

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

**BETWEEN**

**CENTRE FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH(CMDR)**

**ICSSR- GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INSTITUTE**

**DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR NAGAR, YALAKKI SHETTAR COLONY, DHARWAD-580004**

**KARNATAKA, INDIA**

**and**

**CHAMARAJ NAGAR UNIVERSITY**

**CHAMARAJ NAGAR DISTRICT, KARNATAKA, INDIA**

**December 2023**

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ **December 2023** by and between:

**The Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR)** DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR NAGAR, YALAKKI SHETTAR COLONY, DHARWAD-580004 KARNATAKA, INDIA is an Autonomous organization established in October 1980, recognized and financially supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education, Government of India as well as the Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka located at Dharwad (hereinafter referred as "CMDR"). The objectives of CMDR include

i. To undertake and promote social science research with a focus on a multidisciplinary approach and contribute to the analysis of the development process. ii. To undertake research on the socio-economic problems and cultural themes pertaining to the Indian society and the developing societies in general and Karnataka in particular. iii. To arrange for permanent and continuous investigation of socio-economic problems and attempt to recast the various accepted theoretical frames into a new mold of relevance to the socio-economic characteristics of the society. iv. To carry out social science research sponsored/funded or requested by governments, organizations of employers, workers, international agencies, or other bodies or persons interested in promoting studies of socio-economic issues. v. To undertake action research on issues of socio-economic relevance. vi. To build up a research and reference Library in social sciences and related disciplines. vii. To undertake publications of research studies and to bring out professional journals of suitable periodicity. viii. To conduct refresher courses, research methodology courses, training / other capacity-building programmes, and research Seminars on Social Sciences. ix. To undertake and publish studies on cultural themes with a multidisciplinary approach.

and

**Chamaraj Nagar University** is established in the year 2023 by the Government of Karnataka. The university has the vision to empower students to transform the world with commitment and confidence through service and competence in leadership and thus emerge as a global centre of excellence for lifelong learning by promoting and nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship

The mission of the university is to contribute to society by inspiring students, faculty, and people locally, nationally, and globally by extending access to flexible and inclusive opportunities, world-class teaching-learning resources and through the pursuit of education, learning, and research at the highest international levels of excellence through grooming next generation of thought leaders to address the challenges of society.

The University is responsible for the holistic development of students belonging to rural areas of Chamarajanagara District by offering Skill Oriented Professional Courses which enable employability in the competitive world. The university encourages and assists students with practical education on campus by providing opportunities to put classroom skills into practice. The university also makes an effort to expose rural students to global technical skills to cope with & sustain in a dynamic scenario.

The university is located in Chamarajanagara, the folklore Center of Karnataka. It is the southernmost district in the state of Karnataka, India. It was carved out of the original larger Mysore district in 1997 and Chamarajanagar town is the headquarters of this district. Chamarajanagar was earlier known as Sri Arikottara. Later, Chamaraja Wodeyar, the Wodeyar of Mysuru was born here and hence this place was renamed after him. Being a splendid tourist center with historical monuments and hill areas, it is about 176 km southwest of Bengaluru, the State capital and is well connected by road and rail. The campus of the University is named "Suvarnangotri", the reservoir and also the river of Chamarajanagara district. It is located on 54 acres of picturesque land.

(Hereafter referred to collectively as the 'Parties').

Whereas, the Parties recognized the benefits of mutual cooperation between the Parties in the areas of Capacity Building, Skill Development and Empowering Human Resources, Rural Development, Higher Education, Faculty Development, etc for overall economic growth.

Whereas, it is anticipated that each Party will benefit from the complementary experience, skills, faculties, knowledge, networking, and training facilities of the other Party;

Now, therefore, the Parties mutually agree on the following:

## **ARTICLE –I**

### **PREAMBLE AND THE CONTEXT**

In recognition of the common interests of both the institutes and the benefits to be gained through a cooperative program that facilitates research and capacity-building programs, CMDR and Chamaraj Nagar University enter into this MoU. This MoU is intended to stimulate and facilitate the scope of the activities of both institutions in various areas. The agreement provides a broad framework for the collaboration of both Parties and acts as a guide for further collaborations. It is a non-financial agreement between the Parties involved.

