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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION
BETWEEN

BODOLAND UNIVERSITY

AND

BIRANGANA SATI SADHANI
RAJYIK VISHWAVIDYALAYA

Kokrajhar



Golaghat



Bodoland University (Hereinafter referred to as "BU, Kokrajhar"), and the Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya (Hereinafter referred to as "BSSRV") hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as "Party";

WHEREAS, BU established by an act of the Assam Legislative Assembly on 28th February 2009, serves as the sole university in the region, committed to providing accessible higher education to students across lower Assam and the diverse communities within the Bodoland Territorial Area Districts (BTAD). The BU plays a vital role in the comprehensive development of the region especially the people and society through offering an ideal platform for academic interaction and interdisciplinary exchange of ideas;

WHEREAS, BSSRV, established in 2020 as a Public State University located in, Assam, India is committed to providing accessible higher education to students;

Desiring to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") to promote cooperation in scientific education and research;

Both parties have reached the following understanding:

PURPOSE

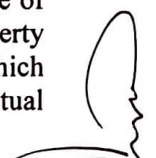
1. The overarching purpose of this MoU is to promote cooperation in higher education and research between the Parties. This mutual collaboration will enable each organization to leverage its strengths in training and research, thereby fostering mutual benefits and establishing a robust framework for collaboration.
2. In the interest of establishing a relationship of mutual benefit to both the Universities, their students, researchers and academicians, BU, Kokrajhar and BSSRV, Golaghat have mutually agreed to collaborate on academic and research-related activities as specifically enshrined hereafter in the MoU with effect from the date on which the parties entered the agreement.

AREAS OF COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION


3. The parties have identified the areas of cooperation under this MoU as follows:
 - a) Resources Sharing: Student Exchange, Academic Resources, Library access and expertise of the faculty members as on when agreed will be shared.
 - b) Joint Guidance: Joint guidance by experts of Parties as per UGC norms.
 - c) Joint Research: Collaborative research among faculty from both the institutions concerned on mutually agreed research areas/fields.

- d) Joint Research Projects: Faculty members may jointly work on externally sponsored projects on chosen areas of interest and expertise.
 - e) Seminars/Symposia/Workshops/Conferences: Jointly organize Seminars/Symposia/Workshops/Conferences on topics/themes of contemporary importance.
 - f) Short-Term training programs: Take part in ongoing continuing education programs, short-term training, and certificate courses of BU with prior approval. Similarly, the same provision may be provided by BSSRV with prior approval.
 - g) Publication: The Parties shall collaboratively determine the authorship of any publication resulting from joint projects or courses organized under this MoU. Publications will reflect the contributions of research workers from each institution and will appropriately acknowledge both parties. All publications related to this collaboration must comply with the intellectual property rights clause of this MoU.
 - h) Joint Programmes: Any expenditure incurred in the joint programs will be borne as per mutual agreement.
- 4. The parties will carry out all the activities arising from this MoU in strict adherence to the relevant laws of the respective university.
 - 5. The parties intending to carry out specific activities or projects under this MoU will subsequently enter into specific project arrangements or agreements, if required, under the collaboration.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 6. It is understood and agreed by the Parties that any Intellectual Property that is created as a result of joint efforts or contribution of the Parties will be owned jointly by the Parties, irrespective of the percentage/mode of the contribution of both the Parties. However, if an Intellectual Property is solely created by a Party, the rights in such Intellectual Property shall belong to the Party which has solely created it. Neither party shall go for publicity of any of the jointly held intellectual properties without first notifying the other party.
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CONFIDENTIALITY

- 7. All information exchanged during the operation of the MoU shall be regarded as confidential unless otherwise agreed between the parties.
 - 8. Neither of the parties shall, without the prior written consent of the other party, disclose any confidential information relating to this MoU to any third party.
 - 9. Each Party agrees to make confidential information available only to those employees and students who require access to it for the implementation of this MoU and to inform them of the confidential nature of such information and their obligation to protect such
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confidentiality. Each Party shall exert reasonable efforts, no less than the protection given its own confidential information, to maintain such information in confidence.

FORCE MAJEURE

10. Neither party shall be held responsible for the non-fulfillment of their obligations under this MoU due to the exigency of one or more of the force majeure events including but not limited to floods, earthquakes, strikes, lockouts, epidemics, riots, and commotions. The affected party must notify the other party in writing within one month of the occurrence or cessation of such events. If the force majeure conditions persist beyond four months, the parties will mutually decide on the appropriate course of action.

VALIDITY

11. In the first instance, this MoU shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of signing by the Parties unless terminated earlier in accordance with the Termination clause.

TERMINATION

12. This MoU may be terminated by either party, at any time, by providing three months' written notice. The Parties shall mutually consult with each other to determine whether activities or projects under this MoU shall continue or not.
13. Termination of this MoU will not affect the validity of any contract or specific agreement made under this MoU.

AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL

14. This MoU may be amended or renewed by mutual written consent between the Parties. Either party wishing to amend or renew the MoU must notify the other party in writing.

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

15. Any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of this MoU will be resolved between the Parties based on the principles of mutual understanding and respect.

COMMENCEMENT

18. This MoU shall come into effect on the date of signing.



IN THE WITNESS THEREOF, the foregoing represents the understanding reached between the Parties on the matter referred to in this MoU and does not create any legally binding obligation upon the Parties.

For and on behalf of Bodoland University

**For and on behalf of Birangana Sati Sadhani
Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya**



Name: Professor B.L. Ahuja

Designation: Vice-Chancellor

Name: Prof. G Singaiah

Designation: Vice-Chancellor



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Designation: Registrar

Name: Dr. Uday Kr Khanikar

Designation: Registrar

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