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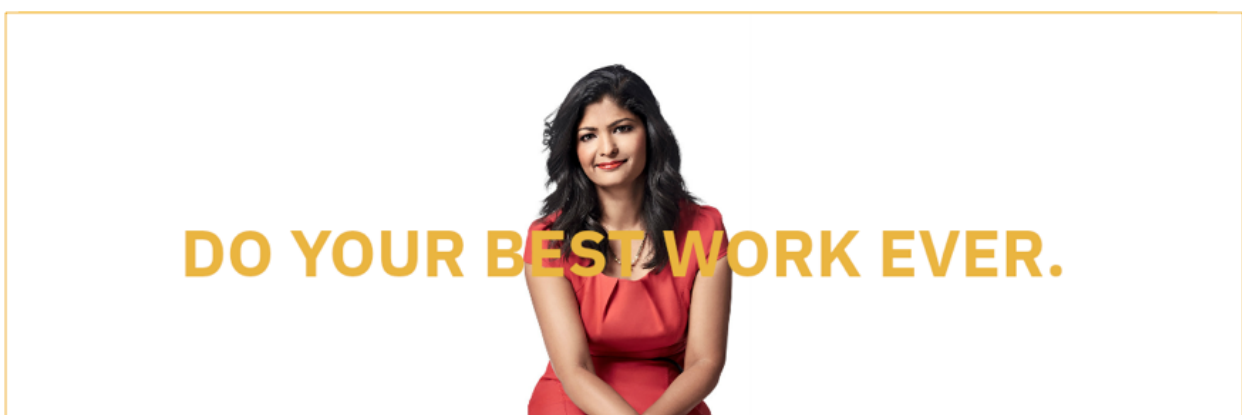
Dear Pramod R,

At IBM you can innovate breakthroughs and help make life changing impact. We are experts in nearly every technical, scientific and business field. As IBMers, we are proud to apply our expertise in countries we are citizens of; all united by a single purpose: to be essential.

We invite you to join us as a Associate Systems Engineer, in band 06G and experience an inclusive, collaborative and learning culture with the support of technical & business experts, mentors, leaders and colleagues worldwide. You will thrive in an environment that cultivates creativity and individuality; and; be part of projects that help make the world work better.

Talent development is strategic to IBM; and you will have access to a unique learning platform powered by IBM's Watson, IBM Cloud and IBM Bluemix to help you learn quicker, learn smarter, and help the company stay agile and top-notch.

Your letter of employment is attached, for your review and acceptance. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us in case of queries or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you soon and welcome you to be a part of our team.





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Dear Pramod R,

We are pleased to offer you the position of Associate Systems Engineer, in band 06G at IBM India Pvt Ltd (IBM or Company). The terms and conditions of your employment contract at IBM are detailed below. Please read these important details carefully, including your compensation and benefits.

Initially, you will have to undergo an IBM trainee program specially designed for all college campus hires. This training is to enable you to acclimatize to the industry and post qualifying, accelerate your transition to a live project.

You must complete your formal course of education, including final semester examinations to establish your qualifications, before joining. Further, this offer is contingent upon your obtaining the degree, consistent academic performance, minimum aggregate or equivalent of 60% or 6.0 CGPA in the highest qualification (Bachelors / Post-Graduation), failing which IBM may, at its sole discretion, withdraw this offer of employment.

Acceptance and Commencement

Your appointment will be effective on your joining date, i.e March 18, 2024. Please contact us immediately if you require an alternative joining date. If you do not confirm your acceptance or we are unable to set an alternative date, this offer will be withdrawn.

To confirm your acceptance of this offer, you are required to:

- Accept this offer by selecting the 'accept' option at the bottom of the form. Please note that if you do not provide your acceptance, you will not be allowed to join on the joining date specified above.
- On your first day of employment, please report at 8:45 am to the Main Lobby located at IBM India Pvt Ltd, Bhartiya Centre of Information Technology, 15th Floor, Training Room Nos 3,4,5 & 6, Milestone Buildcon, Chokkanahalli, Thanisandra Main Road, Bangalore –560064. You will meet with your Onboarding Specialist who will assist you with your joining formalities. If you have questions about your First Day Start Paperwork, send a mail to pronboar@in.ibm.com

If you have questions about your First Day Documentation, send an email to eschoolhiring@in.ibm.com



