

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Gandhi Research Foundation

Gandhi Teerth, Jain Hills, PO Box 118, Jalgaon 425 001

And

The ICFAI University, Tripura

Agartala- Simna Road, PO: Kamalghat, West Tripura-799210

Signed on this 20th day of March, 2024

The Gandhi Research Foundation (hereinafter called as "GRF"), Jalgaon, is registered with Government of India's Ministry of Corporate Affairs, vide registration no. U73200MH2007NPL169807 on 10-04-2007, licensed under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 (No. 1 of 1956), as a non-profit company having its office at Gandhi Teerth, Jain Hills, Shirsoli Road, Jalgaon, Maharashtra 425001. With the mission to strive to establish a world founded on Truth, Ahimsa, Peaceful Co-existence, Conservation and Love for Labour – values cherished and practised by Gandhiji, its vision is to preserve for posterity the profound legacy of Gandhiji's life, thought and work. The expression 'GRF' represented by **Dr. Ashwin B Zala**, Associate Professor & HoD shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include its successors, legal representative and permitted assigns.

AND

The ICFAI University, Tripura, a University established under Section 4(2) of The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University Tripura Act of 2004, enacted by the State of Tripura, having its Campus at Village Kamalghat under Mohanpur Sub Division in West Tripura district-799210 (hereinafter called as "IUT"), represented by **Registrar Dr. A Ranganath**, which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns.

GRF and IUT are independently referred to as 'party, and collectively as 'parties'. The parties agree to engage in a broad spectrum of joint activities with the aim of promoting the educational programmes of IUT, Research activities, Training programmes, Project & Consultancy, Sustainable Development, Green Management, Capacity Building Programs, Conducting Collaborative Workshop/Seminar/Conference and Sustainable Livelihood Promotion in the North -Eastern part of India. This MoU shall be treated as the guideline on which both parties agree to work together in future. The terms and conditions of this MoU are mentioned in following:



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1. BACKGROUND

The GRF's mission is to emerge as one of India's largest research-intensive Gandhian institutes by creating an awareness of Gandhian philosophy. The Foundation is concerned with integrating applied research and teaching curricula and focuses on four major components – educational programs, academic and applied research, archival documentation as well as rural reconstruction drives. In each of these departments, the GRF has been successfully conducting a residential Post-Graduate Diploma course in Sustainable Rural Reconstruction; an annual Winter School on Gandhian Nonviolence and Community Leadership, as well as Residential Research Fellowships and short term Internship programs in Sustainable Development and Archival Cataloguing, respectively, for the past several years. The GRF is also involved in organizing camps for students in tribal villages to motivate them with Gandhian ideals, as well as to strengthen their social awareness and sense of national integration so that they can contribute towards the betterment of society. The GRF Library and Archives houses one of the world's most exhaustive collections of writings by and on Mahatma Gandhi. Equipped with its own publishing department, the Foundation also publishes a monthly bilingual journal called 'Khoj Gandhiji Ki', discussing issues of Gandhian practice and philosophy, which is well appreciated by a large readership. The Foundation also boasts of a multi-media Museum on the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi – the first of its kind, globally. A variety of dynamic aids, such as interactive touch screens, bioscopes, digital books, 3D mapping, murals and animation, are used in the exhibition and event gallery, accompanied by an audio guide in English, Hindi and Marathi. The Museum hopes to bring about a transformation in individual thinking by reaching out especially to the youth. Of crucial contemporary significance, the GRF has also been instrumental in promoting village self-sufficiency under the auspices of its BaBapu150 Program in which it engages with the rural population in the areas of agricultural sustainability, entrepreneurship, water conservation, health, sanitation, and value education. Village industries are also promoted by the GRF, by encouraging the production and sale of Khadi clothes, honey, soap, oils and edibles. These initiatives seek to provide India's villages with a means of self-sufficiency and, thereby, to arrest the mass exodus of the younger generation to the cities in search of employment. Committed towards emerging as one of the country's most well-known centres for both research and social outreach programs, the GRF is focused on developing itself at par with the highest national and international standards.

The GRF has also signed MoUs with CETYS University, Mexico; Arizona State University, Arizona (USA); the Gandhi Centre at Pisa, Italy; Shivaji University, Kolhapur; KBCNMU, Jalgaon (Maharashtra), Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad (Gujarat); and the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune.

The ICFAI University Tripura (IUT) was established under the Act passed by State Legislative Assembly and approved by UGC under Section 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956. Its various programs are recognized by statutory bodies like UGC, NCTE, Bar Council of



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India (BCI), Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) and Distance Education Bureau (DEB), Tripura Nursing Council (TNC). The University is a member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), London, Association of Management Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA) and Institute of Engineers (India), New Delhi, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). The ICFAI University Tripura is certified by ISO 9001, 2015 for its Quality Management Systems. The University is accredited by NAAC since 2018.

The Vision of the University is to be a top ranking private University of common choice for students, staff and corporate, recognized for excellence in Higher Education and Research especially relevant to social needs. The Mission of the University is to offer world class, innovative, career oriented post graduate and under graduate programmes through inclusive technology aided pedagogies to equip students with the requisite professional and life skills as well as social sensitivity and high sense of ethics.

At present, the ICFAI University, Tripura is promoting quality education, research, training and consultation with a global perspective to meet the challenges of the fast changing trends in the field of Science and Technology, Basic Sciences, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Social Science & Liberal Arts, English, Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Education, Special Education, Physical Education, Yoga, Allied Health Sciences, Nursing, Laboratory Technology, Hospital Administration and Library & Information Sciences etc.

2. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The potential areas of collaboration include promotion of educational programmes of IUT, Research activities, Training programmes, Project & Consultancy, Sustainable Development, Green Management, Capacity Building Programs, conducting Collaborative Workshops/Seminars/Conferences, as well as Sustainable Livelihood Promotion, etc.

3. OUTLINE OF COLLABORATION

Under the aegis of this agreement, the parties shall jointly explore the possibilities of working mainly in the North Eastern part of India. The broad areas of cooperation would include the following:

- a. Designing a viable and feasible roadmap for joint activities;
- b. