UPES Strengthens Global Collaborations; Inks MoUs with The University of Edinburgh and King's College London

Dehradun, 7 January, 2025 – UPES, a leading multidisciplinary university in India, has taken a significant step towards enhancing its global academic footprint by forging partnerships with two of the world's most prestigious academic institutions: **The University of Edinburgh and King's College London**. According to the 2025 QS Global Rankings, these institutions stand at 27th and 40th place, respectively, epitomising excellence in education and research.

These strategic collaborations are poised to foster academic excellence, drive research innovation, and facilitate cultural exchange, aligning with UPES' commitment to providing its students with global exposure and learning opportunities.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **The University of Edinburgh** is designed to strengthen UPES' Global Pathway Programs and enhance progression opportunities within its School of Engineering. This partnership offers a range of integrated programs, such as 2+2, 2+3, and 4+1, allowing students to complete part of their studies at UPES and then continue at the University of Edinburgh. UPES students will be eligible for special scholarships, and the University of Edinburgh will confer the final degree. Additionally, students can opt for direct Master's progression at the University of Edinburgh after completing their Bachelor's degree at UPES, further expanding their academic and career prospects.

The partnership with **King's College London** encompasses various collaborative initiatives, including joint research projects to drive innovation in mutually beneficial fields. It also enhances student mobility by allowing UPES students to participate in exchange programs, summer schools, and other educational experiences, enriching their academic journey with global exposure. Faculty exchanges are also a key element of this collaboration, promoting the sharing of academic expertise and research knowledge. Furthermore, articulation agreements provide students with a pathway to continue their studies at King's College London. The partnership also facilitates the exchange of academic publications, broadening the research impact and strengthening scholarly communication between the institutions.

Dr. Ram Sharma, Vice Chancellor, UPES said, "Collaborations like these play a pivotal role in the UPES's global engagement journey. By connecting with leading institutions worldwide, we aim to create a vibrant ecosystem of knowledge exchange, academic excellence, and transformative opportunities that prepare our students and faculty to make a meaningful impact on a global scale."

Abhishek Sinha, Dean, School of Law and Head of International Affairs, UPES, expressed enthusiasm about these partnerships, stating, "*Our partnerships with The University of Edinburgh and King's College London mark a significant step in our mission to provide world-class education and research opportunities. These collaborations offer our students invaluable global exposure, equipping them with the skills needed to thrive in the international job market. The University of Edinburgh partnership opens doors for integrated programs and direct Master's progression, while our alliance with King's College London facilitates joint research, student mobility, and faculty exchanges. Together, these initiatives encourage a culture of global academic excellence, preparing our students to become future leaders in an interconnected world.*"

With these partnerships, UPES continues to cement its position as a university committed to nurturing global leaders, researchers, and professionals equipped with the skills and knowledge to thrive in a dynamic world.

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About UPES:

Established through the UPES Act, 2003, of the State Legislature of Uttarakhand, UPES is a top-ranked, UGC-recognised, private university. As per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, UPES has been ranked 46 among universities, with a rank of 28 in Law, 41 in Management, and a rank of 42 in Engineering. As per the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025, UPES now stands in the 501-600 band globally and 7th in India with a leap of over 300 ranks from 2024. In addition to this, the university has been ranked the No. 1 private university in academic reputation in India by the QS World University Rankings 2025. It is among the top 2% of universities in the world.

UPES has also been accredited by NAAC with a grade 'A' and has received 5 stars on Employability (placements) by globally acclaimed QS Rating. The university has had 100% placements over the last five years. Forty-six (46) faculty members of UPES are among the world's top 2% researchers as per Stanford University list.

UPES offers graduate and postgraduate programs through its seven schools: School of Advanced Engineering, School of Computer Science, School of Design, School of Law, School of Business, School of Health Sciences & Technology, and School of Liberal Studies and Media with 16,000+ students and 1,500+ faculty and staff members.