On your joining date, please bring (i) 1 copy of this letter duly signed and dated by you (ii) 2 self photographs (passport size, color with white background) (iii) One set of print outs of the completed on boarding forms & Originals (iv) Aadhaar number (If you do not have one, please apply immediately and provide the enrolment number on the day of onboarding). This is required to facilitate remittance of your provident fund to the Employees Provident Fund Organization, as well as for any other purposes that may be required by statutory and regulatory authorities. Please note that Aadhaar is currently not mandatory for employees who do not hold an Indian passport, hence please notify us in advance if you fall within this category (v) Two sets of photocopies of the following mandatory documents:

- Relieving document from most recent employer – Relieving letter or service certificate or resignation acceptance e-mail with last working day (LWD) confirmation.
- Passport and Pan card– If you do not have a Passport or Pan card you need to bring one of the following IDs.
 - Voter ID card
 - Driving License
 - Aadhaar Card
 - Senior Secondary result/certificate with DOB and photo (for university hires only)
- In the absence of Passport and Pan card, apply for the same immediately and carry any one of the following as mentioned above to complete on boarding process.
- Disability certificate – If you have stated in your application to IBM that you are differently abled, please bring the disability certificate as per the prescribed format, duly filled & signed.
- Name change document – If you have ever changed your name at any point of time, and for any reason whatsoever. Valid Indian Work Permit, if applicable.
- Education documents (for university hires only) – Degree certificate and all year mark sheets for the highest degree attained.

Please contact us via eschoolhiring@in.ibm.com for any queries regarding your employment offer.

The other terms and conditions of the offer are as follows:

- Your employment with the Company is at all times subject to you having a valid work permit from the Government of India. It is your responsibility to obtain and maintain throughout your employment a valid work permit. A copy of the work permit needs to be furnished by you on the date of on boarding, failing which you will not be permitted to join.
- You are required to join work at your onboarding location, where you may be assigned to a specific training stream based on business requirements. You will undergo training at a specified location for a specified duration of time. (Your training location and the duration of training may change due to business requirements). You will be expected to undergo your training in any skill at the discretion of the Company.
- You acknowledge that the technology industry undergoes rapid transformations and structural changes. In this context, IBM frequently enters into agreements with other entities, including outsourcing arrangements, transitions, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and other corporate actions.



If any such action relates to your role / position, you agree to cooperate with IBM and take any necessary steps to ensure a smooth transition.

- After the successful completion of the training program, you are expected to join your allocated posting in any location across India as specified by the Company. This may be different from your joining location. Please also note that, your services are transferable and you may be assigned to any office of IBM, a subsidiary, or associate company, or may be required to work out of a client location. In such case, you will be governed by the policies of that location. Any refusal to take up the assignment or projects assigned to you for any reason whatsoever, including location preferences, will be deemed to be a refusal to follow instructions of the Company, and may result in strict action against you, including termination of your services with the Company.
- (Note: It is clarified that IBM may also require you to work from any such offices within the same city (or, in the case of employees working in the National Capital Region, may require you to work from any such offices at Noida, Delhi or Gurgaon)).
- If you are absconding from work for a period of 8 days which will lead to eventual termination of your employment.
- Your appointment and continued employment at IBM is conditional upon satisfactory reference & background checks including verification of your application materials, education and employment history. Your employment is also contingent upon your ability to work for the Company without restriction (i.e. you do not have any non-compete obligations or other restrictive clauses with any previous employer). If any information furnished by you in your application for employment or during the selection process is found at any time during your employment to be incorrect or false, and/or if you have suppressed material information regarding your qualifications and experience, the Company may terminate your services without notice or compensation.
- Your designation may be changed at the discretion of the Company depending on the work assigned to you.
- You may be required to travel on Company work and you will be reimbursed expenses as per Company policy.
- If you are absent for a continuous period of 8 days without leave or obtaining your manager's approval, you will be deemed to have voluntarily terminated your service without notice.
- You will be on probation until your successful completion of the probationary period is confirmed in writing. The normal probation period is [6] months but may be extended or confirmed earlier based on your performance and at your manager's discretion. At any time during your probationary period, either you or the Company may terminate your service by giving 90 day's notice or basic salary in lieu thereof.
- You may be required to undergo certain training and assessments from time to time. You are expected to successfully complete the training and pass the assessment(s) to the satisfaction of IBM. Failure to pass these assessments, as determined solely by the company will be deemed as a failure to comply with the standards of performance required by the company.
- Upon completion of your probation period and confirmation as a regular employee, you or the Company may terminate your service at any time by giving 90 days notice or basic salary in lieu thereof. However due to exigencies of business the Company may at its sole discretion reject the salary in lieu of notice and ask you to serve the entire or part of the notice period. You shall not be deemed to have been relieved of your services except upon issue of a letter by the Company to that effect.