## **ARTICLE –II**

### **PROMOTING CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES THROUGH EXCHANGE OF FACULTY AND KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES**

The Parties agree to cooperate to promote capacity building programs through mutual sharing Faculty expertise and knowledge resource bases available with them. Under this, both the Parties will mutually exchange Faculty Members to share their experiences and knowledge in the technical sessions of training programs / workshops / seminars etc. For this, each Party invites the Faculty Members of the other Party to deliver lectures / sessions in the areas of common interest and facilitate study visits and interactions with the farmers and stakeholders of different action research projects / programs in the field.

## **ARTICLE - III**

### **INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS / WORKSHOPS /SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / POLICY DIALOGUES ETC**

The Parties agree to cooperate, collaborate and render mutual assistance in organizing the training programs/workshops/seminars/conferences/ policy dialogues etc., on important themes of mutual interest. This could include joint delivery of training programs and conduct of events (where appropriate) by both Parties at their respective Institutions.

The Parties agree to make available facilities such as training/seminar halls, hostel accommodation, boarding arrangement, audio-visual equipment, computer labs, and other training support services (stationery, photocopying, transport, secretarial assistance, etc.) of each Party to the other without disturbing the regularly scheduled programs on the tariffs and cost-norms agreed by both the parties. The rates, terms, and conditions for the use of infrastructure facilities, roles, and responsibilities of each Party for every activity will be worked out separately before hosting a program. The Parties agree to announce or share information about the proposed program(s) well in advance (at least 1 month in advance) in order to avoid any clash with the ongoing training programs of the other Party.

#### **ARTICLE - IV**

##### **JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES / PROJECTS / CASE STUDY & SUCCESS STORY DEVELOPMENT**

The Parties agree to collaborate to undertake joint action research activities in the areas of mutual interest in the area(s) of mutual choice in India with an objective to design and develop workable models for the implementation of various developmental programs, faculty development, and involvement in CMDR programs, etc., in order to show to the Governments for replication and up-scaling and prepare evidence-based case studies and success stories to influence policy-makers, administrators, implementation departments/agencies, etc. The Parties agree to jointly develop the details proposals for each activity separately in mutual consultation.

#### **ARTICLE - V**

##### **INTERNSHIP / PROJECT WORK FOR MANAGE STUDENTS & INTERNEES**

The Parties agree to mentor the young students of different disciplines such as agricultural extension and agri-business management etc which is important to prepare them as future leaders in agricultural extension and development. CMDR agrees to send its students of its-Educational Programs, as per the requirements, to Chamaraj Nagar University for field-level exposure, project work, study visits etc., for a shorter period after mutual agreement by both Parties on the modalities and working arrangements. Similar mentoring provisions will also be made available for the students studying for different degrees at Chamaraj Nagar University.

#### **ARTICLE - VI**

##### **PARTICIPATION OF FACULTY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS IN THE PROGRAMS**

The Parties agree to cooperate and render mutual assistance and reciprocate the attendance of their Faculty Members and Officers to training programs, workshops, seminars, or conferences on the subjects of mutual interest to update the their faculties and further the goals of this MoU.

#### **ARTICLE - VII**

##### **PROTECTION OF INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

The Parties agree to use all reasonable efforts to protect any internal or proprietary documents received from the other Party and hereunder described as confidential or proprietary. Any materials, including but not limited to information, raw and processed data, methods, designs, and publications that each Party owned or was vested in it before and at the time of signature of this MoU shall remain the property of that Party

and each Party may grant to the other the right to use such material for the sole purpose of carrying out the activities agreed by both the Parties under the Article-II. The Parties agree to use and print official logos of each other on reading or publicity materials or presentations with prior permission.

### **ARTICLE - VIII**

#### **TERMS, AMENDMENTS, AND VALIDITY OF THE MoU**

The Parties agree that this MoU shall take effect on the date when both Parties affix their signatures, and shall remain valid for three years of the collaboration unless sooner terminated when one of the Parties notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate the MoU, in which case, the MoU will remain to terminate three months from the date of such notification. The Parties agree that any modification or amendments to this MoU shall be done in writing and be signed by both Parties.

In case of any differences on any aspect, these should be resolved amicably through conciliation and arbitration law applicable to India in Dharwad.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have affixed their respective signatures on \_\_\_\_\_ December 2023 in Dharwad, India.**

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