



Memorandum of Understanding

Between



Indian Institute of Sustainability, Ahmedabad

An Institute established by Gujarat University under the Gujarat University Act 1949 of the state Government

Indian Institute of Sustainability, having its headquarters at Navarangpura, Ahmedabad, represented by Prof. Himanshu Pandya, Vice Chancellor Gujarat University and Chair Person Indian Institute of Sustainability. The Indian Institute of Sustainability is established and promoted by Gujarat University.

And



University of Kashmir
Hazratbal, Srinagar-190006

University of Kashmir having its main campus at Hazratbal, Srinagar, Kashmir represented by Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, a University established under Kashmir & Jammu Universities Act-1969.



**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) IS EXECUTED
TODAY ON _____ BY AND 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') is an institution set up by Gujarat university under the Gujarat University Act, 1949, that was established in 2021. The Indian Institute of Sustainability (IIS), which aims to be recognised as one of its kind, sustainability institute, operating at the frontiers of practice, research and raining 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

The University of Kashmir is situated at Hazratbal in Srinagar. It is flanked by the world famous Dal Lake on its eastern side and Nigeen Lake on the western side. The Main Campus of the University spread over 247 acres of land is divided into three parts – Hazratbal Campus, Naseem Bagh Campus and Mirza Bagh Campus (serving residential purpose). Additional land has been acquired at Zakura near the main campus for further expansion of the University. The tranquil ambience of the Campus provides the right kind of atmosphere for serious study and research.

Over the Years University of Kashmir has expanded substantially. It has established Satellite Campuses at Anantnag (South Campus) and Baramulla (North Campus) and some more satellite campuses are being established to make higher education more accessible to people living in remote areas of Kashmir valley. The University has also established a Sub-Office at Jammu to cater to the needs of the candidates enrolled with the University from outside Kashmir.

The University is committed to provide an intellectually stimulating environment for productive learning to enhance the educational, economic, scientific, business and cultural environment of the region. The University offers programmes in all the major faculties; Arts, Business & Management Studies, Education, Law, Applied Sciences & Technology, Biological Sciences, Physical & Material Sciences, Social Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Oriental Learning and Music & Fine Arts. It has been constantly introducing innovative/ new programmes to cater to the needs and demands of the students and the society.



Over the years, the University has marched towards excellence in its programmes and activities. It has been re-accredited as Grade-A+ University by the National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) of India. This is recognition and reflection of the high standard of quality in teaching and research at the University of Kashmir.

WHEREAS The Vice –Chancellors of the two Universities, namely Prof. Talat Ahmad Vice-Chancellor ,University of Kashmir (UOK) and the Vice-Chancellor, Gujrat University namely Prof. H.A Pandaye are desirous that the two universities shall work together in wide variety of fields to achieve the lofty goals of sustainability in the sphere of environment and share experiences, research studies etc. The two universities join their hands through the medium of this MOU.

PURPOSE & SCOPE

This MOU is intended to build mutual cooperation between the IIS and University of Kashmir, (UOK) 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, 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

- a. 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 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.



- d. 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.
- c. 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 party.
- 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, staff of both parties etc.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.
 - a. 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 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.
 - b. 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 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.
 - c. 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 etc.



- d. Support each other for collaboration with external agencies, NGOs, CSR organisations, government departments, global organisations, World Bank, BMGF, FAO, ADB, GIZ, MASHAV, NABARD, NCDRC, 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.
- e. Collaborate any other issues which are linked with cooperative and enhancement of livelihood.
- f. Collaborate to exchange Honourary/ adjunct professorship to support each other to access facilities of each other.
- g. Collaborate to exchange for Ph.d guide and Ph.d co-guide for support of each other.
- h. Collaborate with each other for Joint degree program, access of facilities of each other, knowledge exchange etc.
- i. Collaborate on any other common issues, which are is agreed to by both the parties.

Intellectual Property Rights

1. All copyrights of the material (print and audio/video) developed by University of Kashmir and Indian Institute of Sustainability in a collaborative project jointly undertaken under this MOU shall be property of both parties.
2. University of Kashmir and Indian Institute of Sustainability shall have control on the content and associated content rights and any rights, obligations, liabilities, encumbrances annexed hereto in the creation/making and broadcasting of the content/creative/artistic works etc. As referred herein this clause.
and Indian Institute of Sustainability can use the developed material (print and audio/video) for 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 may 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 may jointly devise strategies for seeking resources to meet desired objectives.
3. The Parties shall designate representatives that will serves 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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4. This MOU creates no binding on IIS and University of Kashmir to engage into any specific assignment without mutual consent from both sides.
5. IIS and University of Kashmir 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 be final and binding to both organisations.
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 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. It 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

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