- IBM encourages and fosters a culture of strong performance from its employees. Accordingly, during your service with IBM, you will be required to comply with the following:
 - The Company presents multiple opportunities across technologies to support employees develop their skills and build their career. You shall maintain a satisfactory level of performance at all times.
 - You agree to utilize IBM's resources, materials and training programs as applicable, and shall ensure that your skills are at all times current and relevant to IBM's business.
 - You may be required to undergo certain training and assessment programs from time to time and shall complete the same to the satisfaction of IBM.
 - You also understand and acknowledge that IBM requires its employees to be productively and effectively utilized at all times. IBM maintains listings of open positions on its internal job postings page. If you are no longer deployed on a project/ assignment, you shall search for positions that are commensurate with your skills and experience and ensure you are effectively utilized. If selected for such positions, your movement to these positions will be subject to IBM's processes and policies.
 - You will be aware that the Company works on a round the clock model depending on customer needs. You hereby consent, should your role require it, to working on any shift, including night shift, to support the business requirements of the Company.
 - Your compliance with the above terms and conditions shall be reviewed from time to time, and shall be an integral condition of your continued employment with IBM.
- You will retire from the services of the Company on attaining 58 years. Retirement action will be performed one day prior to the last working day of the retiring month.
- Upon your resignation or retirement from the Company or termination of your services, you are required to return all assets and property of the Company such as documents, machines, data, files and books etc. (including but not limited to leased properties).
- Any and all of the terms and conditions of service may be modified or changed at the Company's discretion.
- Your individual remuneration is strictly confidential and is detailed in Annexure A. It has been determined based on numerous factors such as your job, skills-specific background, and professional merit. This information and any changes made therein should be treated as personal, confidential and should not be disclosed to any person without IBM's prior written authorization.
- You will, by default, be enrolled in IBM's Group Medclaim Insurance Policy, unless you choose to opt out. A nominal premium will be charged to you for the same, for as long as you participate in the Policy. All benefits as outlined herein and in IBM policies are subject to change at the Company's discretion. You will be entitled to privilege leave in accordance with the Company's policy as applicable from time to time.
- It is your responsibility to notify the Company of any changes in your personal information within 3 working days. All notices shall be considered duly and properly delivered to the address on file with the Company.
- During your service with the Company, you are expected to devote your whole time and attention to the Company's affairs and refrain from directly or indirectly engaging in any other employment or business in any role or capacity.
- Information pertaining to IBM operations and intellectual property is confidential as detailed in Annexure B. You will also be bound by more specific non-disclosure agreements on sensitive issues



based on business requirements. If you are bound by a confidentiality agreement with a previous employer, you must notify the Company and indemnify the Company against any breach thereof.

