

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**



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

**AND**

**GIST** 

**GLOBAL INDIAN SCIENTISTS & TECHNOCRATS FORUM (GIST).**

**Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag (KSRDPRU)** represented by its **Registrar** here in after referred as '**First Party**', which expression, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context shall include its successors-in-office, administrators and assigns.

**And**

**Global Indian Scientists and Technocrats Forum (GIST)** a registered body with **Headquarters in Bhopal India** represented by its **International Convener**. Here in after referred to as "**Second Party**", which expression, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context shall include its successors – in-office, administrators and assigns.

#### **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 1956.

#### **About GIST.**

**Global Indian Scientists & Technocrats Forum abbreviated as GIST Forum** is an Initiative of Global Indian Scientists & Technocrats Forum which is a registered body in Bhopal India.

This is a voluntary conglomeration of Scientists, Technocrats, diaspora of Indian origin and also the Indian nationals desirous of finding sustainable solutions to India's problems using science and technology route by exploring mutual collaborative engagements.

GIST Forum has many initiatives in the field of Education, Agriculture, Nutrition, Life sciences etc. Eradication of the problem of malnutrition in the country by way of Aahaar Kranti (आहार क्रांति) is one of the flagship programs initiated by the GIST Forum and is being implemented by collaborating with Government, Research Organizations, Academic Institutions, NGOs and like minded individuals.

NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS.

## **I. Scope of this MoU**

### **A. Joint Responsibility.**

**1. Cooperation.** Both Parties are united by common interests and objectives, and they shall establish channels of communication and co-operation that will promote and advance their respective operations within their related constituents. The Parties shall keep each other informed of potential opportunities and shall share all information that may be relevant to secure additional opportunities for one another.

General terms of co-operation shall be governed by this MOU.

The Parties shall cooperate with each other and shall, as promptly as is reasonably practical, enter into all relevant agreements, deeds and documents (the 'Definitive Documents') as may be required to give effect to the actions contemplated in terms of this MOU. The term of Definitive Documents shall be mutually decided between the Parties. Along with the Definitive Documents, this MOU shall represent the entire understanding as to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede any prior understanding between the Parties on the subject matter hereof.

**2. Creating Nutritional Awareness.** Both parties will work towards raising the awareness of the importance of a nutritionally balanced diet, sensitize people to the value of our traditional diet, healing powers of local fruits and vegetables, and to the benefits of a balanced diet through hard and soft interventions.

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

### **4. 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.

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

### **B. Activities under the scope of KSRDPRU. (First Party)**

**1. KSRDPRU** will facilitate in organising various community engagement programs of

GIST under Aahaar Kranti and similar activities and will mobilise the human resource from within (faculty and students of the University) and outside (teachers, Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers etc) to participate in these programmes. (For example, a nutrition awareness programme for school children.)

2. **KSRDPRU** will provide Operational and Logistics support required to organize programs sponsored by GIST during the course of implementation of Aahaar Kranti and similar initiatives.

3. **KSRDPRU** will undertake Impact assessment of program/ initiatives undertaken under collaboration with GIST.

4. **KSRDPRU** will provide training to the trainers who will be involved in the various initiatives as per the agenda of GIST. Necessary course structure and content for these training modules will be provided by GIST.

### **Activities under the scope of GIST (Second Party)**

1. GIST has a trans-national spread and has inspired organizations nationally and internationally to participate in the process of nation-building through community services. **KSRDPRU** harbors similar aspirations and requires the support and participation of such institutions and organizations in their endeavor. Wherever it is applicable, GIST will support **KSRDPRU** in connecting with these organizations and bringing in projects and project-based funding for the University.
2. Internship and engagement: GIST will also support students / scholars of **KSRDPRU** in securing internship / training opportunities in organizations with whom they are networked.
3. **KSRDPRU** could use the GIST Forum as its partner in seeking collaboration with other universities, research organizations and NGOs.
4. To provide necessary course structure and content for training modules which will be conducted by **KSRDPRU** for trainers involved in implementation of GIST/ University sponsored initiatives.

### **II. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS.**

There is no financial commitment on the part of the **Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag**, the First Party to take up any programme mentioned in the MoU. If there is any financial consideration, it will be dealt separately. Similarly there are no financial or monetary commitments on the part of **GIST**, the Second Party to take up any programme mentioned in the MoU. If there is any



### III. Intellectual Property

Nothing contained in this MOU shall, by express grant, implication, Estoppel or otherwise, create in either Party any right, title, interest, or license in or to the intellectual property of the other Party.

### IV. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

It is expressly agreed that KSRDPRU and GIST are acting under this MOU as independent contractors, and the relationship established under this MOU shall not be construed as a partnership. Neither Party is authorized to use the other Party's name in any way, to make any representations or create any obligation or liability, expressed or implied, on behalf of the other Party, without the prior written consent of the other Party. Neither Party shall have, nor represent itself as having, any authority under the terms of this MOU to make agreements of any kind in the name of or binding upon the other Party, to pledge the other Party's credit, or to extend credit on behalf of the other Party.

### 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. 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.

### VII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

Any divergence or difference derived from the interpretation or application of the MoU shall be resolved by arbitration between the parties as per the Arbitration Act, 1996. The place of the arbitration shall be at District Head Quarters of the First Party. This undertaking is to be construed in accordance with Indian Law with exclusive jurisdiction in the Courts of Gadag/Bangalore.

### VIII. VALIDITY

This Agreement will be valid until it is expressly terminated by either Party on mutually



agreed terms, during which both parties will take effective steps for implementation of this MOU. Both Parties may terminate this MOU upon 30 calendar days' notice in writing. In the event of Termination, both parties have to discharge their obligations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayati Raj University (KSRDPRU) and GLOBAL INDIAN SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOCRATS FORUM (GIST) 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 GIST

For, Global Indo Scientists and Technologists Forum

Signature: 

Name:


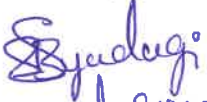
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WITNESSES



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Date: 30.11.2021

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