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Sankalchand Patel University Partners with TechDefence Labs to Launch Industry-Integrated Cybersecurity Programs

A landmark Memorandum of Understanding paves the way for cutting-edge cybersecurity



education, live-project internships, and guaranteed placements for students in North Gujarat.

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Sankalchand Patel University (SPU), Visnagar, and **TechD Cybersecurity Limited** (operating as **TechDefence Labs**), Ahmedabad, today formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishing a comprehensive knowledge-partnership to deliver industry-grade cybersecurity education directly on the SPU campus.

The partnership lands at a moment when India is staring at a cybersecurity workforce gap of **over one million unfilled professionals**, the second-largest national shortfall in the world after China, according to the *ISC2 Cybersecurity Workforce Study*. The shortage is not one of headcount alone: industry recruiters consistently report that engineering graduates enter the job market without hands-on exposure to live threats, enterprise security tooling, SOC operations, or penetration-testing workflows, the very skills

that organizations are hiring for. As India accelerates toward a USD 1 trillion digital economy and weekly cyberattacks continue to climb, this readiness gap has emerged as a strategic risk for both enterprises and the nation.

It is precisely this gap that TechDefence Labs is working to close by **co-owning cybersecurity education at the bachelor's and master's level** alongside Indian universities — replacing the conventional classroom-only pathway with a hybrid model where students train on the same tools, threat scenarios, and enterprise client environments that practicing cybersecurity engineers work on every day. The Sankalchand Patel University MoU becomes the flagship of this strategy in North Gujarat. For SPU students, the implications are significant: they will graduate not as freshers seeking to be retrained, but as **industry-ready cybersecurity professionals** with documented live-project exposure, OEM-issued certifications, and a direct runway into placements with enterprise clients — fundamentally redefining what a cybersecurity career path looks like for students from the region.

The three-year agreement, effective 9th May 2026, positions TechDefence Labs as the exclusive knowledge partner for cybersecurity-focused academic programs, bringing certified industry experts, live project environments, cloud-hosted security tools, and placement assurance to SPU students.

AGREEMENT DURATION

3 Years (May 2026 – May 2029)

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

For ALL students at TechDefence Cyber Valley, Ahmedabad

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COVERED

B.Tech CSE — Cybersecurity	MCA — Cybersecurity
B.Sc. — Cybersecurity	B.Tech CSE — Minor in Cybersecurity

“This partnership reflects our commitment to delivering education that is deeply aligned with evolving industry demands. By bringing TechDefence Labs on board as our knowledge partner, we are ensuring that students learn directly from cybersecurity practitioners working on real-world

cyber threats and enterprise environments.”

— Dr. Prafulkumar Udani, Provost, Sankalchand Patel University

Dr. Udani further emphasized that the collaboration with [TechDefence Labs](#) will jointly focus on strengthening expertise across all four critical layers of cybersecurity — the **Physical Layer, Data Layer, Application Layer, and Operating System Layer** — enabling students to gain holistic, industry-driven exposure that will redefine their careers and prepare them for the future of cyber defense.

Under the agreement, TechDefence Labs will deploy qualified faculty — holding certifications such as **CEH, OSCP, and CISSP** — to conduct training across eight core subject areas including Ethical Hacking & Cyber Security, Cyber Forensics, Information and Network Security, Vulnerability Assessment, and Security Monitoring. All faculty profiles will be pre-approved by the University's SPOC before deployment.

A flagship component of the collaboration is the **Enterprise Vertical: Cybersecurity Lab**, a fully equipped live-operations center co-established on the SPU campus. The lab will simulate real-world threat environments and onboard actual enterprise clients seeking penetration testing, managed SOC services, and security audits — giving students paid, stipend-earning exposure to live projects from the early stages of their coursework.

“We are excited to extend the TechDefence Labs ecosystem into an academic setting. Our goal has always been to bridge the widening gap between cybersecurity education and industry practice. This MoU lets us do exactly that — at scale.”

— Mr. Sunny Vaghela, CEO, TechD Cybersecurity Limited (TechDefence Labs)

NO-COST CERTIFICATIONS OFFERED TO ENROLLED STUDENTS

Seceon-OEM Certification

Ethical Hacking & Pen Testing

Security Operations & IR

Network Security Fundamentals

Cloud Security & Risk Management

Revenue generated through the Enterprise Vertical will be shared equally between the two institutions on a **50-50 basis** after deducting operational expenses, reflecting a model of true partnership beyond conventional MoU structures. All course curricula will be developed jointly, and any public communications involving either institution's branding will require mutual written consent.

The University's Advisory Board for this program includes Prof. (Dr.) Prafulkumar Udani (Provost, SPU), Dr. Piyushkumar Jayantilal Patel (Principal, SPU College of Engineering), and Mr. Sunny Vaghela (CEO, TechDefence Labs). The board will meet quarterly to review program progress and direction.

ABOUT SANKALCHAND PATEL UNIVERSITY

NAAC 'A' accredited university in Visnagar, Gujarat, tracing its roots to 1952. Offers programs from school to Ph.D. across 2 campuses with 2 schools and 13 colleges.

ABOUT TECHDEFENCE LABS

TechD Cybersecurity Limited, 9th Floor, Abhishree Adroit, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad — Gujarat's leading cybersecurity training institution, operational since January 2017.

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