- All employees are required to read and comply with IBM's Business Conduct Guidelines and sign a statement to this effect. Any breach of the Guidelines or the terms and conditions of employment may result in termination of your services without notice or compensation.
- If any information furnished by you in your application for employment or during the selection process is found at any time during your employment to be incorrect or false, and/or if you have suppressed material information regarding your qualifications and experience, the Company may terminate your services without notice or compensation.
- You hereby agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Company and accept the policies and processes of the Company which are in force from time to time and the Company shall have the right to vary or modify any or all of the rules, regulations or policies and the same shall be binding on you.
- This offer is conditional upon your having a valid Passport. If you do not have a passport as of the date of this offer, you are required to apply for one immediately and produce the relevant acknowledgement on the day of your on boarding. Should you be denied a passport or if you are otherwise unable to produce a copy of your passport, IBM shall be entitled to terminate your employment for cause. It is a condition of your employment that you have a valid passport at all times.
- You will be required to register your profile with National Skills Registry once you join IBM. The details on the National Skills Registry are available on www.nationalskillsregistry.com .To complete the registration process, you will be required to submit a photograph, a photo identity proof and registration fee of INR 300 + (Service taxes as applicable) – which includes INR 50/- annual usage fee at the POS (Point of Service) helpdesk at IBM office Registration with National Skills Registry is mandatory and should be completed within 30 days from your date of joining.
- You will be required to provide the Aadhaar Number on the day of onboarding and the same must be updated on the HR Systems mandatorily within 30 days of your onboarding. Please do ensure that the name as per Aadhaar is exactly the same as the name given by you to IBM , and that appears on this employment contract. In case there is a mismatch please have the same rectified with Aadhaar authority (UIDAI) prior to onboarding.
- This offer is contingent upon you being fully COVID-19 vaccinated when there is a requirement during your tenure at IBM. During the Onboarding process you will be asked to confirm your vaccination status and if not fully vaccinated you will be asked to provide a justification for the same. The specific procedure for you to submit your vaccination status and any justification for non-vaccination will be separately communicated to you. It is your responsibility to produce vaccination status or proof to any regulatory authorities if and when requested.
- You shall be entitled to the following benefits when you join at the training location. These amounts are subject to applicable income taxes, and shall not be considered a part of your salary for the purpose of any statutory deductions:

Settling in Allowance – A one-time amount of INR 25000 towards settling-in allowance will be paid to you upon joining the Company. The payment timeline is subject to the date of joining and the company payment cut-off date. For example: if your date of joining is between 1st to 10th of the month then the payment will be processed in the same month of joining else it will be processed in the subsequent month of joining. This amount is intended to offset any and all expenses applicable during the joining process of the employee and till the date of first project deployment post training (e.g.,



relocation expenses like travel, stay, conveyance etc. during initial training and any relocation for first project deployment post training) – no additional amounts are payable or reimbursable.

This amount will be paid as a fixed lump sum amount in your payroll and you will not be required to submit receipts for any expenses incurred. Please note that this settling-in allowance is subject to appropriate income tax deductions as per applicable law. If you resign from IBM, or your employment is terminated for any reason, within 1 year from your joining date, you agree that you will repay the entire settling in allowance to IBM. You may be required to repay to IBM any taxes that were deducted from your settling in allowance and paid to the income tax authorities, subject to applicable law, and if such amounts cannot be reclaimed by IBM, IBM may recover all such amounts from your final settlement.



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ANNEXURE A

DATE	February 23, 2024		
NAME	Pramod R	BAND	06G
DESIGNATION	Associate Systems Engineer	LOCATION	Bangalore
<u>Compensation Components</u>		<u>IBM Offer (in INR)</u>	
1. Annual Basic Salary		190034	
2. Standard Flexible Benefit Plan			
I. House Rent Allowance (HRA)		114020	
II. Leave Travel Assistance (LTA)		31672	
III. Conveyance Allowance		38400	
3. Optional Flexible Benefit Plan		43948	
4. Annual Reference Salary (ARS)		418074	
5. Retirals			
a) Provident Fund (PF)		22804	
b) Gratuity		9122	
6. Annual Reference Salary + Retirals		450000	

Growth Driven Profit-sharing (GDP), an annual profit distribution scheme, is another important part of your compensation opportunity and is designed to support a team oriented, high-performance work culture. Further details of the program will be made available to you upon joining IBM. Please note: IBM reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend, change, suspend, or terminate the Growth Driven Profit-sharing program at any time, including, but not limited to, changing how the profit sharing pool is allocated or altering the payment amount at the region or country level based on unanticipated business issues or extenuating circumstances.



The Company presently has a Performance Award Program (PA). Further details of the Performance Award Program will be made available to you upon joining IBM. Please note: IBM reserves the right in its sole discretion to amend, change, suspend, or terminate Performance Award Program at any time.

You agree to the Company adjusting the statutory bonus amount, if any, under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, against payments made under the Company's profit distribution schemes GDP & PA.

OTHER BENEFITS:

- By default, you will be enrolled in the Group Medclaim Policy. You need to enroll your immediate family (Spouse & up to Four Children) within 45 days of joining. If you wish to do so, a nominal premium for covering you and your family will be charged to you unless you choose to opt out for yourself and family.
- Group Term Life and Accident Rider Coverage

OTHER COMMITMENTS/ CONDITIONS



The impact of today's technology and pace of change is tremendous. We hope you're as excited as we are to play a part in that revolution. At IBM, we're changing the world every day and we will be delighted to have you as part of our team. To confirm your acceptance of this offer letter on the terms and conditions specified herein, please sign in the space specified below and return the signed copy to IBM on your on boarding day.

