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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into this December 9, 2015.

BETWEEN

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla-171009 (HP), a regional research Institute of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradoon an autonomous body under the aegis of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, New Delhi and having the responsibility to undertake, aid and coordinate scientific investigations in the filed of Forestry Research in the State of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. HFRI is fully equipped with scientific manpower and is capable of taking up forestry research related issues in the mandated stated of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir (hereinafter referred to as HFRI, Shimla) of the one part.

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St. Bede's College which started as Training Institute for teacher's way back in 1904 is now a pioneer in the field of women's education and has carved a niche for itself. It is a minority institute of great repute in Himachal Pradesh.

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The college aims at higher education and training of young women to fit them to fulfill their obligation in their homes and society irrespective of caste and creed. The college stands for academic excellence, development of skills and character formation. The college presents a series of orchestrated efforts on the academic and co-curricular fronts. It is the only college in Himachal Pradesh to be Re-Accredited 'A' Grade by UGC NAAC. The College has also been selected as the Centre with Potential for Excellence, is selected for Star College status in life sciences by UGC and recently given the Heritage Status by UGC. Together we strive to work for change in society, translating our vision into reality (hereinafter referred to as SBC, Shimla) of the other part.

Whereas HFRI, Shimla- is the premier Research Institute ICFRE, GOI for undertaking Forestry Research having scientific staff with specializations in Forest Ecology, Forest Biodiversity (Plants), Forest Genetics, Silviculture, Non-Wood Forest Products, Agro Forestry, Forest Entomology, Forest Seed Technology and Forest Botany and Scientists here are well trained in their specialized fields in India and Abroad. There are several prestigious collaborative research projects ongoing at HFRI.

Whereas SBC, Shimla- offers undergraduate programmes in Arts, Science, Commerce, B. Sc. Bio-technology and Microbiology, BBA and BCA. The college offers M. Sc. In Dietetics and Food Service Management (IGNOU). The college also offers Post Graduate courses in English and Commerce along with Junior Basic Training (J.B.T.). The college has successfully undertaken RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan) introduced by Himachal Pradesh University.

For furtherance of academic, research and extension activities some collaboration and co-operation is required in between the two institutions with focus on areas of common interest, with the following terms and conditions as applicable to both HFRI, Shimla and SBC, Shimla. Hence, the issues are agreed upon are :

Now this Memorandum of Undertaking witness that :

- 1. SBC, Shimla shall request Director HFRI of the institute for Summer Training for the Students.
 - a. Topic for training of mutual interest shall be decided by the relevant faculty in-charges of the college in accordance with the research divisions and laboratories of HFRI.
 - b. Month, Date and stream shall be decided as per as the academic schedule of the college, availability of students whereas suitable scientists will be allotted by the HFRI.
 - c. Fee shall be paid by the students as per the rules of ICFRE/FRI (Deemed) University.

2. Similarly, appropriate Extension activities on the following lines shall be conducted by SBC, Shimla in consultation with the Director, GCR at HFRI, Shimla.

- a. Lectures of different scientists shall be organized for the students; the topic can be decided by the HFRI scientists as per their specialization/scientific contribution in the relevant fields. Besides, topics in latest advances in forestry and allied fields will also be carved.
 - b. Hands-on-experience for students through workshops on various themes related to forests and environment.
 - c. Lectures for which are delivered to students by the faculty of SBC and demonstration of some of the topics, by means of various research supporting facilities at HFRI.
 - **d.** Establishing a Medicinal Garden/Arboretum at SBC in consultation with the available expertise at HFRI.
 - e. Visit of the SBC students to various research divisions and laboratories of HFRI, Shimla.
 - f. Faculty of St. Bede's participating in the relevant workshops organized by HFRI.
- 3. It is envisaged that consultancy shall be taken by the scientists of HFRI, Shimla for various programmes at SBC, Shimla.
 - a. Panel of expert scientists shall be consulted for the establishment of Medicinal Garden at St. Bede's College.
 - Landscape designing at St. Bede's under technical guidance of the scientists of HFRI
 - c. Suitable amount towards consultancy honorarium shall be paid by SBC to HFRI and to the HFRI for extending such services.
- 4. Any other collaborative programme between two organizations shall be coordinated.
 - a. Scientific Workshops/Conferences can be organized in collaboration with the two parties.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

- a. In order to carry out and fulfill the aims of this MoU, HFRI and SBC both shall designate a MoU Coordinator who shall manage the conduct of joint activities.
 - b. Either Party may initiate proposals for activities under this MoU.
- c. The Coordinators shall be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this MoU according to the practices of their respective institutions.

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DURATION AND TERMINATION OF MOU

- a. This MoU shall become effective from the date it is signed by both parties and shall be valid initially for a period of three years, however, may be renewed further or extended by mutual consent expressed in writing, by SBC.
- Any changes in this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both the Parties.
- c. This MoU may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least one month prior to the date of its termination.
- d. In the event of any dispute that may crop up during execution of MoU, the matter would be settled through arbitration by referring to Arbitration Committee comprising of a member nominated by two organization and one member will be jointly nominated by two organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representative of both the organizations herein set their respective hands on the day, month and year first above written in the presence of following witnesses.

For and on behalf of : For and on behalf of : St. Bede's College Himalayan Forest Research Institute 12/2015 Signature Signature Name : Dr. Sr. Beena John. Name : Dr. V.P. Tewari. Designation : Principal, SBC, Shimla. Designation : Director, HFRI, Shimla. Date : 09.12.2015. Date : 09.12.2015. PRINCIPAL Seal : Seal : St. Bede's College, Shimla 1. Anwy of (Br Shram's Micrich) Associate Professor, Dept. of Bolany, St. Bedels College, Shimly 2. Showthe Thakin Arett. Professor, Dept. of Arett. Professor, Dept. of Zoology St. Bedes College. Witnesses : (Name and Address) Witnesses : (Name and Address) समूह समन्वयक अनुसंधान **Group Coordinator Research** हिमालयन वन अनुसंधान संस्थान 🧎 Himalayan Forest Research Institute शिमला - 171009 SHIMLA-171009 2. Br. Vaneet Vishta Scientist HERE Shimle