



अरुणाचल प्रदेश ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

Arunachal University of Studies, Arunachal Pradesh

&

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam

On

23rd January, 2021

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered between "Arunachal University of Studies, Arunachal Pradesh" having its Campus at Knowledge City, NH-52, Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh – 792103 hereinafter called as "AUS" and Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam hereinafter referred to as "RFRI". Both AUS and RFRI are independently referred to as "Party" and collectively as "Parties".

The Parties have agreed to engage in a broad spectrum of joint activities in the field of Natural Resource based Sustainable Livelihood Promotion, in the North Eastern part of India. This MoU shall be treated as platform on which both parties agree to work together in future. The terms and conditions of this collaboration are as follows:

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1. BACKGROUND

Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal University of Studies, Arunachal Pradesh has been established by an Act of State Legislature vide the Arunachal University of Studies Act, 2012 (No. 9 of 2012) duly assented by Hon'ble Governor on May 26, 2012 and published in Extraordinary Gazette Notification dated May 30, 2012. The University is approved by UGC under Section 2 (f) of UGC Act of 1956 and is one of the youngest universities in India to be accredited by National Assessment Accreditation Council (NAAC). AUS is providing high quality education supplemented with Industrial Internship and Professional Training in the areas of Agricultural Sciences, Business & Management, Engineering & Technology, Hydel Power, Training & Development, Computing & Information Technology, Entrepreneurship, Rural Development, Biotechnology, Biosciences & Environmental Sciences, Architecture, Media & Communication, Film & Television Production, Basic Sciences, Medical & Paramedical, Humanities, Juridical Sciences, Life Sciences, Liberal Art & Sciences, Performing Arts, Nursing, Quality Training & Development of State Government officers etc., with a global perspective to meet the challenges of the fast changing trends.

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam, is one of the constituent Institutes of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, an autonomous body of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, catering to the forestry research needs of the Northeast India, through its main campus at Jorhat, Assam and the Forest Research Centre for Bamboo and Rattan at Aizawl and the Forest Research Centre for Livelihood & Extension at Agartala. The Institute is mandated to carry out research and extension on the subjects of Forests and climate change, Biodiversity conservation, Forest ecosystem services, Hydrological function of forests, Enhancing forest productivity, Conservation of forest genetic resources, Developing bamboo sector, Non-timber forest produce, Forest health, Soil health, Forest management, Forest policy research, Trees outside forest, Bioprospecting of forest resource, Forest based industries, and Extension and Livelihoods. The Institute is also a centre of the Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, offering doctorate programmes

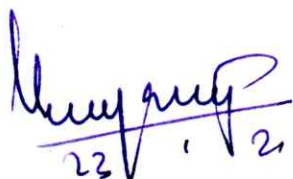
2. PURPOSE & SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

The potential areas of collaboration include research, training, capacity building, experience sharing and knowledge management, in the domain of Rural Development and Natural Resource based Sustainable Livelihood Promotion. The specific areas for joint activities will be decided in due course of time.

3. OUTLINES OF THE COLLABORATION

Under the aegis of this agreement, AUS & RFRI shall jointly explore the possibilities of working mainly in the North Easter part of India. The broad areas of cooperation would include the following:-

- a) Conservation and Management Natural Resources;
- b) Design viable and feasible roadmap for joint activities;
- c) Take-up studies, Joint Research Projects with or without funding for implementation;
- d) Development of Sustainable Agricultural Practices, including agroforestry;
- e) Development of Agriculture based Non-Conventional energy resources and alternative fuel technologies;
- f) Research on Medicinal Plants, Bamboo and Rattan;


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- g) Design and execute training, workshop, seminar and capacity building programme in the domains of social entrepreneurship, livelihood promotion, new enterprise creation and cluster development;
- h) Design development projects, identify sponsoring organization and implement such projects;
- i) To prepare common pool of research facilities & academic resources for access of Scientists, Faculties and Students;
- j) Joint Study of Climate Change, Agroforestry and Carbon Capture;
- k) Joint Workshops, Trainings, On-Job Trainings, Apprenticeship, Internship and Conferences for Students and Researcher Community;
- l) Undertake research and publication and thus contribute to knowledge generation and knowledge sharing

4. Performance Standards

The Parties shall perform their respective roles and responsibilities under this MoU with highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.


5. Validity of the MOU

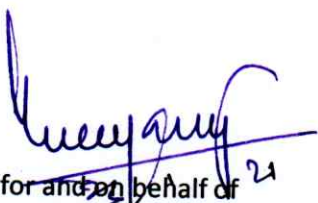
This MOU shall be valid for a period of five years. However, it can be extended by mutual agreement. Any cessation of the MoU by either party shall be notified in writing to the other Party at least 6 months in advance.

6. Arbitration

Dispute arising out of this MoU, if any, shall be amicably settled jointly by Arunachal University of Studies, Arunachal Pradesh and the Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute the MoU in two original copies in English language. The MoU shall be effective on the date it is signed.


Signed for and on behalf of
Arunachal University of Studies (AUS)
Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh


Signed for and on behalf of
Rain Forest Research Institute,
Jorhat, Assam

Name: Dr. B. Mohan Kumar
Designation: Vice Chancellor

Date: 23rd January 2021

Witness:



Name: Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj
Designation: Director

Date: 23rd January 2021

Witness:

In the auspicious presence of Chau Zingnu Namchoom, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council, Namsai.