Signed By – IBM Authorized Signatory
Talent Acquisition Leader ISA

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS (TO BE UPDATED BY THE CANDIDATE ON THE DATE OF JOINING))

I agree that I have read, understand, and accept employment with IBM under the terms and conditions stated above. By signing on this offer, I also agree and acknowledge that this offer letter does not require a physical signature, and the issuance of this offer of employment to me, my acceptance of this offer, and IBM's acknowledgment of the same and the affixing of a signature by the IBM representative shall be adequate to constitute a valid contract of employment between IBM India Pvt Ltd. and me. (Please sign below to confirm that you agree with the terms and conditions stated in this offer.)

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE OF JOINING

DATE

VERIFIED BY (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY – TO BE UPDATED BY ON BOARDING SPECIALIST)

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE



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Explanation of Compensation Components

Component	Summary Explanation*
1. Basic Salary	The fundamental salary component to which many other compensation components are linked.
Flexible Benefit Plan (FBP = 2+3)	The FBP is a basket of standard and optional benefits. It allows employees to choose from a basket of benefits that suits their needs. For certain elements, employees may avail of tax exemptions as per prevailing tax laws. The elements are listed below
(2) Standard FBP Components	
(i) House Rent Allowance (HRA)	HRA of an amount equivalent to 60% of the basic salary will be paid every month (subject to availability of balance in the FBP entitlement)
(ii) Leave Travel Assistance (LTA)	LTA will be paid every month (subject to availability of balance in the FBP entitlement). Income tax exemption shall be provided as per the provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961 for travelling within India, twice in a block of 4 years
(iii) Conveyance Allowance	Fixed conveyance allowance (subject to availability of balance in the FBP entitlement) as applicable to your band will be paid. However, the same will not be provided in case one opts for car lease program
(3) Optional FBP Components	Optional components will include allowances such as Company Lease Car, National Pension Scheme, Meal Card etc. Further details about the optional allowances will be available to you upon joining IBM in the FBP policy page.
Flat allowance	Any un-apportioned amount under FBP plan shall be paid as "Flat allowance"
4. Annual Reference Salary	Annual Basic Salary + Annual FBP
5. Retirals	These elements of compensation are not paid out until later when certain conditions are met
(a) Provident Fund (PF)	12% of Basic Salary is contributed to the Provident Fund
(b) Gratuity	Gratuity is payable to you as per the IBM Gratuity Trust Fund Rules and the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, on cessation of your employment after at least 5years of continuous service with the Company or such other scenarios permitted under law. The amount of gratuity payable shall not exceed Twenty Lakh rupees (INR 20,00,000.00)
ESIC & Statutory Bonus	Additionally, you may be eligible under ESIC and /or Statutory Bonus as per the provisions of the respective laws.

**For detailed information please refer to Company policies, which are subject to change from time to time*

***Any reference to any Acts, Rules or other laws shall be deemed to refer to any amendments, replacements or successors to such Acts, Rules or other laws, as applicable. IBM's decision in this respect shall be final.*



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Other Benefits- Additional Information*

Group Term Life and Accident Rider Coverage Scheme

Group Term Life Insurance Plan:

This is a company paid benefit which provides group term life coverage to all employees of IBM India Pvt. Ltd. The benefit basis for life coverage is sixty times monthly basic salary subject to a minimum and a maximum coverage as stated in the policy. The coverage is subject to completion of the Insurance Company's prescribed insurance underwriting procedure and awarding of coverage by the insurance company. Coverage applies world-wide, 24 hours a day.

Group Personal Accident Plan:

This is a company paid benefit which provides group personal accident coverage to all employees of IBM India Pvt. Ltd. The benefit basis for accident coverage against permanent total disability, permanent partial disability and dismemberment is sixty times monthly basic salary subject to a minimum and a maximum coverage as stated in the policy. Coverage applies world-wide, 24 hours a day.

