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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
& PANCHAYATI RAJ, NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL CENTRE,
GUWAHATI
AND
RAIN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JORHAT
FOR RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and executed
at Guwahati on this date of
fourteenth December of the year 2015

BETWEEN

National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, North
Eastern Regional Centre having its office at Jawaharnagar,
Khanapara, Guwahati-781022 (hereinafter called NIRDPR- NERC)
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AND

Rain Forest Research Institute of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education having its Office at Jorhat-785001 (hereinafter called RFRI) which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its successors and permits assigns, on the other part.

1. PREAMBLE

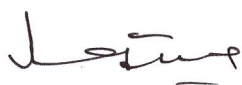
1.1. WHEREAS, NIRDPR - NERC has a mandate to examine and analyze the factors contributing to the improvement of economic and social well-being of people in rural areas on a sustainable basis with focus on the rural poor and the other disadvantaged groups through research, action research and consultancy efforts and to facilitate the rural development efforts with particular emphasis and focus on the rural poor by improving the knowledge, skills and attitudes of rural 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, NIRDPR - NERC and RFRI have recognized that rural development in the North Eastern States of India is closely related to the forestry resources of the region and collaboration between NIRDPR-NERC and RFRI would be mutually beneficial besides contributing to the rural 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 NIRDPR- ERC and RFRI as under:

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2. AGREEMENT

2.1. NIRDPR-NERC and RFRI shall collaborate in research and extension involving rural development through forest based enterprises, dependence of people on forests, demand and supply of forest produce, market dynamics of forest produce and any other area of mutual interest related to rural development, forest economics, ecological economics, forest sociology and related fields of study.

2.2. NIRDPR- NERC 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. NIRDPR-NERC 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.

2.4. NIRDPR-NERC 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.


2.5. NIRDPR-NERC and RFRI agree to jointly conduct capacity building programmes and trainings related to capacity building for income generation, livelihoods, sustainable development, IT etc. for the functionaries associated with Panchayats and other village level institutions.

2.6. NIRDPR-NERC and RFRI agree that all the compilations arising out of the collaborative projects will be the joint property of both the parties.



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2.7. NIRDPR-NERC and RFRI agree to acknowledge each others' contribution in their publications, arising out of the collaborative projects

2.8. NIRDPR-NERC 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,

2.9. NIRDPR-NERC 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 60 months 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 General, NIRDPR 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 agreed to.


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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.

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:

FOR and on behalf of NIRDPR-NERC

Guwahati

Signature: [Signature]
Name : R. M. PANT
Designation: DIRECTOR
Seal: Director
NIRDPR, NERC
Guwahati-781022

WITNESSES

(Name and Address)

1. [Signature] A. G. Deha Jcf.
2. [Signature] Dr. K. Haloi
14/12/15

Date:

Seal of the parties:

DR. K. HALOI
Associate Professor
NIRD-NERC
Guwahati-22

FOR and on behalf of RFRI, Jorhat

Signature: [Signature]
Name : R. S. C. JAYARAJ
Designation : DIRECTOR
Director
Seal : Rain Forest Research Institute
Jorhat (Assam)
(Name and Address)
3. Rajib Kumar Borah
4. [Signature]
Date: [Signature]
(R.K. Karthi)