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The Venus Medicine Research Centre (VMRC), the research wing of Venus Remedies in Baddi which has been accredited for good laboratory practices (GLP), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS), Faridkot to undertake collaborative research projects and academic programmes.

Dr (Mrs) Manu Chaudhary, director, research, VMRC, signed the MoU with Dr SS Gill, vice- chancellor BFUHS in the presence of Dr Praveen Bansal, director, research, BFUHS; Mr Satpal Singh, joint registrar, BFUHS, and Dr Renu Bansal, associate professor, department of microbiology, Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, a constituent of BFUHS.

Speaking about the scope of the new agreement, Dr Chaudhary said, "We have found just the right partner in BFUHS to take our research work forward. Together the VMRC and BFUHS will open new frontiers for high-end research in India, particularly in the fields of oncology, anti-infectives and pain management."

The VMRC already has research collaborations with University of Illinois, Chicago; Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh; Department of Microbiology, Panjab University, Chandigarh; the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Mohali; Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar; Procdane Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hyderabad; Sri Ram Medical College, Chennai; Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad; King George Medical College, Lucknow and Amity University, Noida.