



## Memorandum of Understanding

Between



**Gujarat University, Ahmedabad**

*A University incorporated under the Gujarat University Act, 1949 of the State Government*

&

**University of Ladakh**



**GUJARAT UNIVERSITY**, having its headquarters at Navarangpura, Ahmedabad, represented by Prof. Himanshu A. Pandya, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University and Chair-Person, Indian Institute of Sustainability. On behalf of Gujarat University for this MOU, the Indian Institute of Sustainability will be the representative. The Indian Institute of Sustainability is established and promoted by Gujarat University.

**And**

**UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH**, established under the University of Ladakh Act, 2018 (Governor Act No.LVI of 2018) passed on 16.12.2018, represented by Professor S.K.Mehta, Vice Chancellor.



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

'GUJARAT UNIVERSITY', a University set up under the Gujarat University Act, 1949, located at Navarangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, hereinafter be referred to as 'GU', WHEREAS the GUJARAT UNIVERSITY (hereinafter be referred to as 'GU') is a University set up under the Gujarat University Act, 1949, that was established in 1950. GU has established the Indian Institute of Sustainability (IIS), which aims to be recognised as a one of its kind, 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. The engagement of Gujarat University with University of Ladakh for all assignments shall be through Indian Institute of Sustainability as nodal interphase.

AND

UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH, established in the year 2019 (hereinafter referred to as 'UOL')

WHEREAS

### PURPOSE & SCOPE

This MOU is intended to build mutual cooperation between **GU** and **UOL** so as to learn, assimilate and develop further on the core strengths, experience and institutional objectives of the respective parties in public interest of the advancement of training, research studies, policy analysis, policy advice, consultancy, monitoring, evaluation, system development and technology development in issues and areas related to the development of the cooperation, cooperatives, SHG, SHG federation, FPOs, the agriculture, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, innovation, entrepreneurship, tribal development, rural development, skill development, climate change, value chain development, organic supply chain, natural farming, women empowerment, sustainability, waste management, financial inclusion, policy formation, marketing linkage, development of farmers, system development, SOPs, strategy, training & capacity building, human resources, food processing, SMART Farming, IT, IoT, AI, start-ups, waste management, effluent treatment, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary, and allied sectors and to the holistic approach on sustainable development of communities, cooperatives and livelihood; and any area for the common interest for both universities.



## RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU of BOTH PARTIES

1. Collaborate with each other in the advancement of systems development, technology development, innovation, entrepreneurship and action research in issues and areas related to the development of livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, tribal development, climate change, rural development, agriculture, sustainability, waste management, organic supply chain, natural farming, financial inclusion, human resources, food processing, SMART Farming, IT, IoT, AI, start-ups and allied sectors and to the holistic approach on sustainable development.
2. Facilitate operations of each other, connected with the advancement of training, action research, studies, consultancy, monitoring, evaluation systems development and technology development in issues and areas related to the development of the communities, agriculture, livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, tribal development, climate change, rural development, sustainability, waste management, organic supply chain, natural farming, financial inclusion and allied sectors and to the holistic approach on sustainable development.
3. Collaborate to organise national and international institution-building activities, training activities, research activities, studies, seminars, conferences and workshops which are supported by any of the parties.
4. Collaborate on matters pertaining to the Formation and Promotion of FPOs, SHG Federation, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), cooperatives, Promotion of collectives with a focus on capacity building, training and skill development of stakeholders.
5. Collaborate on training and capacity building of community cadres, PACS, federation, other collectives, FPOs, women, farmers, staff of both parties, etc.
6. Collaborate on the development of livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, innovation, entrepreneurship, tribal development, rural development, skill development, women empowerment, sustainability, financial inclusion, natural farming and allied sectors etc.
7. Collaborate on resources and facilities on matter pertaining to development of the communities, agriculture, livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, tribal development, climate change, rural development, sustainability, value chain management, organic supply chain, natural farming, waste management and allied sectors.
8. Share experiences in the respective areas of activities, areas related to the development of livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, tribal development, skill development, innovation & entrepreneurship, climate change, rural development, agriculture, sustainability, waste management, organic supply chain, natural farming, financial inclusion, marketing linkage, supply chain and allied sectors and to the holistic approach on sustainable development.
9. Support each other for collaboration with its partners in advancement of systems development, technology development, innovation, entrepreneurship and action research in issues and areas related to the development of livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, tribal development, skill development, innovation & entrepreneurship, climate change, rural development, the agriculture, sustainability, waste management, organic supply chain, natural farming, financial inclusion and allied sectors and to the holistic approach on sustainable development.



