

Memorandum of Understanding

between



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Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

And



Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Gujarat, India

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Gujarat Institute of Development Research Ahmadabad, Gujarat, India (hereinafter called GIDR) and Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Halol, Dist. Panchamahar, Gujarat, India (called GNFSU) here by sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 17th January, 2024

Whereas the Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), established in 1970, is a premier organisation recognized and supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and Government of Gujarat. GIDR undertakes analytical and policy-oriented research concerning development issues. The Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR) has made substantial contributions to the field of research, particularly in the domains of development and policy analysis. With a strong commitment to advancing knowledge and promoting sustainable development, GIDR has left a significant impact through its research initiatives, publications, and collaborations.




GIDR engages in a wide range of multidisciplinary research, addressing critical issues related to economic, social, and environmental development. Its research covers areas such as agriculture, industry, infrastructure, trade, finance, urbanization, poverty, human resource development, and governance. GIDR's research in natural resource management has led to insights into sustainable use and conservation of resources. This includes studies on water management, land-use patterns, and the impact of climate change on natural resources. GIDR's research often focuses on policy analysis and evaluation. The institute contributes by providing evidence-based insights that inform policy decisions at various levels of government and administration. The institute contributes to capacity building by conducting training programs, workshops, and seminars for researchers, policymakers, and development practitioners. This helps disseminate knowledge and promote informed decision-making.

GIDR produces a substantial volume of research publications, including academic papers, reports, and policy briefs. These publications contribute to the academic discourse and offer valuable insights to the wider development community.

GNFSU has approached GIDR to collaborate through MoU.

Objectives of MOU: To promote and enhance partnership in academic and research programme for quality improvement by promoting following activities.

- A) Exchange of Faculty/Exposure Visit
- B) Exchange of Students for Academic, Research and Training Purpose
- C) Joint Research Activities
- D) Exchange of Academic Materials & Other Information
- E) Participation in/Organizing Seminar/Conference/Workshop Etc.
- F) Training to Farmers and Women for The Empowerment, Training for Skilling and Confidence Building
- G) Training for Participatory Approach of Learning and Doing
- H) Special Short Term Academic Programme
- I) To Develop a Model of Natural Farming (Panchastariya Plot) in GIDR Campus to Showcase Its Practicality and Motivate the Interested Persons/Agencies Especially from Urban Areas Like Ahmedabad and Elsewhere
- J) To Explore the Possibility of Opening a Research Center/Extension Centre of GNFSU at GIDR to Carryout Academic Research from Social Science Perspective on Issues Related to NF in Gujarat And Elsewhere
- K) To Explore Research Grant for Undertaking Collaborative Research in NF

Management of Collaboration

The term of such mutual cooperation and necessary budget for specific activity will be decided by mutual consent.

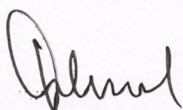


Each partner will designate a coordinator to develop and coordinate specific activities. The cooperation will be focused on the following field to be decided by mutual consent.

1. New research areas in natural farming like achieving food security , conserving land and water, protecting life below water, achieving self-employment goal, Job creation and entrepreneurial opportunities, training and skilling with modern tools for better productivity and many more areas associated with in natural farming which will enhance the promoting and acceptance of natural farming at Mass scale .
2. Model of municipal solid waste management and its socio economic studies, economic of SWM and policy issues.
3. Entrepreneurial opportunity agricultural and animal waste management
4. Managing rural community and providing them training to work for common goal for achieving sustainable development goals.

Mutual Obligations

1. The two parties here to undertake to jointly solicit for funds including research grants, contributions, subscriptions and such related funds for the purpose of realizing any or all the objectives of the collaboration.
2. The overall memorandum does not entail any obligation for the two parties to fund any travels for student/researchers from the other institution. Provided that funds are available from elsewhere both parties will facilitate practical arrangement related to study visits from the collaborating institution including office/residential accommodation and necessary administrative functions to enable them to carry out programme successfully.
3. Both institutions shall seek waiver of duty and GST applicable on equipment and materials for use by students and staff participating in this collaboration. As a general rule, the title and custody of any equipment acquired in the course of the collaboration shall remain with the host institution upon the expiry of that particular project as specified in individual 'agreements of collaboration'.
4. Both institutions shall abide by current national/international guidelines on good research practice and ethics applicable in relation to all research activities.
5. Both institutions further agree to bear the cost of administering the programme on such terms as shall be mutually agreed upon from time to time.
6. Both parties shall make rules governing the use of their respective facilities including laboratories, library, workshops and hostels where such facilities are used to conduct any of the functions of this collaboration as specified in 'agreements of collaboration' regarding each individual project/programme of study.