Group Mediclaim Insurance Policy for Self and nuclear family (spouse and up to 4 children)

By default, you will be enrolled in the Group Medical Insurance Policy from the date of your joining with a family floater cover of INR 4 Lakh per year. As part of that, you can also enroll your immediate family (Spouse & up to Four Children) through our Third-Party Administrator's (TPA) website within 30 days of your joining. If you decide to avail medical insurance policy, there will be an applicable Co-share of premium deduction from your salary. If you wish not to be covered, you may choose to opt out within 30 days of joining. You have the option of enhancing this cover up to a maximum of INR 11 Lakh per year (incremental premium to be borne completely by employee).

You also have the opportunity of purchasing insurance coverage for your parents. This is on an individual coverage basis and the premium incurred is to be borne by you.

Mid-term inclusion of only new born babies (within 45 days of the child birth) and newly married spouse (within 45 days from the date of marriage) is allowed. The insurance coverage for the newly acquired dependent (spouse/child) will be with effect from the date of event (marriage/ birth whichever is applicable) *

**Subject to enrolling the new dependent within 45 days from the date of event.*

All hospitalization claims under the Medical Insurance Policy pertaining to employee is borne by insurer at 90:10%. Claims pertaining to dependents (spouse, children and parents) will be borne by insurer and employee on a 80% : 20% basis.

Critical Illness Buffer

This benefit is provided to help you and your nuclear family in times of medical emergencies. If an employee, spouse or child is diagnosed with any of the illnesses defined under the "Critical Illness Buffer" criteria, you can also be eligible for an additional amount of INR 7 Lakh for required treatment once the Family Floater and any additional cover (if taken) is



exhausted. This is subject to available Corporate Buffer and policy T&C.

Domiciliary Benefit

Domiciliary expenses on out-patient care for employee, spouse and children up to a maximum of INR 10,000/- (at 50% Co-pay) is also provided to employees who participate in the Group Medclaim Insurance Policy.

National Pension System (NPS)

NPS is a voluntary defined contribution-based scheme option provided to all IBM India Regular employees. It's a tax saving retirement vehicle for which you can enroll by declaring your monthly contribution, minimum Rs. 500 per month and maximum of 10% of your Flexible Benefit Plan, on IBM Intranet. You can find more details about this program on IBM intranet.

Compensation under Employees Compensation Act

All IBM employees are entitled for compensation under the Employee's Compensation Act, 1923, as amended from time to time. The compensation under the Act will be inclusive of the coverage amount under Group term Life Insurance Plan and shall be paid under following circumstances:

- a) incase of personal injury caused to an employee by an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment resulting in total or partial disablement of the employee for a period exceeding three days. Provided that the accident is not directly attributable to the employee having being under the influence of drink or drugs or willfully disobedience of any order expressly given for the safety of employees or willfully removal or disregard of any safety guard or other device provided for the purpose of securing safety of employees.
- b) Incase of any injury resulting in Death or permanent total disability.
- c) Incase of occupational disease as defined under the Act.

** For detailed information, please refer the Company's Intranet. Company benefits and policies are subject to withdrawal; change from time to time at the sole discretion of the Company and without the need of any prior notice to the employees.*



Important Letter on Transfer / Relocation / Type of Work Assigned

Date – February 23, 2024

Dear Pramod R,

This letter reiterates some of your obligations with respect to your employment with IBM India Pvt Ltd., and contains important information on your initial training and work assignment.

You are required to join at BANGALORE where you may be allocated to a specific training stream based on the organization's business requirements. You will undergo training at BANGALORE for a specified duration of time. You will be expected to undergo the training in any skill or technology at the discretion of the organization.

After the successful completion of the training program, you may be deployed on work and are expected to work at the allocated posting in any location across India as specified by the organization. This may be different from your joining / training location. The type of work assigned may vary from one assignment to the other.

Please also note that, your services are transferable, and you may be assigned to any office of IBM, a subsidiary, or associate company. In such case, you will be governed by the policies of that location. Any refusal to take up the specific assigned location / assignment / projects / type of work assigned to you will be viewed as a refusal to follow instructions of the Company, may result in strict action against you and could result in your termination from the services of the organization. (Note: It is clarified that IBM may also require you to work from any such offices within the same city (or, in the case of employees working in the National Capital Region, may require you to work from any such offices at Noida, Delhi or Gurgaon)).

We wish you all the best for a rewarding career with IBM India. If you have any queries, please write to eschoolhiring@in.ibm.com

Please sign on a copy of this letter and return the same to On-Boarding coordinator, to indicate your understanding and acknowledgement of the contents of this letter Signature.

