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Endorsement Certificate from the Head of the Institution of the Lead Institute

AI CoE Initiative of MoE (Phase I)

<LEAD INSTITUTE NAME> hereby confirms the participation of <NAME of CPM>, serving as Chief Project Manager for the <PROJECT TITLE> in the <THRUST AREA> submitted under Phase I of the AI - CoE initiative of MoE. He/She is with <LEAD INSTITUTE NAME> from <YEAR OF JOINING INSTITUTE> and shall superannuate in the year <YEAR>.

<LEAD INSTITUTE NAME> confirms the availability of all necessary facilities, including infrastructure, equipment, manpower, and administrative support, as outlined in the proposal.

- 1) Certified that, in the event of Phase I selection, <LEAD INSTITUTE NAME> shall establish and maintain a separate bank account solely for project funds. Account statements and expenditure reports will be readily made available upon request by CPMU. All project funds will be utilized exclusively for approved project activities, adhering to the sanctioned budget headings and timeline. Any unspent balance and interest earned will be duly surrendered to MoE.
- 2) Certified that <LEAD INSTITUTE NAME> shall submit duly audited Utilization Certificate and Statement of Expenses, in prescribed format.
- 3) Certified that <LEAD INSTITUTE NAME> shall adhere to the project guidelines and shall submit progress reports and requisite documents as and when requested by CPMU/ MoE/ Apex Committee. It is also certified that during mid-term evaluation or final evaluation or any other evaluation, institute shall submit the required data/ details to the entity/ person authorized by MoE/ CPMU and facilitate the visits of concern officials with complete support and cooperation.
- 4) Certified that <LEAD INSTITUTE NAME> will certify the intent of the consortium partner to participate in the project. Certified that it is understood that
 - a. the consortium agreement is not mandatory for Phase I.
 - b. the bidding consortium is expected to present the IP sharing and public disclosure mechanism before the Apex Committee at the time of final selection of 3 proposals for 3 CoE which will be part of their Proof of Concept (PoC) & DPR (during Phase 2).
 - c. the mechanism of sharing of IPs and public disclosure will be as per commitment and discussion of the consortium with the Apex Committee and in their bid documents, at various stages of selection, allocation and implementation of the project.
- 5) Certified that any publications, theses etc. resulting from this Project shall acknowledge the MoE initiative.
- 6) Certified that the implementation of this proposal will not be entrusted to any Institute/ organization/ third party, which is not a member of the consortium, and funds will not be diverted to any purpose other than the manner intended in the proposal.
- 7) Certified that should the current Chief Project Manager become unavailable, the Project Manager will assume the CPM role. MoE and CPMU will be promptly notified of the change and the new Project Manager.
- 8) The <LEAD INSTITUTE NAME> hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Center for Project Management Unit (CPMU) from any and all administrative or other liabilities incurred or asserted in connection with the implementation of this project, throughout its duration and upon completion.

9) We confirm that none of the consortium partners have been blacklisted by any department of the Central Government, ensuring compliance with all relevant regulations.

The undersigned holds the authority to bind <LEAD INSTITUTE NAME> to the aforementioned commitments and guarantee compliance with all grant stipulations.

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Date:

Place:

[Signature of Head of the Institute]

Add Name and Designation
of the Head of the Institute