

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

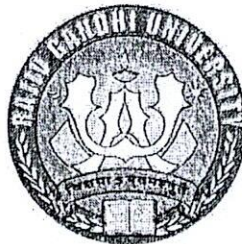
BETWEEN



**G.B. PANT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(Formerly known as GBPIHED)**

(An autonomous Institute of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)
KOSI-KATARMAL, ALMORA, UTTARAKHAND

AND



**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY (RGU)
RONO HILLS, DOIMUKH, ARUNACHAL PRADESH, INDIA**

[Handwritten signature]
04/12/20

[Handwritten signature]
2/12/2020

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
G.B. PANT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN ENVIRONMENT (GBP-NIHE)
(An autonomous Institute of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)
KOSI-KATARMAL, ALMORA, UTTARAKHAND
AND
RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY (RGU)
ROMO HILLS, DOIMUKH, ARUNACHAL PRADESH, INDIA

PREAMBLE

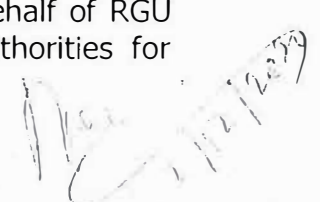
Need for close linkages among National Research Organizations/ laboratories and the Universities has been recognized by different scientific Ministries, Departments and other agencies, including the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and the University Grants Commission (UGC). In compliance to this felt need, the G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBP-NIHE; formerly known as GBPNIHESD), an autonomous Institute of MoEF&CC and the Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Arunachal Pradesh has decided to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 2nd Dec. 2020 at Arunachal Pradesh for pursuing the following objectives of mutual interest:

1. Purpose:

- 1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) serves as a written understanding of mutually agreed principles, between the GBP-NIHE and RGU to undertake the activities of mutual interest between the two institutions.
- 1.2 The General purpose for this collaboration is to provide research opportunity to the students and researchers of either institution in increasing the effectiveness of teaching and research, jointly organize seminars, conferences and academic workshops on topics of mutual interests, publish books, monographs, seminar and workshop volumes etc., and knowledge dissemination.
- 1.3 GBP-NIHE scientists and faculty members of the department of Botany, Zoology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Anthropology, Tribal Studies, Management, Sociology, Economics, Social Work and Computer Application of RGU will work towards joint research projects thereby mutually using research facilities developed/to be developed at GBP-NIHE and RGU.
- 1.4 The faculty and students of RGU shall be issued identity cards/ or application/ papers upon individual requests, through concerned HoDs/Dean of RGU, to be shown to authorities of the Institute as per GBP-NIHE rules so as to provide access to laboratories, library and other facilities of the Institute. Similarly, GBP-NIHE staff and research scholars will be provided access to RGU facilities upon production of authentic identity cards/papers, issued by GBP-NIHE.

2. The authorities and responsibilities:

- 2.1 On behalf of the GBP-NIHE, the Director of the Institute and on behalf of RGU the Vice-Chancellor of the university shall be the responsible authorities for


Date: 11/12/2020

overall implementation of the MoU, unless the responsibility is delegated by them to other competent person/s of their respective institutions.

2.2 However, for technical and administrative co-ordination purpose, and day-to-day routine matters, the respective institutions may appoint/ delegate the responsibility to designated coordinators.

3. Selection and Supervision of PhD scholars:

3.1 RGU will recognize and accept GBP-NIHE Scientists for supervising research leading to the awards of M.Phil./D.Phil./Ph.D./D.Sc. degree as per the provisions of ordinance for the such programme of the University. GBP-NIHE as research Institute shall be duly recognized by RGU.

3.2 Candidates nominated by GBP-NIHE PhD in the above mentioned departments can be extended. However one may have to appear viva. If such a candidate is selected from GBP-NIHE he/she will have to choose a Supervisor/Co-Supervisor from GBP-NIHE. In such a situation the CV of the proposed Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor shall be sent to the University for consideration for approval by the departmental research Committee/Research Board Board and Academic Council of the University. The member of Advisory Committee from GBP-NIHE shall be qualified to be a Supervisor/Co-Supervisor through the same process.

3.3 The Director of GBP-NIHE shall ensure that the interest of the PhD candidates admitted under the MoU shall not be affected in case of transfer of the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor.

3.4 The GBP-NIHE shall issue NoC to the selected fellows to attend classes and do review work in the RGU library during the coursework.