10. Support each other for the usage of facilities including those connected with the advancement of training, action research, studies, consultancy, monitoring, evaluation systems development and technology development in issues and areas related to the development of communities, livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, tribal development, skill development, innovation & entrepreneurship, climate change, rural development, agriculture, sustainability, waste management, organic supply chain, natural farming, financial inclusion and allied sectors and to the holistic approach on sustainable development.
11. Support each other in communication with and access for promotion of livelihood, farm-livelihood, non-farm livelihood, tribal development, women empowerment, rural development, sustainability, financial inclusion and allied sectors.
12. Support each other for collaboration with external agencies, NGOs, CSR organisations, Government departments, global organisations, World Bank, BMGF, FAO, ADB, GIZ, MASHAV, NABARD, NCDC, NAFED, SFAC, NCUI, APMC, Boards etc. In the advancement of training, action research, studies, policy analysis, policy advice, consultancy, monitoring, evaluation, system development and technology development in issues and areas related to the development of the SHG, SHG federation, cooperatives, the agriculture, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, innovation, entrepreneurship, tribal development, rural development, skill development, climate change, value chain development, organic supply chain, natural farming, women empowerment, sustainability, waste management, financial inclusion, policy formation and allied sectors and to the holistic approach on sustainable development of communities as partner.
13. Collaborate on any other issue is linked with cooperative and enhancement of livelihood.
14. Collaborate to exchange honorary/adjunct professorship to support each other to access each other's facilities.
15. Collaborate to exchange students and faculty.
16. Collaborate to exchange Ph.D. seats as and whenever applicable.
17. Collaborate to exchange Ph.D. guides and Ph.D. co-guides.
18. Collaborate with each other for joint degree programme(s), access to each other's facilities, knowledge exchange, etc.
19. Collaborate on any other issue or other common issues agreeable to both parties.

### **Intellectual Property Rights**

1. All copyrights of the material (print and audio/video) developed by University of Ladakh and Gujarat University in respect of this MOU shall be the property of both parties.
2. University of Ladakh, Gujarat University and Indian Institute of Sustainability shall have control over the content and associated content rights and any rights, obligations, liabilities, encumbrances annexed hereto in the creation/making and broadcasting of the content/creatives/artistic works etc.
3. University of Ladakh, Gujarat University 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 shall will take up funded consultancy projects, research activities and any other activities as mentioned in the MOU as requested by either 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. 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 the need arises, will manage communication on substantive

#### University of Ladakh's primary contact:

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4. The engagement of GU with UOL for all assignments shall be through IIS as nodal interphase. The students and staff of Indian Institute of Sustainability shall be provided first priority in respect of the objectives and thematic areas of work as mentioned in this MoU.
5. This MOU creates no binding on GU and UOL to engage into any specific assignment without mutual consent from both sides.
6. GU and UOL agree to serve the cause of MoU with best intentions. In case of any disagreements between both the organisations, same shall be gracefully resolved using assistance from the apex officers of both organisations and their decisions will final and binding to both organisations.



7. If any of the parties disagree to engage with third person/third party, none of the parties will engage that third person/party for the proposed project.

#### **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 activities, which have not yet been implemented.
3. It can be renewed through a further MoU or through an exchange of letters.
4. The MOU may be terminated by either Party on six months' written notice 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.

#### **Limitations**

This MoU is not intended to be a legally binding document.

#### **Disputes**

Any disputes between the Parties arising out of this MoU shall be settled amicably through negotiation. Any difference that may not be so settled shall be brought to the attention of the signatories of this MoU or duly authorized representatives of the Parties for final resolution.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF SIGNING**

This MOU is non-legally binding. It shall come into effect, upon the signatures and shall remain in force for a period of five years, and, get extended automatically for further periods of five years, unless terminated by either party with a notice in writing at least three (3) months prior to termination.



Signatures and date

For University of Ladakh	For Gujarat University
<p><i>S.K. Mehta</i> 29/11/2021</p> <p>Professor S.K.Mehta, Vice Chancellor University of Ladakh</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Prof. Himanshu A. Pandya, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University and Chair- Person, Indian Institute of Sustainability</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Dr. Jagdish Bhavsar Pro Vice-Chancellor Gujarat University</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Dr. P. M. Patel Registrar, Gujarat University</p>
<p>Date: 29.11.2021 Place: Leh</p>	<p>Date: 29-11-2021 Place: Ahmedabad</p>
<p>Witness:</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 29/11</p> <p>Prof. Deskyong Namgyal, Dean, Academic Affairs University of Ladakh</p> <p>Date: 29.11.2021 Place: Ahmedabad</p>	<p>Witness:</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Prof. VK Jain HOD, Department of Chemistry C/o Gujarat University, Navarangpura, Ahmedabad</p> <p>Date: 29.11.2021 Place: Ahmedabad</p>