



Memorandum of Understanding

between

Veterans India

and

**National Board of
Accreditation, New Delhi**



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is entered into on this 18th day of December 2024, by and between:

1. Veterans India, a national, apolitical, and patriotic organization registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 having its registered office at D-253, Madhu Vihar, Dwarka Sector 3, New Delhi - 110059, represented herein by Dr. BK Mishra, Founder and National President (hereinafter referred to as "Veterans India," which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns);

AND

2. National Board of Accreditation (NBA), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, headquartered at NBA Headquarters, 4th Floor, East Tower, NBCC Place, Bhisham Pitamah Marg, New Delhi - 110003, represented herein by Prof. Anil. D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, NBA hereinafter referred to as "NBA," which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns.

Both entities are collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as the "Party."

1. Preamble

WHEREAS, Veterans India and NBA share a common vision to promote quality education, innovation, and civic responsibility;

WHEREAS, NBA is committed to enhancing the quality of technical and professional education through its accreditation process and fostering excellence among institutions;

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to collaborate on the institution of the **"Pride of Nation Awards for National Excellence in Patriotism, Innovation, and Nation-Building,"** recognizing exemplary contributions by accredited institutions, educators, and students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties formalize their mutual understanding and intentions under this legally binding MoU as set forth below:

2. Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a strategic partnership aimed at fostering excellence in technical and professional education, civic responsibility, and national pride among stakeholders of accredited institutions through collaborative initiatives and recognition of programs.

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3. Scope of Collaboration

The collaboration between Veterans India and NBA shall include:

- i) **Recognition of Excellence:** Jointly recognize individuals and institutions contributing to innovation, nation-building, and patriotism through the **Pride of National Awards**;
- ii) **Promoting Quality Education:** Encourage NBA-accredited institutions to actively participate in initiatives that promote innovation, civic responsibility, and national pride;
- iii) **Award Events and Ceremonies:** Organize and host award ceremonies on one or two significant national occasions listed at 6(ii) annually; and
- iv) **Capacity Building:** Support institutions in incorporating activities that enhance patriotism, innovation, and civic engagement into their academic and extracurricular activities.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

4.1. Responsibilities of Veterans India

i) Program Development

- ☞ Design and manage the awards program, including nomination and selection criteria; and
- ☞ Constitute a Committee comprising experts from academia, defence, other sectors including nominee of NBA.

ii) Event Coordination

- ☞ organize “**Veterans India Lecture and Award Ceremony**”. The lecture may be delivered by a person of eminence who would also be honoured during this ceremony; and
- ☞ Facilitate participation of NBA representatives at all major events.

iii) Outreach and Promotion

- ☞ Promote the awards program to accredited institutions through digital platforms and physical outreach.

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iv) Financial Management

- ☞ Secure funding for the program through sponsorships, donations, and registration fee; and
- ☞ Maintain transparent financial records, subject to annual audits.

4.2. Responsibilities of NBA

i) Endorsement and Advocacy

Provide official recognition of the awards as a symbol of national excellence in Patriotism, Innovation, Nation-Building and Quality of Technical Education, Evaluation, Assessment and Accreditation of Technical Programs.

ii) Promotion and Outreach

NBA will disseminate information about the awards to all eligible institutions and ensure participation through a dedicated liaison officer appointed by NBA.

iii) Advisory Role

Nominate representatives to guide and advise Veterans India on program execution.

iv) Support for Promotion

Utilize NBA's network to maximize awareness and participation in the awards program.

v) Representation

Participate and represent NBA at all award events as well as in the Meetings of the Selection Committee for selection of categories of awards.

5. Financial Arrangements

- i) All expenses related to the design, execution, and promotion of the awards program shall be borne by the Veterans India;
- ii) NBA shall not bear any financial liability arising from this partnership; and
- iii) Veterans India commits to maintaining full transparency in financial dealings and submitting annual audited reports to the Income Tax Department, etc.



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6. Award Details

- i) **Award Categories:** Awards for individuals, institutions, and special commendations in the domains of Patriotism, Innovation, Nation-Building and Quality of Technical Education, Evaluation, Assessment and Accreditation of Technical Programs.
- ii) **Eligibility:** All universities & affiliated colleges and other HEIs accredited or aspiring accreditation by NBA including students, alumni, current and retired staff shall be eligible for these awards.
- iii) **Announcement of Awards:** The Founder and National President of Veterans India will announce the winners during the award ceremony, with awards being presented by the Chairman of NBA or other eminent personalities.
- iv) **Recognition:** A special citation and memento, jointly signed by the Chairman of NBA and the Founder of Veterans India, will be conferred upon recipients.
- v) **Distribution Schedule:** Number of awards and its frequency will be decided by the Committee consisting of members as mentioned at 4.1 (i) and 4.2 (v). The awards may be distributed on days mentioned below:

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| ☞ Republic Day (January 26) | ☞ Independence Day (August 15) |
| ☞ Shaheed Diwas (March 23) | ☞ Teacher's Day (September 5) |
| ☞ Kargil Vijay Diwas (July 26) | ☞ Vijay Diwas (December 16) |

7. Intellectual Property Rights

- i) The brand name, logo, and intellectual property related to the **Pride of National Awards** shall remain the exclusive property of Veterans India; and
- ii) Neither Party shall use the intellectual property of the other without prior written consent.

8. Validity and Termination

- i) This MoU shall remain valid for five (5) years from the date of signing and may be renewed upon mutual agreement; and
- ii) Either Party may terminate the MoU with 120 days' prior written notice, provided such termination does not affect ongoing projects or commitments.



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9. Dispute Resolution

- i) Any dispute arising under this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual discussions; and
- ii) If unresolved, the matter shall be referred for mediation under the Mediation Act, 2023 to negotiate the issues for amicable settlements / resolution of disputes. A high-level committee may be constituted consisting of three members, one each to be nominated by the NBA and Veterans India and one member by consent of both the parties for dispute resolution as per O.M. No. F.1/2/2024-PPD dated 20th June 2024 entitled "Guidelines for Arbitration and Mediation in Contracts of Domestic Public Procurement" issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The decision of the High-Level Committee shall be final and binding on both Parties.

10. Governing Law

This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India, and the Courts at New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

11. Miscellaneous

- i) This MoU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior communications or understanding; and
- ii) No amendment to this MoU shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by both Parties.

12. Execution

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this MoU on the date first written above.

For Veterans India

For NBA

Dr. B.K. Mishra
Founder & National President

Prof. Anil. D. Sahasrabudhe
Chairman, NBA



Witnesses

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