Tech and Sustainability Programs
- Leadership and Capacity Building Activities
- Establishment and strengthening of Entrepreneurship Development Cells (EDCs), Innovation Clubs, Startup Clubs, and student innovation platforms.

Financial Arrangement

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with activities undertaken under this MoU.

Specific projects requiring financial commitments shall be governed by separate agreements mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

Duration and Termination

1. This MoU shall remain valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of execution.
2. The MoU may be renewed upon mutual written consent of both Parties.
3. Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the other Party.
4. Termination shall not affect activities already initiated and mutually agreed upon before the date of termination.

Confidentiality

Both Parties agree to maintain confidentiality of any proprietary, sensitive, or confidential information shared during the course of this collaboration unless disclosure is required by law or mutually agreed upon.

General Provisions

1. This MoU represents the intent of collaboration between the Parties and does not create any legal partnership, joint venture, or financial obligation.
2. Any amendment to this MoU shall be made only through mutual written agreement signed by both Parties.
3. Any disputes arising out of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual discussions

This MOU is valid for a period of 1 year from 05-08-2026 to 03-08-2027.

For Krishikalpa Foundation

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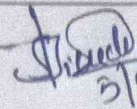
Name: Mr. C. M. Patil

Designation: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 5/8/2026

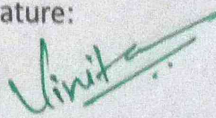


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For Lingaraj Appa Engineering College, Bidar

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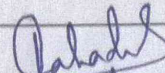


Name: Dr. Vinita Patil

Designation: Principal

Date: 5/8/2026

Witness:


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