

This AGREEMENT is entered into on 13th of July 2017 between:

The Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), a Unit of the Department of Space, Government of India, and having its headquarters at Navrangpura, Ahmedabad - 380009

And

Gujarat University (GU), a premier State University located at Navrangpura, Ahmedabad - 380009.

PRL and GU have been individually referred to as 'PARTY', and collectively called 'PARTIES' hereafter.

PRL, established in 1947, is known as the cradle of space sciences in India. As a unit of Department of Space, Government of India, PRL carries out fundamental research in selected areas of Astronomy, Astrophysics, Solar Physics, Space and Atmospheric Sciences, Geosciences, Planetary Sciences & Space Exploration, Theoretical Physics, Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics, and Astrochemistry.

Gujarat University (GU) was established on 23rd November 1949 as a state University at Ahmedabad under Gujarat University Act 1949 of the Gujarat state government. It is an affiliating university for undergraduate, postgraduate and research level courses.

1. FIELD OF COOPERATION:

- a) The GU recognises PRL as a research institution to carry out research work leading to the degree of Ph.D. in Science. The faculty of PRL eligible to guide doctoral level research students at PRL will automatically be accorded the status of Ph.D. supervisor by GU for the purposes of research guidance to PRL students without any mandatory provision of co-guides from GU.
- b) An **Academic Board** will be constituted to oversee the programme. This will comprise Dean - PRL, Chairman - Academic Committee, PRL, Dean of the concurrent school of GU and a co-coordinator appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of GU to oversee the implementation of the MoU.

The Board, in addition to monitoring the Ph.D. programme, shall also review the working of the MoU annually, to sort out any difficulty in implementation.