7. Both parties jointly and independently agree to make available suitable facilities and personnel as and when required and on such terms as to fees, remuneration, insurance, and any other incidents there to as specified in 'agreements of collaboration' regarding each individual project/programme of study.
8. The parties shall share both in gains and losses of the collaboration including skills, inventions/patents, profits and liabilities whether pecuniary or otherwise provided always intellectual property rights shall be shared equally.
9. The parties shall keep each other indemnified against all damages to or losses resulting from the fault of their respective student/research staff.
10. Finalization of topic of research programmes and get approved for the post graduate and doctorate research and undertake as per rules laid down by GIDR and jointly supervised by both the institutes but degree will have awarded by GNFSU.
11. The nature of research undertaken by student (s) will preferably be as per research mandates of both the institutes and agreed to both head of departments of the institutes.
12. The necessary facilities required for education, research and extension as well as short term course (s) or training (s) will be provided in consultation from both the institutes.

Intellectual Property Rights

All right created by patent as a result of joint activity shall be shared by the Gujarat Institute of Development Research Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India (1st Party) and Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Gujarat, India (2nd Party). Unless all the parties agree, no party shall individually, and without prior notice and consent of the others file or obtain patent whether in.

Material Transfer Agreement

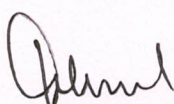
Any and all materials transferred between the parties shall be subject to an acceptable 'material transfer agreement' signed by the parties and appended to the agreement of collaboration regarding the individual project/programme of study.

Duration of the Memorandum

This memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect from the date of execution and shall remain in force for a period as decided during the course of agreement (usually 5 years).

Implementation

All laws, rules and regulations issued by all parties shall be strictly observed at all times.



Settlement of Disputes

- The parties shall first use reasonable endeavors to amicably settle disputes arising out of or in connection with this collaboration agreement.
- Where a dispute has not been amicably resolved the parties shall enter into structured negotiation with the assistance of a mediator acceptable to both sides.
- Where mediation fails, the parties shall settle the dispute through arbitration, such arbitration shall be conducted under the rules of arbitration of the national/international act by one or more arbitrators appointed in accordance with the said rules. The award of the arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Fortuitous Circumstance

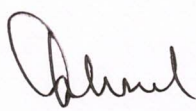

Either party shall promptly notify the other party, in writing, of any situation or event arising from circumstances beyond their control, which they could not have reasonably foreseen, and which make the performance of all or part of the parties obligations under this contract impossible. Upon notification of the occurrence of such a situation or event, the performance of this contract shall be deemed to be postponed for a period of time equivalent to that caused by the fortuitous circumstances and reasonable period not exceeding one (1) week there after shall be allowed for remobilization to continue the performance of the contract.

Review and Amendments

The Memorandum may be amended or revised if both parties agree. Such amendments or revision shall be effective from the date of signature. Amendments may be decided at any time and shall be made in writing upon mutual consent of the parties.

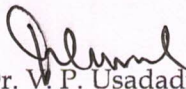
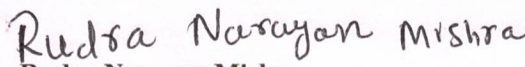
Termination of Memorandum


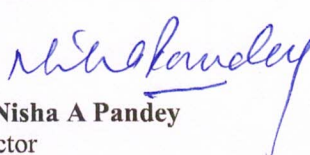
The memorandum of Understanding may be terminated with immediate effect by mutual agreement between the parties or by either party giving the other not less than six (6) months' notice in writing. The first party reserves its right to cancel/ terminate of MoU at any point of time if any breach of terms & conditions of MoU by the Second Party with prior notice of 90 days.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures on

Date: 17-01-2024

<p>For Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Anand</p> <p> Dr. W. P. Usadadiya Director of Research</p>	<p>For Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Gota, Ahmedabad</p> <p> Dr. Rudra Narayan Mishra Assistant Prof.</p>
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<p>For Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Anand</p> <p> Dr. C. K. Timbadia Vice Chancellor</p>	<p>For Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Gota, Ahmedabad</p> <p> Dr. Nisha A Pandey Director</p>
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