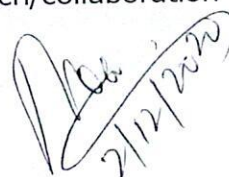
3.5 The progress of research by scholars selected under this MoU shall be jointly monitored by the collaborating institutions and shall decide jointly in case of the need to deregister them from PhD programme of RGU.

4. General:

4.1 GBP-NIHE will provide laboratory and other facility depending upon the availability to the Students/ Researcher/ Faculty of RGU and likewise RGU will provide such facility to the Students/ Researcher/ Faculty of the GBP-NIHE.

4.2 The GBP-NIHE shall allow the UG/PG students of the School of Life Sciences to intern in its laboratory under the guidance of one of its senior academic staff. Faculty/students from RGU will be allowed to carry out a part of research work at GBP-NIHE depending upon availability of laboratory space/facilities and under guidance/supervision of GBP-NIHE faculty.

4.3 RGU shall provide hostel/guest house accommodation for scientists/research scholars/visiting faculty of GBP-NIHE coming for research/collaboration work subject to availability and on usual terms.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date 2/12/2022 written below it.

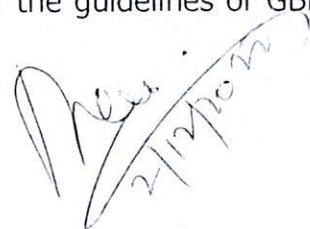
- 4.4 GBP-NIHE and RGU scientists/faculty members will help each other in preparing common observational/research programmes under intimation to their concerning Head of the Institution/ HoDs.
- 4.5 GBP-NIHE will provide laboratory and other facilities (depending upon availability) to the faculty/technical staff/students of RGU and likewise RGU will also provide such facilities to GBP-NIHE scientists/Ph.D. Students/technical staff.
- 4.6 GBP-NIHE and RGU will work closely to generate appropriately trained manpower in areas of individual/mutual competence through organization of symposia, short term training courses, etc.

5. Commencement, renewal, termination and amendment of the MoU:

- 5.1 This MoU shall come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the partner institutions and shall remain effective for 10 (Ten) years w.e.f date of signing.
- 5.2 If either partner institution wishes to continue collaboration beyond 10 years, fresh proposals shall be submitted for mutual consent and either of the institution must notify the other not less than six months prior to the expiry of the MoU.
- 5.3 This MoU and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications may be made by mutual agreement and any amendment or extension/cessation to the MoU may be formalize by the exchange of letters between the two institutions.
- 5.4 Progress of this MoU will be monitored by the Vice-Chancellor, RGU and the Director, GBP-NIHE or their nominees through periodic meetings. Any change/modification/termination as introduced/suggested by the Review Committee (comprising of the Vice Chancellor, RGU and the Director, GBP-NIHE and such other members as may be mutually decided by them) shall be acceptable to both the institutions.

5. IPR and Publication:

- 5.1 Publications and patents (if any) emanating from research work carried out entirely at GBP-NIHE will be the sole property of the institute. Similarly, publications and patents (if any) emanating from research work carried out entirely at RGU will be the sole property of the University.
- 5.2 The outcome of the collaborative research work shall be jointly published. Both parties will ensure the protection of IPR as per the guidelines of GBP-NIHE and RGU.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, followed by the date '2/12/2022' written below it.

6. Jurisdiction:

All disputes are subject to jurisdiction in the Courts at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

7. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be effective from 02/12/2020 To 01/12/2030

On behalf of Rajiv Gandhi University

[Signature]
2/12/2020
(Registrar)
Place: Renu Hills, DMK
Dated: 2/12/2020
Rajiv Gandhi University
Renu Hill, Itanagar (858172)

Witness:

- [Signature]*
1. (Prof. R.K. SINGH)
PROF. & HEAD, DEPT. OF BOTANY
RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY
- [Signature]*
2. Rising 02-12-2020
(Prof. R.K. SINGH)
Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences
Rajiv Gandhi Univ.

On behalf of GBP-NIHE

[Signature]
(Director)
Place: निदेशक
Director
Dated: 02/12/2020
प. प. राष्ट्रीय हिमालयी पर्यावरण संस्थान
G. B. Pant 'National Institute of
Himalayan Environment' (NIHE)
कोसी-कटारमल, अल्मोडा-263643 उत्तराखण्ड
U.K. Katarmal, Almora-263643, U.K.

Witness:

1. Er. M. S. Lodhi
Head, NERC, GBPNIHE
[Signature] 02/12/20.
2. Er. O. P. Arya
Technical Gr. IV(2)
NERC, GBPNIHE
[Signature]
Om Bakshi
02/12/20