



National Agriculture Cooperative
Marketing Federation of India Ltd



Memorandum of Understanding

Between



Gujarat University, Ahmedabad

A university incorporated under the Gujarat University Act 1949 of the state government

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NAFED

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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

“**National Agricultural Co-Operative Marketing Federation Of India Ltd (NAFED)**, an apex organization of marketing Cooperatives for agricultural produce in India, having its registered office at NAFED House, Siddhartha Enclave, Ring road, Ashram Chowk, New Deldi-110014, India represented through Shri Rajbir Singh Panwar, IFS, Managing Director, NAFED(hereinafter referred to as “NAFED” which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successor and permitted assigns) of the First part”

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

"This agreement is made and executed at Ahmedabad on this 8 November, 2022 by and 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 NAFED for all assignments shall be through Indian Institute of Sustainability as nodal interface. 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 agreement.

AND

NAFED is an apex level organization of Agricultural Marketing Cooperatives in India to organize, promote and develop marketing, processing and storage of agricultural, horticultural and forest produce, undertake inter-state and export of agricultural produce. NAFED is also one of the Central Nodal Agency for procurement of notified agricultural commodities under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) on behalf of Govt. of India. NAFED also procures Pulses for Buffer Stocking under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) Scheme of Government of India. NAFED also do other commercial activities, either directly or through the associated/ affiliated State Federation and Primary Societies as well as procurement and supply of seeds and planting material, bio inputs for agricultural operations including organic farming as well as procurement and marketing of Agri- produce etc. Nafed through its 100 % subsidiary Federation of Indian FPOs and Aggregators (hereinafter referred to as "FIFA") also deals in the arena of Farmers' Producer Organisations (FPOs) with the objective to promote and support FPOs and FPCs by integrating them to markets for agricultural produce and agri-inputs to benefit the farmers."

WHEREAS

PURPOSE & SCOPE

This MOU is intended to build mutual cooperation between the GU and the NAFED so as to learn, assimilate and develop further on the core strengths, experience and institutional objectives of the respective parties in the 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 and allied sectors and to the holistic approach on sustainable development of communities.

RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

1. Role of Gujarat University

- a. Collaborate with NAFED in the advancement of systems development, technology development, innovation, entrepreneurship and action research in issues and areas related to the development of the livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, tribal development, climate change, rural development, the 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.
- b. Facilitate operations of NAFED, 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.
- c. Collaborate to organise national and international institution-building activities, training activities, research activities, studies, seminars, conferences and workshops, which are supported by NAFED.
- d. Collaborate on the matters pertaining to the Formation and Promotion of FPOs, SHG Federation, Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs), cooperatives, Promotion of collectives with a focus on capacity building, training and skill development of stakeholders.
- e. Collaborate on training and capacity building of community cadres, PACS, federation, other collectives, FPOs, women, farmers, NAFED staff etc.
- f. Provide access to the start-ups incubated at GUSEC, AICGUSEC and other institutions of the Gujarat University.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. Provide support to hire intern, young professional and other employees for NAFED as per its needs.

2. Role of NAFED

- a. Share experiences in the respective areas of activities areas related to the development of the 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.
- b. Support GU 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 the 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.

- c. Support GU 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 the communities, 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.
- d. Support GU to organise national and international institution-building activities, training activities, research activities, studies, seminars, conferences and workshops.
- e. Support GU on matters pertaining to the Formation and Promotion of SHGs, SHG Federation, Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs), FFPOs, cooperatives.
- f. Support GU on matters pertaining of SHGs, SHG Federation, Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs), FFPOs and cooperatives with a focus on capacity building, training and skill development of stakeholders.
- g. Support GU on training and capacity building of community cadres, PACS, federation, other collectives, FPOs, women, farmers, NAFED staff etc.
- h. Support GU for the matters pertaining to farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, innovation, entrepreneurship, tribal development, rural development, skill
- i. Development, women empowerment, waste management, FPOs, value chain management, sustainability, climate change, financial inclusion and allied sectors etc.
- j. Collaborate with the start-ups incubated at incubators of the Gujarat University.
- k. Hire interns, trainees and young professionals as per NAFED's need from the courses organised by GU and its institutions such as IIS as and when required.
- l. Help 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 etc.
- m. Provide resources and facilities, NAFED premises and infrastructure on matters pertaining to development of the communities, agriculture, cooperation, livelihood, farm livelihood, non-farm livelihood, skill development, tribal development, rural development, sustainability, woman empowerment, waste management, organic supply chain, FPOs, SHGs, SHG federation, natural farming, training & capacity building, climate change, financial inclusion and allied sectors.
- n. Engage Gujarat University and its affiliated institutions (GUSEC, AICGUSEC, PIER, IIS etc.) as support agency whenever and wherever it is required.
- o. Partner with GU and its affiliated institutions (GUSEC, AICGUSEC, PIER, IIS etc.) and departments 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,



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