



Memorandum of Understanding

Between



Indian Institute of Sustainability, Ahmedabad
An Institute established by Gujarat University, Ahmedabad

and



Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni- Solan
established by Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

'Indian Institute of Sustainability', an institution set up by Gujarat University. Gujarat University is setup under the Gujarat University Act, 1949, located at Navarangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, WHEREAS the INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SUSTAINABILITY (hereinafter be referred to as 'IIS') was established in 2021. The Indian Institute of Sustainability (IIS), which aims to be recognized as one of its kind, Indian sustainability institute, operating at the frontiers of practice, research and training while developing an environmentally concerned and socially responsible society. The mission of IIS is to train and educate the citizens in tune with a sustainable society and a sustainable planet by bringing best practices for air, water, soil, space, climate, forest, environment, natural resources, forestry, smart cities, agriculture, SDGs, human rights, and sustainable public policy. The Indian Institute of Sustainability promotes excellence through innovative and applied research and impacting the world through policy, practice, training and continuous engagement.

AND

Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni-Solan, Himachal Pradesh, was established on 1st December, 1985 with the objective to promote education, research and extension education in the fields of Horticulture, Forestry and allied disciplines. Late Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, the first Chief Minister and the architect of Himachal Pradesh perceived the importance of Horticulture and Forestry to improve the State economy, which led to the establishment of this University. It's history lies in erstwhile Himachal Agricultural College, Solan, established in 1962 and affiliated to the Panjab University. It became one of the campuses of Agriculture Complex of Himachal Pradesh University on its formation in 1970. Consequent upon the establishment of Himachal Pradesh *Krishi Vishwavidyalaya* in 1978, this campus became its Horticulture Complex and finally in 1985 assumed the status of a State University, being the only University in the country engaged exclusively in teaching, research and extension in Horticulture and Forestry for socio-economic development of farming community. The mission of the University aims at strategic, need based and farmer-oriented development of Horticulture and Forestry in Himachal Pradesh through excellence in education and research for food and ecological security, improved livelihood opportunities and economic prosperity of farming communities through capacity building and extending technologies from lab to the land.

PURPOSE & SCOPE OF MOU

This MOU is intended to build mutual cooperation between the IIS and Dr.YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry so as to learn, assimilate and develop further on the core strengths, experience and institutional objectives of the respective parties in the public interest for the advancement in teaching, research, extension, system development and technology development in issues and areas related to food processing, SMART Farming, IT, IoT, AI, start-ups, waste management, animal husbandry and allied sectors for the development of the cooperation, cooperatives, SHG, SHG federation, FPOs of the farming community. Working on the farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, natural farming, rural including tribal development, skill development, value chain and supply chain development, waste management, women empowerment, climate change, etc. Consultancy, policy formation and analysis, marketing linkage, SOPs, human resource development and their capacity building through training and demonstrations for entrepreneurship development in agriculture for the can be the other areas of interest of both the parties the holistic approach on sustainable development of communities, cooperatives and livelihood and any other area may be the common interest for both universities

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH PARTIES UNDER THIS MOU

- a. Collaborate with each other in the advancement of systems development, technology development, innovation, entrepreneurship and action research in issues and areas mentioned in the scopes above.
- b. Facilitate cooperation with each other connected with the advancement of training, action research, studies, consultancy, monitoring, evaluation systems development and technology development in issues and areas mentioned above
- c. Collaborate to organize national and international institution-building activities, training activities, research activities, seminars, conferences and workshops with a focus on capacity building, training and skill development of stakeholders including FPOs, women, farmers, staff of both parties etc..
- d. Collaborate on resources, facilities and development of livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood tribal development, rural development, skill development, women empowerment, sustainability, financial inclusion, natural farming and allied sectors etc.
- e. Share experiences in the respective areas of activities as mentioned in scope of this MOU.
- f. Support each other for collaboration with external agencies, NGOs, CSR organizations, government departments, global organizations, World Bank, BMGF, FAO, ADB, GIZ, MASHAV, NABARD, NCDC, NAFED, SFAC, NCUI, APMC, Boards etc. for the development of the SHG, SHG federation, cooperatives etc. related to the respective areas of activities as

mentioned in scope of this MOU.

- g. Collaborate to exchange honorary / adjunct professorship/ honorary PhD to have support each other to access facilities of each other and exchange for PhD guide and co-guides.
- h. Collaborate with each other for Joint degree program, access of facilities of each other, knowledge exchange etc.
- i. Collaborate any other issues which is linked with cooperative and enhancement of livelihood., which is agreed upon by both parties.

Intellectual Property Rights

1. All copyrights of the material (print and audio/video) developed by Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry /Indian Institute of Sustainability to this MOU shall be property of both parties.
2. Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry and Indian Institute of Sustainability shall have control on the content and associated content rights, obligations, liabilities, encumbrances annexed hereto in the creation/making and broadcasting of the content/creative/artistic works, etc.
3. Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry and Indian Institute of Sustainability can use the developed material (print and audio/video) for their own promotional and awareness purposes.

Modalities for Cooperation

1. For every specific area of cooperation falling under this MoU, both parties will discuss together allowing the Parties to agree on technical and financial settings. Such agreements will include a detailed work programme and a breakdown of costs and will indicate funding modalities. Both parties will take up funded consultancy projects, research activities and any other activities as mentioned in the MOU as requested by any of the party on case to case basis.
2. The activities associated with the MoU shall be contingent upon the availability of sufficient human and financial resources, and the Parties will jointly devise strategies for seeking resources to meet desired objectives.
3. Both the Parties shall designate representatives that will serve as primary contact for the implementation of this MoU. The primary contacts will manage institutional communications between the Parties. If necessary, thematic contacts designated as need arise will manage communication on substantive issues.

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Director of Research

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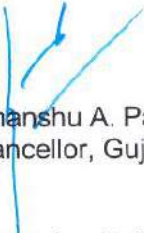

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4. This MOU creates no binding on IIS and Dr. Y. S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry to engage into any specific assignment without mutual consent from both sides.
5. IIS and Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry agrees to serve the cause of MoU with best intentions. In case of any disagreement between both the organizations, same shall be gracefully resolved using assistance from the apex officers of both organizations and their decisions will be final and binding to both organizations.
6. If any of the parties disagrees to engage with third person/third party, none of the parties will engage that third person/party for the proposal.

Entry into Force, Renewal and Termination

1. This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its last signature and will remain in force for five years.
2. This MoU may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Unless otherwise agreed, amendments may apply to any activity, which has not yet been implemented.
3. It can be renewed through a further MoU or through an exchange of letters.
4. It may be terminated by either Party on written notice of three months to the other Party. Such termination shall be without prejudice to a) the orderly completion of any on-going activity and b) any other rights and obligations of the Parties accrued prior to termination.
5. This MoU may be executed in separate counterparts by each of the Parties, both such counterparts together constituting but one and the same instrument. Such counterparts may be exchanged by confirmed facsimile transmission or in portable document format by electronic mail.

Signatures and date:

For Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry	For Indian Institute of Sustainability
 Prof. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel Vice Chancellor, Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry Date: November 8, 2022 Place: Ahmedabad	 Prof. Himanshu A. Pandya, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University Date: November 8, 2022 Place: Ahmedabad
Witness:  WG GANFOAU 	 Registrar Gujarat University Ahmedabad-380 009. Prof. P.N.Gajjar, Dean, Gujarat University Date: November 8, 2022 Place: Ahmedabad