

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
BETWEEN**



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

AND



Rashtram School of Public Leadership, Rishihood University, Sonipat, Haryana

THIS **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is made and executed at respective places, as agreed upon between the parties, at Gadag, Karnataka and Sonipat, Haryana for bringing about integrated development through Public Leadership and Academic and Research collaboration by engaging with the other players on subjects of mutual interest and is entered into and made effective from 25 September 2021.

Between

The **KARNATAKA STATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ UNIVERSITY (KSRDPRU)**, having its Head Office at Raitha 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

RASHTRAM: School of Public Leadership, Rishihood University represented by its Dean having its administrative office at NH44, Opp. Tau Devi Lal Park, B/H Rukmini Devi Public School, Sector 7, Sonipat, Haryana – 131021, India., hereinafter shall mean and include its successors and permitted assignees shall be known as “**Second Party**”.

(**KSRDPRU** and **RASHTRAM** 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 GrammeenabhivruddhiBhavan, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru. The University is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under 2(f) of UGC Act.

About RASHTRAM:

Rashtram School of Public Leadership nurtures 'self-aware' and 'civilisationally-assured' public leaders who are nourished by Indic knowledge traditions and systems of thought. The specific focus of the school is to prepare leaders in three domains: Academia, Politics, and Civil Society. Rashtram designs and conducts executive learning programmes, engages in research to align institutions with Indic thought, fosters an ecosystem of young leaders in India and abroad and strategically partners with organisations across the world.

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 RASHTRAM as under:

1. **Joint Research Programmes:**
Both the universities 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 and Students Exchange Programmes**
Both the universities shall work for the exchange of faculty and students 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 Programme, Courses and Curriculum development and also provide faculty members as resource persons depending upon their availability.
6. **Research Scholar Exchange Programmes**
Promote cooperation and interaction between inter-institutional visits of researchers for broader 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:** Jointly develop content for online and distance learning, certificate and Diploma programmes in areas of mutual expertise and conducting these programs together.
9. **Joint Project Execution:** Jointly prepare project proposals in contemporary and relevant areas of mutual interest and expertise for submission to State and Central Govt agencies, National and International organisations for the purpose of funding, execution and evaluation. Also explore CSR funding from above organisations for the said purpose.
10. KSRDPRU shall provide the access of its library (both physically and digitally) to RASHTRAM. One official institutional access will be provided to RASHTRAM.
11. 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, RaithaBhavan, General Cariappa Circle, Gadag, Karnataka-582 101.

For RASHTRAM: Dean,RASHTRAM, NH44, **Opp.Tau Devi Lal Park, B/H Rukmini Devi Public School, Sector 7, Sonipat, Haryana – 131021, India**

Behalf of RASHTRAM, the Dean 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 25-09-2021 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 Dean of RASHTRAM 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 RASHTRAM, 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

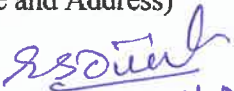

Designation: Registrar

REGISTRAR

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

WITNESSES

(Name and Address)

1. 
Girish Dixit
Asst Director
2. 
(Dr. Santhosh Kumar Pillai)

Date: 25th Sep. 2021

FOR RASHTRAM, HARYANA

Signature:.....

Name: Shri. Shobhit Mathur

Designation: Co-Founder and Dean

Seal:.....



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4. Deepak, Sonipat

Date: 25th SEP 2021

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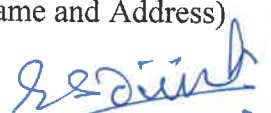
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Girish Dixit

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2. 
(Dr. Santhosh Kumar PK)

4.

Date: 25th Sept 2021.

Date:.....

