



## **SIGNING OF MOU WITH STATE HINDU UNIVERSITY OF I GUSTI BAGUS SUGRIWA DENPASAR FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SANSKRIT CHAIR IN INDONESIA**

On May 16, 2024, ICCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the renowned State Hindu University of I Gusti Bagus Sugriwa Denpasar, Indonesia, to establish a Sanskrit Chair in Bali. The MoU was signed by the Consul General of India in Bali, Dr. Shashank Vikram and the Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Drs. I Gusti Ngurah Sudiana, M.Si. The ceremony was attended by academicians, representatives of government institutions, media personnel, and members of the Indian diaspora in Bali.

This initiative marks a significant step in promoting Indian knowledge traditions and enhancing academic collaboration between India and Indonesia, facilitating mutual learning and cooperation. It will also strengthen the bilateral relations between the two countries, fostering people-to-people connections and serving as a hub for research, education, and cultural activities.

State Hindu University of I Gusti Bagus Sugriwa Denpasar is Indonesia's first and only state Hindu University, offering a wide array of courses ranging from languages, cultural and social studies to tourism and entrepreneurship.

For the past several years, ICCR has been actively establishing Chairs of Indian Studies at various international universities with the aim of generating interest in India amongst foreign students as well as creating greater understanding about India and Indian civilization amongst the global community of academic and thought leaders.

