

MEMORANDUM  
OF  
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SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA-793022

AND



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AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT - 380009



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This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and executed at Shillong/Ahmedabad on this 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 by and between **North-Eastern Hill University**, a Central University established by an Act of Parliament in 1973, with its office at Umshing-Mawkynroh, Shillong - 793022, East-Khasi Hills, Meghalaya, India (hereafter referred to as **NEHU**) and **Gujarat University**, a University set up under the Gujarat University Act, 1949, and established in 1950, with its office at Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India - 380009 (hereinafter referred to as **GU**). Both NEHU and GU shall also be jointly referred to hereafter in this document as the **Parties** and individually as the **Party**.

Considering the mutually beneficial relationship to be established in areas of research and academic cooperation to further the missions of their respective Universities, both **NEHU** and **GU** entered into this MoU as follows:

**1. PURPOSE**

- a) To establish a mutually beneficial relationship based on academic and scientific cooperation between the two Parties in terms of collaborative programs and other academic exchanges.



- b) NEHU and GU are interested in working together, with mutual collaboration to share each other's strengths in academic programs & research through the facilities thereof. The Parties will mutually benefit their students, faculties and staff for nurturing the research, innovation and creativity among them.

Now, therefore, the Parties hereto have agreed to enter into a 'memorandum of understanding' considering the long-term benefits of sharing the knowledge and resources between the two Universities and establish a strong relationship of academic collaboration, by undertaking joint responsibilities and activities in their respective fields of excellence, research, innovation, resources, knowledge and training & capacity building. *Certain focus areas of interest between the Parties to work together may be - policy analysis & policy advice, system development and technology development, farm and non-farm livelihood, tribal development, rural development, skill development, climate change, traditional practices & knowledge, value-chain development, women empowerment, waste management, SHG & SHG Federation, food processing, SMART Farming, fisheries, animal husbandry and other allied sectors towards holistic sustainable development, biodiversity informatics, data-centric chemical ecology, conservation of North-East India biodiversity and sustainable activities, linguistic diversity & ecology, region-centric documentation & archival of local/indigenous languages, oral literature, creative arts and folk culture of the North-East India under Act East initiative.*

## 2. SCOPE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION:

Both Parties hereby agree on the following areas of collaboration:

- a) Both the Universities shall undertake joint research and academic programs;
- b) Both Universities shall endeavour to jointly organise seminars, workshops, etc. and other academic and outreach programs;
- c) Promotion of research activities in the common area(s) of interest;
- d) Faculty/Scientists in both the Universities may conduct research in either University with prior approval of their respective authorities;





- d) Any activity to be taken up shall be completed within a stipulated time as agreed upon by the Parties.
- e) This MOU will provide the foundation and framework for later collaborative project(s)/program(s) developed by academic and departments of both Parties.
- f) This MOU sets forth the intentions of the Parties to foster collaboration and cooperation in areas of mutual academic interests without any legally bound commitments and obligations. If both Parties or a recognized unit under any of the Parties later agree to undertake specific joint project(s) with legally bound commitment and obligations, separate written agreement(s) for such project(s) shall be made with mutual consent on each Party's contributions, responsibilities, and financial implications. Any such written agreement(s) shall be governed by the terms and conditions as laid in this MoU.
- g) No alterations, additions or modification hereto shall be valid and a binding, unless the same are reduced to writing and signed by both the Parties.

#### 4. MODE OF OPERATION

Each Party shall designate a coordinator or a group of persons for coordinating and carrying out any activity of mutual interest of academic nature, under this MoU. 1. 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. Parties will not change the primary contacts for this communication. If necessary, thematic contacts designated as need arise will manage communication on substantive issues.

GU's primary contact:

Sudhanshu Jangir,

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## 5. FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Nothing in this MoU shall be deemed a commitment or obligation of funds from either Party. Financial implication, if any, for carrying out any academic activity shall be negotiated and agreed upon in writing by the Parties, prior to the start or actuation of a collaborative exercise/activity.

## 6. COMPLIANCE

Both NEHU and GU shall be responsible for compliance with and implementation of respective national/state regulatory and/or licensing agencies during the term of MoU, which shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the applicable laws and statutes of the respective Parties, and shall be contingent upon both Parties for securing and maintaining all necessary accreditation, approvals and/or licenses.

## 7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Both NEHU and GU shall jointly share the outcome of collaborative research works emanating through this MoU, in terms of authorship, patent, copyrights, and other intellectual property rights, as the case may be, during the entire tenure of this MoU.

## 8. ASSIGNMENT

Neither Party shall be permitted to assign, transfer/share any academic interest in this MoU nor any of its outcome without the prior written approval of the other Party.

## 9. LEGAL STATUS

This MoU is not to be construed as creating a legal relationship between the Parties. It is only a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation.



## 10. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- a) This MoU shall become effective from the date of signing by the official representatives of the Parties, and shall be valid and remain in force for a period of five years. The MoU may be renewed and extended upon mutual agreement of the Parties, prior to the date of expiry of this MoU. As part of subsequent extensions, the Parties may agree to make amendments in the MOU.
- b) Neither of the parties believes that the Collaboration contemplated by this MOU raises any actual or potential conflicts of academic interest.

## 11. TERMINATION

- a) Termination of this MoU may be effected upon the deliberation by both Parties. Either Party has the right to terminate the MoU by giving six-month advance notice in writing to the other Party.
- b) Upon termination, any Faculty/Scientist(s) or research student(s) involved in any collaborative program may be permitted to complete the program unless both Parties mutually agree to terminate such collaborative program that would have been started earlier.

## 12. AMENDMENT

This MoU may be amended through mutual agreement of the Parties.

## 13 JURISDICTION

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.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have signed, sealed and delivered this MoU on this 8<sup>TH</sup> November 2022, above written in presence of:



For,

North-Eastern Hill University,  
Shillong

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Prof, Prabha Shankar Shukla

Designation: Vice-Chancellor

Date: November 8, 2022



Gujarat University,  
Ahmedabad

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Prof, Himanshu A. Pandya,

Designation: Vice-Chancellor

Date: November 8, 2022

Witnessed by:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Registrar  
Gujarat University  
Ahmedabad-380 009.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Prof, P.N. Gajjar

Designation: Dean

Date: November 8, 2022