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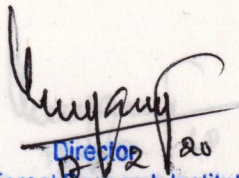
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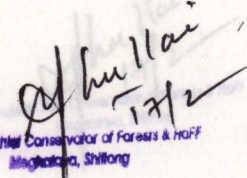
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AND

Meghalaya State Forest Department through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force (hereinafter referred to as the Meghalaya SFD and called the "Second Party") which expression shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the context, include its successors, assigns etc. of the other part:

WHEREAS the objectives of the First Party is to establish "Van Vigyan Kendra" (VVK) in each State/UT to disseminate various technologies developed by the Council and its Institutes and Meghalaya State Forest Department (MSFD) to the user groups including farmers and forest based industries.


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Rain Forest Research Institute
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & H&F
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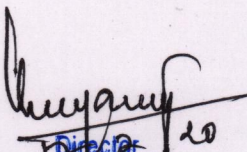
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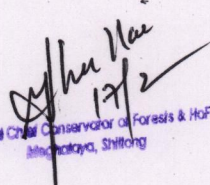
AND WHEREAS Second Party is keen to establish the “**Van Vigyan Kendra**” in its State of Meghalaya for promotion and extension of appropriate Research by organizing training camp and demonstrations, field trials, establishment of nursery etc.

AND WHEREAS the establishment of the “**Van Vigyan Kendra**” (VVK) and related activities in the State as specified herein below are to be fully funded by First Party.

AND WHEREAS the First Party has approached the Second Party for this purpose and Second Party has consented to provide the necessary help in establishing **Van Vigyan Kendra** on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the First Party will equip the **VVKs** with
 - a) Literature in the form of brochures, pamphlets, newsletters etc with a budget of Rs. 3.00 lakhs per year.
 - b) Training/Capacity Building - Two or more short term trainings (duration of total training imparted by First Party in a year will not be less than 2 weeks or as suggested by MSFD commensurate with the requirement of stakeholders) will be organized each for a group of about 20 persons including farmers from State. The purpose will be to train the stakeholders with forest related topics, skill development, capacity building, agroforestry, land use based techniques, etc. This component has been provided with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per year.
 - c) Establishment of Model Nursery - As per requirement, an amount of Rs.7.50 lakhs has been proposed for the purpose. First Party will provide technical guidance through experts/resource persons in RFRI etc. The necessary funds for establishment of the said nursery will be made available by the First Party in a phased manner & as per the progress of the work. The travel expenses of RFRI personnel, for this purpose will be made available from the funds allocated for Model Nursery. Detailed work plan will be jointly prepared by the MSFD and First Party.
 - d) Maintenance of Nursery - Rs.1.00 lakh per year from 2nd year.
 - e) Other extension activities including equipments - Rs.3.00 lakhs is proposed for these activities. The requirement of the equipments will be jointly worked out and the same will be made available to the MSFD.
 - f) Contingencies/Overhead: Rs. 1.00 lakh per year.
 - g) All said shall be activities shall be subject to availability of budget and fund from ICFRE.


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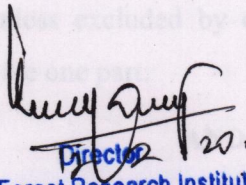
2. **Meghalaya SFD** will appoint Nodal Officer for maintaining coordination with the **RFRI**.
3. **Meghalaya SFD** will provide basic infrastructure for the establishment of VVK. This includes, providing of building, fixture, electric and water supply, appended land for nursery and demonstration purpose etc.
4. **Meghalaya SFD** will help in maintaining model nursery, execution of field demonstration trials, and display centre.
5. Demonstration/field trials will be laid out jointly by **RFRI** and **Meghalaya SFD**.
6. Personnel will be provided by the **Meghalaya SFD**. Part of the expenses on personnel can be met from the financial assistance from ICFRE as mentioned in clause number 01 above, provided the personnel concerned is outsourced for specific items of work listed in clause number 01 above.
7. That the implementing authority will be **Director, RFRI**.
8. That in the event of any minor dispute or differences, the same would be sorted out mutually between **Meghalaya SFD** and **RFRI** in the State of Meghalaya.
9. That all legal disputes will fall under the jurisdiction of the Courts in Meghalaya.
10. That this **MOU** will be initially valid for the period of 5 years from the date of signing this **MOU**. The time period can be extended by the mutual consent of the Parties.

IN WITNESS whereof the **FIRST PARTY** and **SECOND PARTY** have put their signatures on this **MOU** on the day, month and year first above written.

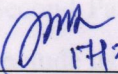
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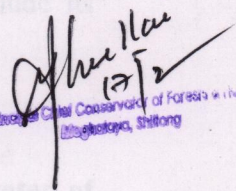

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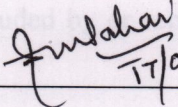
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SECOND PARTY


 Director
 Central Council of Forestry & Allied Sciences
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