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This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016 between the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL INSTITUTES, Ministry of Human Resources Development Govt. of India Hyderabad represented by the Chairman hereafter to be called the '**FIRST PARTY**' and the CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, Dharmashala represented by the Vice Chancellor, here-after to be called '**SECOND PARTY**'

The National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI) aims at Human Resource Development and Capacity Building of Universities and Higher Educational Institutions in the country. Established in 1995 by the Government of India under the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, the NCRI seeks to usher in academic i.e., teaching-learning and research activity focused on issues of concern to rural India. Its HRD endeavors and instruments of development include curriculum development, curriculum transaction, curriculum standardization and curriculum accreditation with workshop, material development, teaching, research, action research, advocacy and hand-holding of academic activities focused on rural concerns.

The NCRI interfaces with universities and institutes of higher learning even while collaborating and converging with the objectives of educational and academic infrastructure that can make a lasting difference to the life and living standards of the rural India. HRD is our operational framework and Human Development is the goal.

Development of backward areas and their representative institutions, boosting the flagship social and rural programmes with focus on education, employment, livelihoods and rural

resilience building comprise the core initiatives. Developing a committed and competent cadre of Academic Professionals interested in rural issues is another major objective of NCRI. These Professionals are expected to streamline and deliver education effectively and efficiently with emphasis on inclusion and regional prosperity. The Council seeks to empower the rural education and the academics manning them. Empowerment of the people will be a well designed corollary.

The NCRI aims at forging academic partnerships and networks with Central Universities and National Institutions as well as cutting edge public organizations. Emerging opportunities for strengthening Social Development and Economic Growth initiatives in the rural areas are identified with a view to promoting participatory development. Capacity building and professionalization of Rural Academic activity, entrepreneurship, livelihoods, community initiatives, creativity of local groups and proactive development action constitute the core content of NCRI's research and capacity building programmes and field interventions.

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh at Dharamshala is set up under the Central University of Himachal Pradesh Act 2009 enacted by the Parliament. The university is funded and regulated by the UGC. Among the objectives of the university are to train manpower for the development of the country ; to make special provision for integrated courses in humanities social sciences, science and technology in its educational programs and to pay special attention to the improvement of social and economic conditions and welfare of the people, their intellectual academic and cultural development. University offers a unique course namely Community Lab to students where students interact with village Communities, Collect socio-economic data and prepare reports which is in consonance with a step towards realizing Mahatma Gandhi's dream of making rural India the focal point of holistic development .

The objective of the partnership is to fulfill a common vision of collaborative academic activity. Promotion of education and employability of unemployed rural and tribal youth belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families will also be a top priority.

In addition to the above objectives, both the parties are desirous of establishing a working relationship to provide guidance and research for building resilient rural India. The first and second parties will collaboratively conduct the workshops with shared faculty and materials resources as mutually agreed upon.

**The Functions and Responsibilities of the First Party (NCRI) are as follows:**

1. The first party will run a set of workshops collaboratively in line with the workshop framework and as per the instructions agreed upon.
2. The first party shall be responsible for all clearances related to workshops that may be required from time to time including programme content and cost.
3. The first party shall arrange Stationery, Participant badges, Workshop Participation Certificates and workshop related material to the participants.
4. The first party shall make payment of TA/DA to each participant, catering and other logistics on mutually agreed terms by the second party from the funds released by the first party.
5. The first party team expenses shall be borne by NCRI. The team will function under the overall supervision and guidance of the NCRI in all matters relating to workshop content management, communication and documentation.
6. The programme administration (design, communication and management) costs @Rs 40,000 for 2 day programme will be paid by the first party. This includes the cost of reporting the workshop proceedings in one hard and one soft copy.

**The Functions and Responsibilities of the Second Party (CUHP) are as follows:**

1. The second party owns the campus (buildings) at TAB Shahpur, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh where the workshops will take place and also at other locations mutually decided from time to time at different places in the State.

