

**MEMORANDUM
OF
UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

BETWEEN

**CHINMAYA ORGANISATION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DHARAMSHALA**

AND

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY of
HIMACHALPRADESH, DHARAMSALA**

This Memorandum of Understanding hereinafter referred to as MoU is signed on this21.....day of **October** in the year **2021** between the **CORD (Chinmaya Organisation for Rural Development), Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh**, hereinafter called "CORD" which expression, unless otherwise provided, shall include its successors and assignees, on the one part and the **Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, District Kangra (Himachal Pradesh)-176215**, hereinafter called "CUHP" which expression, unless otherwise provided, shall include its successor of assignees on the other part.

1. Preamble:

- 1.1 Whereas the CORD and CUHP have realized the need for a close linkage between National Laboratories and Universities in terms of research and academic activities. In compliance to this idea, the Chinmaya Organisation for Rural Development, Dharamshala and the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP), established under the Central Universities Act 2009, have expressed a desire to join hands for the cause of promotion of quality research and high end science and decided to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to initiate academic and research programmes between the two Institutions in the broad areas of Biosciences and Bioinformatics as per the following terms and conditions:

2. Recitals

- 2.1 AND WHEREAS both the CORD and the CUHP recognize that they share common goals and are desirous to establish, a cooperative arrangement towards - strengthening Indian higher education and research through mutual resource sharing.
- 2.2 AND WHEREAS both organizations are desirous to associate in all other related areas as may be agreed upon for furtherance of knowledge based enterprises, technical and management skill for future technology development, extension programmes, exchanging of information and work towards effective Research Institutions-Academia partnerships for Human Resource Development and R&D.
- 2.3 NOW THE PARTIES (CORD and CUHP) HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND agree to collaborate on collaborative and joint research work in the various areas of mutual interest by entering into this MoU covering the activities as detailed below:

3. Period of MoU and its Extension

- 3.1 This MoU comes into effect from the date of its signing and will remain in force till the completion of five (05) years. Its validity can be extended by mutual agreement between both the parties.
- 3.2 This MoU supersedes all the previous correspondences and discussions, undertakings and agreement between the two parties on the subject pertaining to this MoU.

4. Scope of MoU

- 4.1 The scope of the MoU will be to collaborate for research and extension activities carried out by the Institutions in the field of rural development. Both the Parties hereto wish to record the following main areas of cooperation on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- 4.1.1 Mutually sharing of infrastructural facility for pursuing research and conducting R&D programmes.
- 4.1.2 Knowledge sharing in the field of applied and basic sciences.
- 4.1.3 Collaborative and Joint research projects by the CORD officials and faculty members of the CUHP through mutual sharing of the research and extension facilities at CORD and CUHP.

4.1.4 CORD and CUHP will work closely for up-liftment of rural society by mutually identified areas of Science & Technology through organization of formal extension programmes, symposia, short-term training courses, etc. TA/DA for faculty, students and officials will be borne by the respective organizations.

4.2 Responsibility of CUHP

4.2.1 CUHP will recognize CORD as an accredited Centre for pursuing research and extension activities jointly.

4.2.2 CUHP shall provide access to Library and research facilities to the trainees and officials of CORD and that they shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the University as applicable to the faculty and research scholars of the University.

4.3 Responsibility of CORD

4.3.1 CORD shall provide access to its Library and infrastructure facilities to the students and faculty members of the CUHP and that they shall be governed by the rules and regulations as applicable to CORD.

4.3.2 CORD will provide summer training, research facilities to students and CORD officials will help in extension programmes for these students.

4.3.3 CORD shall arrange Hostel/Guest House accommodation for Central University of Himachal Pradesh students coming for summer trainings subject to availability of accommodation and in accordance to the guidelines for accommodation charges by CORD and with the condition that all will follow rules and regulations of CORD in the premises, field and any other institution/place when visiting them while in CORD for their work, learning's & research.

5. Areas of Collaborative Research

5.1 Areas of collaborative research shall be worked out mutually between the two parties keeping in view the research needs and priorities of the two parties and also depending upon the research expertise and research facilities available in the CORD and the CUHP.

5.2 Both parties will organize joint extension programmes and involve students of the CUHP.

5.3 Students of CUHP may be involved in the different activities carried out by the CORD.

6. Co-ordination & Progress Review Committee (CPRC)

6.1 It is agreed that the progress of this MOU shall be monitored by a Review Committee comprising Vice-Chancellor of the CUHP and the Chief Operating Officer, representing the National Director of CORD through periodic meetings.

6.2 Chief Operating Officer of CORD and Dean of the School concerned from CUHP would be the coordinators for activities under this MoU.

7. Financial Terms

7.1 There shall be no financial obligations on the part of the CORD and CUHP. Expenditures related to sample preparation, and experimentation would be borne by respective labs at their own end.

8. No Liability Clause

8.1 CORD shall not be responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever, resulting due to implementation of any technology at the premises of CUHP or CORD, or due to testing of the same at the premises of CUHP or CORD.

8.2 CUHP & CORD shall not be responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever, resulting due to implementation of any technology at the premises of CUHP or CORD, or due to testing of the same at the premises of CUHP or CORD.

8.3 The candidate while in CORD will be responsible for their own health and well-being and costs involved. They will waive CORD from any liabilities and legal issues concerning their health and well-being.

8.4 When sharing the learning and experience acquired at CORD with someone else at the university, school or at any other platform or publishing it, CORD will need to acknowledge CORD and will have to send a copy of the literature to CORD. When publishing documents on CORD's learning experiences –one will have to take prior permission from CORD through email or in writing.

9. MoU and its Amendments

9.1 This MoU shall be the principal repository of the terms and conditions agreed to between the parties and no amendment thereof shall take effect or be binding on both the parties unless

such amendment is authorized by them and is recorded in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of both the parties.

10. Termination

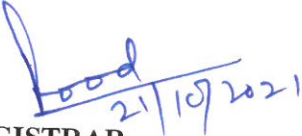
10.1 In case it is found by the two parties that the desired objectives cannot be achieved due to any reason(s) whatsoever, this MoU will be treated as terminated by a mutually agreed procedure without any liability on either of the party.


11. Hold Harmless

11.1 The CORD agrees to hold CUHP harmless from any claim or damages arising from the CORD's performance of work under this contract. CORD shall also hold CUHP harmless without any limitation from any claims or damages raised or damages suffered by the CORD.

11.2 The CUHP agrees to hold CORD harmless from any claim or damages arising from the CUHP's performance of work under this contract. CUHP shall also hold CORD harmless without any limitation from any claims or damages raised or damages suffered by the CUHP.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have duly executed this MOU on 21 day of October year Two Thousand and Twenty One.


REGISTRAR
Central University of
Dharamshala, Kangra, H.P.


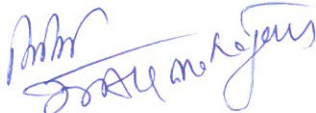

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, CORD
CORD Training Centre Sidhbari
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