



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
(concerning course on AI and Competition Law) between
Apeejay Stya University
AND
The CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Apeejay Stya University, Gurugram, Haryana , India, and CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC), New Delhi, India, hereinafter referred to as the “parties”.**
- 1.2** The parties entered into a framework Memorandum of Understanding to foster cooperation in the interdisciplinary area of legal studies sharing the common concerns for running courses for capacity building, education, advancement of research, publication and greater understanding of these disciplines, faculty exchange, etc. for the mutual benefit;
- 1.3** RECOGNIZING that there is a need of capacity building keeping in view ever growing importance of the interface between Artificial intelligence, competition and consumer implications, and an acceptance of its pervasive presence across the sectors and business functions;
- 1.4** REAFFIRMING the objective of the general MoU, signed on 16th January 2026 between the parties, regarding the commitment to collaborate and develop agenda, courseware and award certificates or diploma for short-term courses in the area of intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Competition Law;
- 1.5** INTENDING to create a cooperative and collaborative frame-work, as envisaged in general MoU signed on 16th January 2026 between the parties, for the proper management of the course which will be commenced for the mutual benefit of both the parties;
- 1.6** AGREE to further cooperate and continue to deliver course on AI and Competition: Regulatory and enforcement perspective. The course is run by CIRC in collaboration and cooperation with



Apeejay Stya University as per details contained in this MoU regarding registration, fee, revenue and cost sharing, and other related matters. A mutually agreed-upon course, serving varying skill levels, is being offered under the title:

1.7 AGREE to further cooperate and continue to deliver course on AI and Competition: Regulatory and enforcement perspective. The course will be run and managed as joint and collaborative programme by CIRC and Apeejay Stya University as per details contained in this MoU regarding registration, fee, revenue and cost sharing, and other related matters. A mutually agreed-upon course, serving varying skill levels, is being offered under the title:

“AI and Competition: Regulatory and Enforcement Perspectives”

1.8 WHEREAS, Apeejay Stya University, Gurugram (represented by **Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Registrar, Apeejay Stya University and CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC)**, New Delhi, India (represented by **Vijay Singh, Assistant Director** have agreed to undertake the responsibilities regarding the said course as per the detailed terms and conditions laid down in this MoU.

1.9 NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

2. Course objectives

2.1 The Parties agree to jointly offer a professional development course aimed at enhancing legal competence within the legal and technology industry. The objectives of the course shall include, but not be limited to:

- Understand the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence and regulatory challenges in a dynamic market ecosystem
- Examine the application of AI by competition regulators to detect and regulate anti-competitive and abusive practices



- Understand algorithmic accountability and assess the Impact of Overlapping Regulatory Regimes on AI Development
- Analyse anti-competitive practices such as algorithmic collusion and AI-enabled cartels.
- Explore the role of big data and AI in abuse of dominance and market exclusion strategies.
- Assess regulatory challenges related to data-driven mergers, privacy, and consumer welfare.
- Learn practical tools and study case-based insights to navigate AI-related competition concerns

3. The Course

3.1 Course Management

- 3.1.1. The course shall be run and managed by CIRC in collaboration with - Apeejay Stya University.
- 3.1.2. The participation certificates, publicity material and other related documents will bear the name and logo of both parties.
- 3.1.3. Both Parties agree to collaborate in the planning, promotion, and delivery of this course and other courses. The conduct of the course shall be subject to industry response and mutual agreement of the Parties prior to course offering, including the format and duration.

3.2 Course Outlines

- 3.2.1. A 6-week learning program, comprising 6 comprehensive modules, each module has 2 sessions. The course will be delivered online and is intended to provide participants with essential knowledge on the intersection of AI regulation and competition.

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3.2.2. The revision and updating of the modules will be done regularly and as the need arises. The six modules which will be taught to the course participants are presented below in Table 1:

Table-1- Names of the Modules to be offered under Certificate Course

S. No.	Module Name
1.	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Competition Law
2.	Anti-Competitive Agreements in the Era of AI
3.	Big Data, AI, and Abuse of Dominance
4.	Regulating Algorithms: Privacy, Competition Law, and Merger Control
5.	AI Across Industries: Sector-Specific Challenges and Opportunities
6.	Algorithmic Accountability in Dynamic Markets and Consumer Welfare

3.3 Registration of the participants for the Course

3.3.1. The admission of a participant to the course shall be done by online registration link that will be provided on the website of CIRC and Apeejay Stya University.

3.3.2. The Registration for the courses may be once every year. The dates for the registration process will be as mutually decided by Apeejay Stya University and CIRC.

3.4 Course Fee

3.4.1 The fee structure for the course shall be as mentioned in Table 2 below.

Table 2- Fee Details

For Students	For Professionals
5,085 (exclusive of GST)	12,712 (exclusive of GST)
6,000 inclusive of GST	15,000 inclusive of GST



3.4.2 A discount of 5% to 10% may be offered for group registrations comprising four or more participants from a single organization.

3.5 Payment of Course Fee

3.5.1. Applicants can make payment at the time of registration on insert link.

3.5.2. After the payment is made, applicants will be able to access the e-learning portal..

3.6 E-Learning and Study Material

3.6.1. After the confirmation of admission, participants will be given access to an extensive study material prepared for the courses on the e-learning portal.

3.6.2. CIRC agrees to compile relevant reading materials for inclusion on the e-learning portal, ensuring that the content aligns with the course objectives and is accessible to all registered participants in consultation with Apeejay Stya University.

