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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN
MAHATMA JYOTIBA PHULE ROHILKHAND UNIVERSITY, BAREILLY (MJPRU)
AND
NATIONAL INNOVATION FOUNDATION-INDIA (NIF)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Is entered into on the 15th Day of February
2022

BY and Between

The MAHATMA JYOTIBA PHULE ROHILKHAND UNIVERSITY, Bareilly, a State University having

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its campus at Pilibhit By-Pass Road Bareilly, 243006, Uttar Pradesh, India (hereinafter called as the "MJPRU" which expression shall, unless repugnant to the subject or context thereof, include its successors and assigns) of the FIRST PART. The Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University strives to be internationally acclaimed University, recognized for excellence in teaching, research and innovation rooted in the value system and working towards building an intellectual infrastructure, provide the highest quality education to students, nurture their talent, promote intellectual growth and shape their personal development; remain dedicated and serve humanity through the creation of well-rounded, multi-skilled and socially responsible global citizens.

AND

NATIONAL INNOVATION FOUNDATION-INDIA (NIF), a society registered in the year 2000 under the Societies Registrations Act, 1860 and a trust registered in the year 2000, under the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 and an autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology, having its office at Amrapur, Gandhinagar-Mahudi Road, Gandhinagar-382650, Gujarat, India (hereinafter called as the "NIF" which expression shall, unless repugnant to the subject or context thereof, include its successors and assigns of the SECOND PART. It is India's national initiative to strengthen the grassroots technological innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge. Its mission is to help India become a creative and knowledge-based society by expanding policy and institutional space for grassroots technological innovators.

1. Scope

Collaborate to develop an inclusive Innovation Ecosystem through academic and research co-operation between the two institutions. The cooperation will be steered by Rohilkhand Incubation Foundation (RIF) from MJPRU side and NIF Dehradun Cell from NIF side.

2. Objectives

Within the mandate of the respective institutions, both MJPRU and NIF jointly agree:

- To scout, document and facilitate for verification and validation of innovative ideas and innovations submitted by students and farmers, as per the mandate of both the institutions.

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through NIF's incubated technologies/innovative solutions.

- To provide handholding and mentorship support to grassroots innovators for adding value in their technology.
- To disseminate, showcase, share relevant information, creating awareness about innovations and its importance in developing an inclusive innovation ecosystem
- To leverage the expertise of scientists/ faculty of each other's' institutions for academic, technical, mentoring, grassroots level action or any other as deemed fit.
- To engage students in UG/ PG/ Doctorate/Post doctorate projects or research on various aspects related to grassroots innovations under joint supervision of faculty/ scientists of both the institutions.
- To initiate joint research projects with approval of respective competent authorities
- To impart training to innovators, farmers, staff, students and technical personnel within the areas of co-operation.
- To hold/conduct, whenever feasible, joint workshops, conferences, training courses within the areas of co-operation.
- To share facilities, wherever required, to promote academic and research interactions in the areas of co- operation
- To undertake any other activity jointly in areas of mutual interest within the scope of the MoU

3. Areas of Co-operation

- The areas of co-operation as outlined in the objectives above may be modified from time to time by the Coordination Committee set up for the purpose.
- The Director, NIF may nominate a coordinator from NIF to steer the cooperation
- The Vice Chancellor, MJPRU may appoint may nominate a coordinator from RIF to steer the cooperation

4. Co-ordination Committee

- The following will constitute the coordination committee to monitor and review the collaborative program between the two institutions:
 - a) Vice Chancellor, MJPRU or his nominee (s)
 - b) Director, NIF or his nominee(s)
 - c) Any other co-opted scientist/faculty from either of the institutions

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The Coordination Committee shall:

- Review the progress of the activities undertaken at least once in a year
- Consider new project proposals for joint collaboration and implementation on case to case basis including IPR and financial arrangement.
- Consider modification in the areas of cooperation
- Consider any other action under the MoU including termination or renewal

5. Publication and Patents

To be considered on a case to case basis, with the following understanding

- All publications in the programs of co-operation will be co-authored by the concerned faculty/ staff of MJPRU and NIF. No publication related to any joint work shall be made without the other's written consent.
- MJPRU & NIF will be joint holders of any Intellectual Property Right (IPR) produced as a result of this cooperation along with the original innovator(s), if any.
- Any revenue generated from commercialization of IPR or any other joint activity will be shared as per mutually agreed terms.

6. Non disclosures

- In case of joint research projects taken up by MJPRU and NIF, no party will disclose any part of investigation to media in any form without mutual consent.

7. Arbitration

- In the event of any dispute/difference between the two parties, such disputes/ differences shall be solved amicably by mutual discussions without any recourse to courts. The decision of Vice Chancellor, MJPRU and Director, NIF shall be final and binding on each other in such a situation.

8. Validity and Period

- The MoU shall be effective for the date of the signing by both the parties and shall remain in operation for a period of five years.

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9. Termination of MoU

This MoU may be terminated by either of the parties forthwith if the other party commits breach of any of the terms hereof and shall have failed to rectify such breach within sixty (60) days of the written notice in this behalf having been served on it by the other party.

10. 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, Flood, Earthquake, Strikes, lockouts, Epidemics, Riots, Civil Commotions, etc., provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such event, the affected party thereby shall give a notice in writing to the other party within one month of such occurrence or cessation. If the force majeure conditions continue beyond six (6) months, the parties shall jointly decide about the future course of action.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding at MJPRU on the 15th day of February 2022.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED by



Registrar

Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand
University, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh



Scientist & Head

National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF),
Dehradun Cell for North India

Date: 15/2/2022

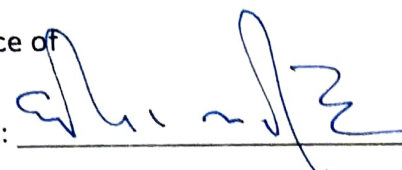
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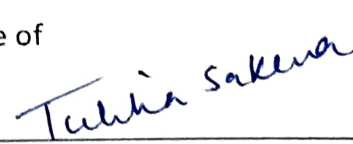
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Name: Vice Chancellor

Name: Prof. Tejha Sakena