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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, GUWAHATI AND RAIN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JORHAT FOR RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and executed at TISS..... on this date of 31st November..... of the year 2017

BETWEEN

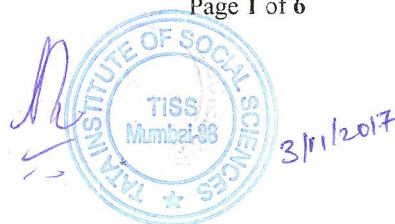
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati having its office at 14 A, Tetelia Road, Jalukbari, Uzan bazaar, Guwahati-7810013 (hereinafter called TISS-Guwahati) which expression shall, where the context so admits include its successors and permits assigns, on the one part.

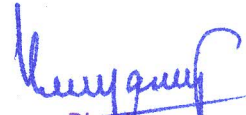
AND

Rain Forest Research Institute of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education having its Office at Jorhat-785010 (hereinafter called RFRI) which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its successors and permits assigns, on the other part.

The MoU between the two Parties mentioned above will act as a framework for cooperative programs to facilitate academic exchange and student mobility, to develop academic relationships, and in support of collaborative research related to

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ecology, environment and sustainable development issues in the North East Region. The collaborative activities will be anchored by the Centre for Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development (CEESD) under School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSSH) of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati campus.

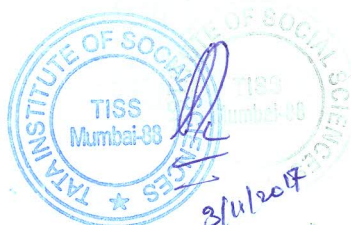
1. PREAMBLE

1.1. WHEREAS, TISS-Guwahati has a mandate to examine and analyze the factors contributing to the improvement of environmental and socio-economic well-being of people in North east India on a sustainable basis with focus on the poor and the other disadvantaged groups through teaching, research, action research and consultancy efforts and to facilitate the sustainable development efforts with particular emphasis and focus on the rural poor by improving the knowledge, skills and attitudes of youth, development officials and non-officials through training, workshops and seminars focused on the specific needs and potentials of North Eastern States of India.

1.2. WHEREAS, RFRI is engaged in forestry research, education and extension specifically with the mandate to attend to the needs of the North Eastern States of India in Sustainable development through conservation and use of their forestry resources,

1.3. AND WHEREAS, TISS - Guwahati and RFRI have recognized that sustainable development in the North Eastern States of India is closely related to the forestry resources of the region and collaboration between TISS - Guwahati and RFRI would be mutually beneficial besides contributing to the conservation and development in these states in a sustainable manner,

1.4. NOW THEREFORE, for furtherance of the objectives of both the organizations, and considering the long term benefits of sharing the knowledge, resources and capacity by undertaking collaborative activities of research and extension, it is hereby agreed between TISS - Guwahati and RFRI as under:



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2. AGREEMENT

The cooperation may concern any areas related to ecology, environment and sustainable development upon which the parties agree. It will include various activities, such as:

2.1. Research Projects

a) TISS - Guwahati and RFRI shall collaborate in research and extension involving sustainable development through forest based Traditional Ecological Knowledge, forest based enterprises, dependence of people on forests, forest governance, market dynamics of forest produce and any other area of mutual interest related to urban and rural development, forest sociology, forest economics, ecological economics, and related fields of study.

b) TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree to include co-investigators in their respective research projects from the partner organization, and also agree to formulate collaborative projects jointly for funding from other national and international agencies, in the areas of mutual interest.

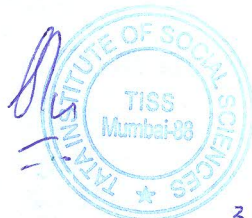
2.2. Resource Sharing

TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree to share their resources of books, journals, reports, maps, digital resources in their GIS lab and any other educational resource, in areas of mutual interest, subject to the relevant rules of copyright.

