

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
BETWEEN**



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

AND



**Centre for Green Building Materials and Technology, Bangalore
(Hereinafter called CGBMT)**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made and executed at respective places, as agreed upon between the parties, KSRDPRU, Gadag, Karnataka for bringing about inclusive rural development through participatory approaches and to improve the academic standard of all stakeholders via organisation's strengths of CGBMT ,Bangalore by engaging with subjects of mutual interest and is entered into and made effective from 26th April, 2021.

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 organization 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

Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Green Building Materials and Technology Bangalore represented by its Chairman having office at **No 20 Aditigreescapes, Venkateshpura, Sampigehalli road , Jakkur PO, Bangalore - 560064, Karnataka, India.**, hereinafter shall mean and include its successors and permitted assignees shall be known as "**Second Party**".

(KSRDPRU and CGBMT 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 CGBMT:

Center for Green Building Materials and Technology, Bangalore

CGBMT is a Trust, registered under section 12 A (a) of Indian Societies Act, 1961.

CGBMT’s goal is to promote a sustainable way of living, that is living in harmony with nature respecting resource equity in this earth. CGBMT is working in the Sustainable Building sector for over 16 years in various fields of Advocacy, Sustainable Design and Development, education, research and skill development. Committed to promote and provide "Green - i.e., Environment-friendly, low energy and cost-effective solutions for green living" through research, sourcing, networking and execution. The main goal of CGBMT lies in the providing advanced education, support, guidance in Eco-Friendly and cost effective Building Materials and technologies, to provide a forum for seminars, exhibitions, workshops, orientation programmes, awareness programmes of Green Building Materials and Technology. CGBMT has been promoting bamboo in all sectors through education, skilling, and Research and Development activities relating to the material and technologies for over 16 years.

NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESS AS FOLLOWS

I. PURPOSE OF MOU:

India has the second largest production of bamboo in the world and first in terms of area under bamboo forest and plantations in rural and tribal areas. We also have lot of traditional knowledge with our bamboo communities and artisans. Bamboo can be a major vehicle of integrated development for our rural and tribal population, thereby helping us achieve the SDGs, sustainable development goals and other goals of our PM, like Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, PM’s rural development programs etc.

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 and other areas of common interests in the field of Bamboo for mutual

benefit. This MoU would be applicable on mutually 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 CGBMT 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. Joint Publications: Joint publications of research articles, papers, books to develop research aptitude and to contribute to the world of knowledge.
4. Academic collaboration: Both Institutions shall collaborate in research guidance and internship of students. They shall also provide faculty members / resource persons depending upon their availability to meet specific organizational requirements.
5. Research Scholar Exchange Programme To encourage co-operation and interaction between inter-institution visits by the research scholars for wider academic understanding and exposure.
6. Exchange of Knowledge Resource Sharing of books, journals and teaching materials including textbooks, audio-videos, publications, reports and other teaching aids.
7. Online and Distance Learning Programme: Development of content for online and distance learning programs
8. KSRDPRU shall provide the access of its library (both physically and digitally) to CGBMT.
9. 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 in consultation upon mutually agreed terms.
10. KSRDPRU will provide space of 1-2 acres of land in their campus for cultivation various species of Bamboos for demonstration purpose. CGBMT will arrange to provide the required bamboo shoots and technical knowhow for cultivation of the same.
11. CGBMT will collaborate with KSRDPRU to set up demonstrable units like houses, cabins, cottages, aesthetic green structures etc which will benefit various stake holders in the rural sector,

12. Both parties will together to provide training and skilling facility to artisans, to promote Eco-Friendly and cost effective Building Materials and technologies,
13. Both parties will together work towards promoting Bamboo cultivation and provide forward linkages for the growers.

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 CGBMT: Ar.Neelam Manjunath, CGBMT, No 27 Aditigreenescapes, Venkateshpura, Sampigehalli road , Jakkur PO , Bangalore - 560064, Karnataka, India.

On behalf of CGBMT, the CEO is fully authorized 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 26th April, 2021, 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 CEO of CGBMT at a later date will be binding on both the organizations.

IV. 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.

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 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 (CGBMT), 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

Signature:.....

Name: *Prof. Basavaraj L. Lakkannavar*

Designation: *Registrar*

Seal: **REGISTRAR**
The Karnataka State Rural Development
and Panchayat Raj University, GADAG

FOR CGBMT, BANGLORE

Signature:.....

Name: Ar. Neelam Manjunath

Designation: CEO

Seal:.....

WITNESSES

(Name and Address)

(Name and Address)

1. *[Signature]*
Asst. Dir. CRIC
(Ginshi Dixit) KSRDPRU.

2. *[Signature]*
Faculty-MPH
(Dr. Gulappa. D)

Date: *26.04.2021.*

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Date:.....