

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management,
Tezpur, Assam

and

ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on this 15th day of the month of June in the year 2023 by and between “North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management, Tezpur, Assam-784027”, herein after called as “NERIWALM” and ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam hereinafter referred to as “ICFRE-RFRI”. Both NERIWALM and ICFRE-RFRI are independently referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

The Parties have agreed to engage in a broad spectrum of joint activities in the field of Natural Resource-based Sustainable Livelihood Promotion in the North Eastern part of India. This MoU shall be treated as a platform on which both parties agree to work together in the future. The terms and conditions of this collaboration are as follows:

1. BACKGROUND

North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management (NERIWALM) is an institute under Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. The institute is a registered society under Society Registration Act, XXI of 1860. The major thrust areas of NERIWALM are water resources management, crop-soil nutrient management, watershed management, mapping of water and land resources, command area development, irrigation, and allied sectors; human resources development, technology generation and dissemination of front-line technology through trainings, academics and research and development activities.

ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam

ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam, is one of the constituent institutes of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, an autonomous body of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, catering to the forestry research needs of Northeast India, through its main campus at Jorhat, Assam and the Forest Research Centre for Bamboo and Rattan at Aizawl and the Forest Research Centre for Livelihood and Extension at Agartala. The institute is mandated to carry out research and extension on the subjects of Forests and climate change, Biodiversity conservation, forest ecosystem services, Hydrological function of

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forests, enhancing forest productivity, Conservation of forest genetic resources, Developing bamboo sector, Non-timber forest produce, Forest health, Soil health, forest management, forest policy research, Trees outside forest, Bioprospecting of forest resource, forest-based industries, and Extension and Livelihoods. The Institute is also a centre of the Forest Research Institute deemed to be a University, offering doctorate programme.

2. PURPOSE & SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

The potential areas of collaboration include research, training, capacity building, experience sharing and knowledge management in the domain of Rural Development and Natural Resources-based Sustainable Livelihood Promotion.

3. OUTLINES OF COLLABORATION

Under the aegis of this agreement, NERIWALM and ICFRE-RFRI shall jointly explore the possibilities of working mainly in the North Eastern part of India. The broad areas of cooperation would include the following:-

- a. Conservation and Management of Water and Land Resources;
- b. Development of Sustainable Agricultural Practices, including Agroforestry;
- c. Development of Agricultural and Forestry based Non-Conventional energy resources and alternative fuel technologies;
- d. Research on Biotechnology, Organic farming & Water management, Medicinal Plants, Bamboo and Rattan;
- e. Study on Climate Change, Forest Hydrology and Carbon Capture.

In order to achieve the objectives of collaboration, both NERIWALM and ICFRE-RFRI shall jointly undertake the following activities:

- a. Design and execute training, workshop, seminar, and capacity-building programme in identified areas of cooperation;
- b. Design projects, identify sponsoring organizations and implement such projects jointly with external funding. **However any financial issues coming out of such projects will be separately discussed on case to case basis and will not cover under this MoU;**
- c. Prepare common pool of research facilities & academic resources for access of Scientists, Faculty, and Students;
- d. Organize on-job training, Apprenticeship, Internship and Conferences for Students, Scientists and Faculty **as per norms of either institute;**

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- e. Undertake joint research and publication and thus contribute to knowledge generation and knowledge sharing;
- f. Collaboration for Post Graduate research through student guidance and achievement as per norms in force.

4. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Parties shall perform their respective roles and responsibilities under this MoU with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.

5. VALIDITY OF THE MoU

This MoU shall be valid for a period of five years. However, it can be extended by mutual agreement. Any cessation of the MoU by either party shall be notified in writing to the other Party at least six months in advance.


6. ARBITRATION

Disputes arising out of this MoU, if any, shall be amicably settled jointly by NERIWALM and ICFRE-RFRI.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute the MoU in two original copies in the English language. The MoU shall be effective on the date it is signed.

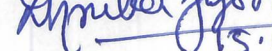

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 Signed for and on behalf of
 North Eastern Regional Institute
 of Water and Land Management
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 प्रबंधन संस्थान, तेजपुर
 North Eastern Regional Institute of
 Water and Land Management, Tezpur
 Name
 Dr. Pradip K. Bora
 Designation
 Director
 Date
 15/06/2023

Witness

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Rajib K. Bora
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 Signed for and on behalf of
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