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Gurgaon, Dec 6: UPES, a leading multidisciplinary university in India, has formed a strategic partnership with the University of Waterloo, Canada, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This collaboration aims to leverage the expertise of both institutions to create transformative learning opportunities in online executive education by bringing WatSPEED, the University of Waterloo’s professional learning initiative, to India.

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This collaboration seeks to enhance opportunities for working professionals in India to upskill and reskill, aligning with the demands of the global economy. Secondly, the partnership aims to facilitate the establishment of international credit transfer pathways, enabling UPES students to seamlessly transfer credits earned from their programs to applicable courses or degree programs at the University of Waterloo. This process will align with the academic standards of both institutions enabling a smooth transition for students pursuing advanced studies abroad.

The signing ceremony witnessed the presence of a high-level delegation from the University of Waterloo, including Dr. Vivek Goel, President; Dr. Mark Giesbrecht, Dean of Mathematics; Dr. Mary Wells, Dean of Engineering; Sanjeev Gill, Associate Vice-President of Innovation and Nenone Donaldson, Vice-President, Advancement. At the signing, Dr. Sunil Rai, President; Dr. Abhishek Sinha, Dean – School of Law and Head-International Affairs and Dr. Vijaysekhar Chellaboina, Dean – School of Computer Science, represented UPES.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Sunil Rai, President, UPES, expressed his excitement about the collaboration. He said, “Over the years, UPES has worked tirelessly to forge meaningful collaborations with some of the world’s most prestigious institutions. Our collaborations with leading global universities provide learners with unique international exposure, equipping them to excel as skilled professionals in a global economy. This partnership between UPES and the University of Waterloo highlights our commitment to delivering globally benchmarked education.”

Dr. Vivek Goel, President of the University of Waterloo, stated, “As technological advancements and global forces dramatically reshape industries, education will be essential for driving innovation and economic growth. Our collaboration with UPES to deliver professional and executive education will equip learners with the skills and adaptability required in the dynamic Indian economy. We look forward to working together to build transformative educational pathways that transcend borders and embody our commitment to shaping a better future for humanity and our planet.”