2. The second party will make available their existing infrastructure i.e, Classrooms, Hostel and Guest House, Library, Computers, Printer, LCD Projectors, PAS, Chairs, Tables, etc for the workshops to be conducted in collaboration with the first party.
3. Both parties also agree that the first party can bring and return relevant workshop material as and when required.
4. The second party will take care of the maintenance and upkeep of the building i.e. housekeeping, security, sanitation, fire extinguishers, water, electricity, furniture, any repairs and (chairs, tables, almirahs, white boards, fans, and light fittings) and employee expenses for those involved in the above tasks.
5. The second party shall enable the first party to use the premises as agreed to and required, library, computer labs and plan and run workshop programs.
6. One Research Scholar who will be called as NCRI Fellow pursuing either M Phil (1year) or Ph D (4 years) will be selected for scholarship/fellowship every year for financial support by NCRI. The aspects of research mutually identified by both parties in relevant aspects of rural studies will be announced before the admission and selection process is initiated annually. The aspects of research mutually identified by both parties in relevant aspects of rural studies related to any programs run by various departments and centres of the university and will be announced before the admission and selection process is initiated annually. The amount of fellowship and process of reporting will be on the lines of UGC Junior Research Fellowship. The scholar selected shall publish 2 articles in every academic year, during the period of scholarship, in reputed journals focusing on rural issues.
7. The second party shall maintain the records like participant database which shall be shared with the first party on programme basis.
8. The second party shall provide the facilities amenities to the participants ?
9. The second party shall facilitate the first party to take the photographs and make films and documentaries of the workshops.

10. The second party shall procure the workshop resource materials and books in consultation with first party on the aspects found relevant by both parties for which funds will be provided by the first party.
11. The second party shall take the responsibility of the participant discipline during the workshop hours and in the hostels.
12. The second party shall arrange the display of workshop announcement/banner/poster and information in CUHP Campus for the workshops (Name of both the parties will be mentioned).
13. The programme administration will be done by the second party such as design, communication and management. The cost of Rs 40,000 for 2 day programme will be borne by the first party this includes the cost of reporting the workshop proceedings in one hard and one soft copy.
14. The honorarium for resource persons, documentation, travel, food and accommodation expenses of the participants from outside CUHP will be borne by the first party and arranged by the second party separately for each programme.

**Payment Process:**

The payments, as mutually agreed upon, shall be made within 15 days of submission of report through RTGS/NEFT by NCRI.

For effective implementation and monitoring of the scheme as envisaged in the MoU, Chairman NCRI or his nominee will be the Nodal Officer on behalf of the "FIRST PARTY" & Vice Chancellor CUHP, Himachal Pradesh or Nominee will be the Nodal Officer on behalf of the "SECOND PARTY".

Unless otherwise terminated by written Agreement between the parties, or in terms of this agreement, this agreement will remain in force by the end of the academic year 2019-20 and may be renewed by mutual consent.

Notwithstanding the provision of above clause, either party shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement immediately and without further notice in the event of the other party

committing a material breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and failing to remedy such breach within 60 (Sixty) days after receipt of written notice calling upon such party to remedy the breach complaint. In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be made in English and executed by their respective duly authorized representatives of the day and the year first written.

Both the parties will facilitate wider dissemination of this collaborative initiative and its impacts. The Certification, all signage, press releases and communication will include the names of both the parties. All disputes are subject to jurisdiction of the court at Hyderabad.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be effective from 20/12/2016 to end of academic year 2019-20 and renewable with the mutual consent of both the parties for a similar period.

For



Name: Arun Kumar  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL INSTITUTES  
Hyderabad  
Designation: Chairman, NCRI  
Date with seal: 20/12/16

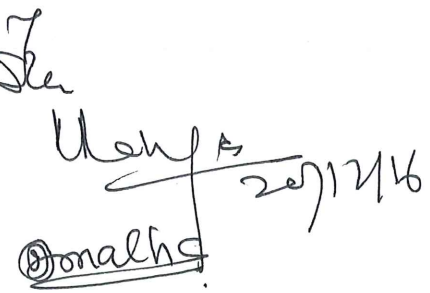
For



Name: प्रो. कुलदीप सिंह  
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH  
Dharmashala Himachal Pradesh  
Designation: Vice Chancellor,  
Date with seal:

In The Presence of :

1. Prof. Yoginder Veema, PVC, CUHP
2. Prof. J.C. Ranga, YSM (R)
3. Prof. I.V. Malhan

  
20/12/16