

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
BETWEEN**



**KARNATAKA STATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ
UNIVERSITY (KSRDPRU), GADAG, KARNATAKA**

AND



Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement, Mysuru

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made and executed at respective places, as agreed upon between the parties, at Gadag, Karnataka and Mysuru, Karnataka for bringing about inclusive rural development through participatory approaches and to improve the academic standard of all stakeholders via institutional strengths of the Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement, Mysuru by engaging with the other players on subjects of mutual interest and is entered into and made effective from **(Date)**. The said MoU has been approved in the Academic Council of the KSRDPR University in its meeting held on

Between

The **KARNATAKA STATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ UNIVERSITY (KSRDPRU)**, having its Head Office at Raith Bhavan building, General Cariappa Circle, Gadag, Karnataka state an organisation that intends to create value through innovation in various sustainable development practices for the students and rural population, represented by its **Registrar** and hereinafter shall mean and include its successors and permitted assignees shall be known as **“First Party”**.

And

Grassroots and Advocacy Movement GRAAM, represented by its Chairman having its administrative office at **CA-2 KIADB Industrial Housing Area, Hebbal Ring Road, Mysuru - 570 016, Karnataka, India.**, hereinafter shall mean and include its successors and permitted assignees shall be known as “**Second Party**”.

(**KSRDPRU** and **GRAAM** are hereinafter collectively referred as the “**Parties**” and individually as the “**Party**”)

About KSRDPRU:

The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (KSRDPRU), first of its kind in the country was established through the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Act, 2016, for teaching, training and research on Sustainable Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Institutions. The intention of the University is to strengthen the local self-governance system and to give impetus for the study and research for comprehensive rural development in the State of Karnataka. The University has its Head Office at Gadag and a Regional Office at Grammeen abhivruddhi Bhavan, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru. The University is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under 2(f) of UGC Act.

About GRAAM:

Grassroots Research And Advocacy Movement (hereinafter referred to as “GRAAM”), a registered trust with its registered office at **No. 1492/1, Bapu Subbarao Road, Shivarampet, Mysore – 570 001** and its administrative office at **CA-2 KIADB Industrial Housing Area, Hebbal Ring Road, Mysore - 570 016, Karnataka, India.** GRAAM is working in the area of public policy research and engagement focusing on research based on grassroots perspectives and policy engagement driven by empirical evidence through a collaborative approach. It aims to ensure that 'voice' of the communities at the grassroots is significantly accounted for in the process of development and believes in enriching the interactions among all stakeholders viz. the community, the State, the NGO sector and the private sector. GRAAM is working in the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Manipur and Delhi NCR in collaboration with various international and national institutions through its multidisciplinary research, consultancy and policy engagement initiatives.

NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESS AS FOLLOWS

I. PURPOSE OF MOU:

The purpose of the MoU is to promote mutual cooperation in educational, training, consultation and research activities and establish a framework for programmes of exchange and collaboration in areas of Education, Research, Knowledge Building, Innovative and Extension activities, Public Policy, Health, Community Development and other areas of common interests for mutual benefit. This MoU would be applicable on mutual convenient and acceptable terms and conditions.

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 KSRDPRU and GRAAM as under:

1. **Joint Research Programme:**

Both the university / institute shall work for joint and collaborative research and consultancy in the thrust areas of common interests.

2. **Joint Holding of Conference / Seminar / Workshop / Training / Symposia, etc**

Joint organization of conferences / workshops / seminars / symposia / summer schools / training / lectures, etc to improve the exchange of knowledge and experience.

3. **Faculty Exchange Programme**

Both the university / institution shall work for the exchange of faculty depending on the requirement and experience for the benefit of the students and the research scholars.

4. **Joint Publications**

Joint publications of research articles, papers, books to develop research aptitude and to contribute to the world of knowledge.

5. **Academic collaboration**

Institutions shall collaborate in research guidance and internship of students. They shall also be working together in the areas of Course development and also provide faculty members as resource persons depending upon their availability.