3.6.3. Access to the e-learning portal will be valid for 3 months after the completion of the course.

3.6.4. The participants will be regularly informed about additional postings on the website in addition to any other information.

3.7 Resource Persons

3.7.1. Each resource person shall be paid an honorarium of INR 2,500 for sessions conducted individually.

For sessions involving multiple resource persons, a total honorarium ranging from INR 2,500 to INR 3,000 will be provided per session, depending upon the length of the session, and shall be divided appropriately among the participating resource persons.



3.7.2. Each resource person shall be required to prepare and present a PowerPoint presentation along with a relevant case study to enhance participant understanding. Both parties agree to provide necessary support to the resource persons in curating the session content, including annotations and case studies, as may be required.

3.8 Marketing

3.8.1. CIRC agrees to undertake the responsibility of promoting the course through various digital and direct marketing platforms, including but not limited to LinkedIn, emails, the CIRC website, WhatsApp, and other channels, using flyers, brochures, and similar promotional materials.

3.8.2. Apeejay Stya University shall promote the Course using appropriate social media, public relations channels, website, and communication tools.

3.9 Certification

3.9.1. To be eligible for a certificate, participants must meet the following criteria:

- A minimum of 50% attendance throughout the entire course.
- An aggregate score of at least 50% in the quizzes, with a total of 200 marks (8 quizzes worth 25 marks each).

4. Financial Terms

4.1. The revenue generated from the course shall be shared between the Parties in the ratio of 70:30. Apeejay Stya University shall be entitled to thirty percent (30%) of the net profit, after deducting an expenditure of Rs 1.90 lakh as cost of running the course from the gross revenue, derived from the course.



5. Communication

5.1. Each Party shall designate and appoint a single point of contact **Vijay Singh, Assistant Director** who shall serve as the primary liaison for all communications and coordination related to the course throughout its duration.

5.2. The Parties choose as their respective permanent address for all purposes under this Agreement, whether in respect of notices or any documents or communications of whatsoever nature, the following addresses:

Address for Apeejay Stya University	Address for CIRC
– Sohna - Palwal Road, Gurugram, Haryana 122103	Flat No. 5, 2nd Floor, House No. 658, Khasra No. 258, Lane No. 4, Westend Marg, Saidulajab, New Delhi-110030

5.3. A party that shall make any partial or complete change of its address will inform the other party within a reasonable time of the date of the change of such address.

5.4. As per the suitability, various means of communication like e-mails, web conferencing, etc. can be used for the proper administration of the courses, and the decisions taken by mutual consent through such communication will be binding on both parties in the matters of course administration.

6. Rights and obligations of the parties

6.1. The rights and obligations of Apeejay Stya University and CIRC are limited to the terms and conditions of this Memorandum.



6.2. Apeejay Stya University and CIRC agree to respect each other's intellectual property rights. Any intellectual property arising from collaborative research or activities undertaken pursuant to this MoU shall be determined on a case-to-case basis, in accordance with the respective officially adopted IPR policies of both institutions. Neither party shall claim exclusive intellectual property rights over any jointly developed material. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all course material and content provided by CIRC for the purpose of this course shall remain the exclusive intellectual property of CIRC and shall not be used, reproduced, or distributed by Apeejay Stya University without the prior written consent of CIRC.

6.3. Any additions or changes to any aspect of the courses—such as course content, fee structure, or course format shall be made only with the mutual approval of both parties.

7. Duration and Amendment

7.1. The MoU shall come into force on the date on which it is signed by the parties and shall be valid for the period of three years from signing.

7.2. Insofar as the termination does not interfere with any activities in progress, either party may terminate this agreement by giving 90 days' written notice.

7.3. This MoU may be amended in writing with the mutual consent of both parties.

8. Dispute Resolution

8.1. In the event of any dispute or difference between the institutions relating to or arising out of this MoU, the institutions shall use their best efforts to settle their disputes or differences amicably by mutual discussions, negotiations or conciliation.

8.2. Any dispute related to this agreement shall be settled by negotiations between the two institutions. In case this is not successful, the dispute shall be resolved through an arbitrator

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appointed by the two parties by mutual agreement. Should the parties fail to reach such agreement within one month of a request for arbitration by any party, the arbitrator shall be appointed in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as amended. The ruling of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties.

9. Others

9.1. The parties, with prior consultation and mutual consent, may consider getting into collaborative and cooperative framework with other recognized institution/organization regarding the administration, accreditation, delivery or any other related aspect of the courses.

10. Privileges and Immunities

10.1. Nothing relating to this Memorandum shall be deemed as a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the parties. The parties to the MoU are free to pursue other activities with any other partners as per their convenience.

10.2. The development and implementation of specific activities based on this MoU will be separately negotiated and agreed upon between the Parties.

10.3. Insofar as they do not interfere with any activities in progress, amendments to this agreement may be made at any time, provided they are in writing and reflect the joint wish of both Parties to this Agreement.

11. This MoU has been drawn up in two originals and signed by the authorized representatives on behalf of the two institutions on the following dates:



Vijay Singh
16/11/26
Mr. Vijay Singh
Assistant Director
CIRC, New Delhi

Dr. Pradeep Kumar
16/11/26
Dr. Pradeep Kumar
Registrar
Apeejay Sty University

PARTY OF THE FIRST PART

PARTY OF THE SECOND PART

In the presence of:

In the presence of:

[Signature]

1. Witness



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