Signature.



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ANNEXURE B – NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Agreement Regarding Confidential Information, Intellectual Property, and Other Matters

Serial # : _____ Date Of Hire : ___ / ___ / _____

In consideration of my employment or my continued employment by International Business Machines Corporation or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates (collectively, "IBM"), which I acknowledge is employment at will, and the payment to me of a salary or other compensation during my employment, I agree as follows:

1. I will not, without IBM's prior written permission, disclose to anyone outside of IBM or use in other than IBM's business, either during or after my employment, any confidential information or material of IBM, or any information or material received by IBM in confidence from third parties, such as suppliers or customers. If I leave the employ of IBM or at the request of IBM, I will return to IBM all property in my possession belonging to IBM or received by IBM from any third party, whether or not containing confidential information and whether stored on an IBM owned asset or a personally owned asset, including, but not limited to, electronic data, electronic files, diskettes and other storage media, drawings, notebooks, reports, and any other hard copy or electronic documents or records. No employee is prohibited from reporting possible violations of law or regulation to a government agency, as protected by law.

Confidential information or material of IBM is any information or material: (a) generated or collected by or utilized in the operations of IBM; received from any third party; obtained from an entity IBM acquired or in which IBM purchased a controlling interest (including information or material received by that entity from a third party); or suggested by or resulting from any task assigned to me or work performed by me for or on behalf of IBM; and (b) which has not been made available generally to the public, whether or not expressed in a document or other medium and whether or not marked "IBM Confidential" or with any similar legend of IBM or any third party. Confidential information or material may include, but is not limited to, information and material related to past, present and future development, manufacturing activities, or personnel matters; marketing and business plans; pricing information; customer lists; technical specifications, drawings, and designs; prototypes; computer programs; and databases.

2. (a) During my employment with IBM and for two years following the termination of my employment from IBM for any reason, I will not directly or indirectly within the Restricted Area solicit, or attempt to or participate or assist in any effort to solicit, any employee of IBM to be employed or perform services outside of IBM. For purposes of this Paragraph 2(a), "Restricted Area" shall mean any geographic area in the world in which I worked or for which I had job responsibilities, including supervisory responsibilities, during the last twelve (12) months of my employment with IBM. Also, for purposes of this Paragraph 2(a), "employee of IBM" shall mean any employee of IBM who worked within the Restricted Area at any time in the 12-month period immediately preceding any actual or attempted solicitation.

(b) I agree that during my employment with IBM and for one year following the termination of my employment for any reason, I will not directly or indirectly solicit for competitive business purposes any customer with which I was directly or indirectly involved as part of my job responsibilities during the twelve (12) months prior to the termination of my employment with IBM. This paragraph 2(b) does not apply to any IBM employee whose work location as reflected in IBM records is within the state of California.



I acknowledge that IBM would suffer irreparable harm if I fail to comply with Paragraph 2(a) or (b), and that IBM would be entitled to any appropriate relief, including money damages, equitable relief and attorneys' fees.

3. I will not disclose to IBM, use in its business, or cause it to use, any information or material which is confidential to any third party unless authorized by IBM. In addition, I will not incorporate into any product used and/or sold by IBM, any copyrighted materials or patented inventions of any third party, unless authorized by IBM pursuant to Paragraph 5.

4. I will comply, and do all things necessary for IBM to comply, with (a) the laws and regulations of all governments under which IBM does business, (b) the provisions of contracts between any such government or its contractors and IBM that relate to intellectual property or to the safeguarding of information, and (c) IBM's corporate directives, including, without limitation, policies and information technology security standards issued from time to time as well as the IBM Business Conduct Guidelines as amended from time to time.

5. I hereby assign to IBM my entire right, title, and interest in any idea, concept, technique, invention, design (whether the design is ornamental or otherwise), computer programs and related documentation, other works of authorship, mask works, and the like (all hereinafter called "Developments"), hereafter made, conceived, written, or otherwise created solely or jointly by me, whether or not such Developments are patentable, subject to copyright or trademark protection or susceptible to any other form of protection which: (a) relate to the actual or anticipated business or research or development of IBM or its subsidiaries or (b) are suggested by or result from any task assigned to me or work performed by me for or on behalf of IBM or its subsidiaries.

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