2.3. Capacity Building

a) TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree to get their personnel trained in the subjects of mutual interest in their organizations, and also encourage their scientists/faculty/students of either institute to attend lectures, workshops and conferences conducted in their respective areas of interest.

b) TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree to jointly conduct capacity building programmes and trainings related to capacity building for conservation, conservation based livelihoods, sustainable development, IT etc. for the functionaries associated with diverse village/state level institutions.



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2.5. Doctoral Advisor for research scholars

TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree that that there are considerable benefits when students are provided with opportunities for conducting their research with the guidance and supervision of faculties specialized in that field. Arrangements to this kind of doctoral advisor for research scholars of one party by the faculties of the other party can be considered on a case-to-case basis.

2.6. Internships for Students

TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree mutually to send students for internship, to the other party. On mutual basis, some concrete operational details, such as the number of exchange students recognizing the internship or study by the parent institution for earning the degree, the period of staying with the other party and treatment etc., will be agreed on by the two parties before the exchange is conducted in the future.

2.7. Exchange of Faculty

TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree that linkages will be strengthened by personnel visits and exchange between the collaborating institutions. The purpose is to exchange information and develop specific cooperative projects and programs. Arrangements for each such visit will be made under the aegis of the institutions. The purpose, timing and other details concerning exchanges and short visits shall be mutually acceptable to the institutions. It is agreed that information concerning the purpose and duration of faculty and research visits, the research backgrounds of personnel and further details, as required, will be provided to the host institutions at least two months prior to the proposed visits.

2.8. Collaborative Educational Programmes

TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree upon the importance of expanding the horizon of ecology, environment and sustainable development education. In view of this, it is agreed to start collaborative educational courses/programmes. The modalities can be worked out by the two parties.

2.9. Publications

a) TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree that all the compilations arising out of the



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collaborative projects will be the joint property of both the parties.

b) TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree to acknowledge each others' contribution in their publications, arising out of the collaborative projects

c) TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree that none of the parties shall file any application seeking intellectual property right in its own name or in the name of its associate or any other person on any matter relating to the information gathered/ disclosed to it by the other party,

d) TISS - Guwahati and RFRI agree that IPR and publication policy will be followed by both the parties.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION, MODIFICATION OF MOU

3.1. This MoU shall be effective from the date of signing and shall remain in force for a period of 10 years from the said date. The duration may be extended with the consent of both the parties under mutually agreed terms and conditions.

3.2. Unless otherwise extended by both the parties, the MoU shall be deemed to be terminated on expiry of the period mentioned above.

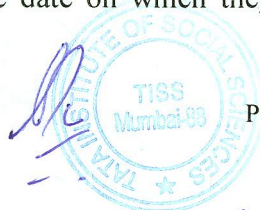
3.3. Any change/modification in the MoU as introduced/suggested by the Director, TISS or the Director General, ICFRE at a later date has to be incorporated with the mutual consent of both the parties.

4. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be held responsible for non-fulfillment of their respective obligations under this MoU due to the exigency of one or more of the *force majeure* events such as, but not limited to acts of God, War, Floods, Earthquake, Strikes, Lockouts, Epidemics, Riots, Civil Commotions, etc.

5. AMENDMENTS TO THE MOU

No amendment or modification of this MoU shall be valid unless the same is made in writing by both the parties or their authorized representatives and specifically stating the same to be an amendment of this MoU. The modifications/changes shall be effective from the date on which they are made/ executed unless otherwise



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agreed to.

6. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MOU

The rights or/and liabilities arising to any part to this MoU shall not be assigned except with the written consent of the other party and subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the involved parties.


7. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

In the event of any dispute or difference between the parties hereto, such disputes or differences shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation, and shall not be referred to any National or a Third Party.

8. Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding

TISS-Guwahati and RFRI hereby agree to execute the objectives of MOU within the framework of Terms of Reference of this agreement. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed, sealed and delivered this agreement on the day, month and year first above written in the presence of:

Date:


Director
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Director

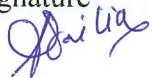
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For Rain Forest Research
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Witness

Dr. Abhinandan Saikia

Name and Signature




Scientist

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Date:


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Dr. S. Parasuraman

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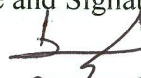
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