6. **Research Scholar Exchange Programme**

To encourage co-operation and interaction between inter-institution visits by the research scholars for wider academic understanding and exposure.

7. **Exchange of Knowledge Resource Sharing** of books, journals and teaching materials including textbooks, audio-videos, publications, reports and other teaching aids.

8. **Online and Distance Learning Programme:** Development of content for online and distance learning programs
9. KSRDPRU shall provide the access of its library (both physically and digitally) to GRAAM. One official institutional access will be provided to GRAAM.
10. Both the institutions will provide an access to the faculties and students to publish their academic and research work in the working papers publication / newsletters and other such publications of each other.

II. NOTICES and Correspondence:

Correspondence relating to the implementation of this MoU will be addressed to the following:

For KSRDPRU: The Registrar, Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Raitha Bhavan, General Cariappa Circle, Gadag, Karnataka-582 101.

For GRAAM: The Executive Director, Grassroots Research And Advocacy Movement, CA-2 KIADB Industrial Housing Area, Hebbal Ring Road, Mysore - 570 016, Karnataka, India.

Behalf of GRAAM, the Executive Director is fully authorised to take a programmatic / activity related decision to execute the collaborative activities mentioned this MoU and future activities initiated under the purview of this MoU.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION, MODIFICATION OF MOU:

1. The partnership shall be effective from, though the date of signing of the MoU is on different days and places 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.
2. Unless otherwise extended by both the parties, the MoU shall be deemed to be terminated on expiry of the period mentioned above.
3. Any change / modification in the MoU as introduced / suggested by the Vice Chancellor, KSRDPRU or Chairman of GRAAM at a later date will be binding on both the organizations.

IV. FORCE MAJEURE:

Neither party shall be held responsible for non-fulfilment 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.

V. 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.

VI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The term “Intellectual Property” as used in this MoU shall mean and include any and all trademarks, trade names, trade secrets, patents, designs, copyrights, algorithms, moral rights, documents, data, and all other intellectual property rights, and all applications thereto, arising out of or pursuant to any activity under this MoU.

All the Intellectual Property rights related to the documents relating to the Project or any other product or work created, produced or generated by the Parties, jointly or individually, pursuant to this MoU (“Work”) shall be the joint property of all the Parties. Each Party shall be credited appropriately in the Work. Each Party agrees to provide all documentation and sign all documents prepared or specified by the other Party which are necessary to apply for, register, perfect, obtain or enforce any ownership and intellectual property right in relation to the Work.

Use of such Work, except in relation to the Project, by any Party shall be subject to prior written consent of all the other Parties, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

VII. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MOU:

The rights or / and liabilities arising to any part of 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.

VIII. 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.

This MoU, and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of India.

IX. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT / BUDGET/ REMUNERATION

Implementation of each activity mentioned in Clause of this MoU shall be subject to the availability of the required funds and approval(s). Specific agreements will be executed between the Parties on the final agreement of activities under this MoU.

Faculties and trainers are paid as per the institutional standards and/or as per the budget available for the assignment whenever their services are used by the other party.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing contained in this MoU shall constitute or be deemed to constitute a partnership between the Parties and no Party shall hold itself out as an agent for the other Party or any of them, except with the express prior written consent of the other Parties. It is also expressly agreed upon that employees and/or agents of one party shall not claim to be employees and/or agents of the other party.

None of the Parties hereto may assign or transfer any of its rights, benefit, or interest in this MoU without the other Parties' prior written approval.

This MoU may be executed by the Parties in separate counterparts each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayati Raj University (KSRDPRU) and Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), each acting through its representative duly authorised there to have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date written in two original sets in English, after the signature and seal of the parties hereto.

FOR KSRDPRU, GADAG

FOR GRAAM, Mysuru

Signature:.....

Signature:.....

Name:.....

Name: Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Designation:.....

Designation: Chairman

Seal:.....

Seal:.....

WITNESSES

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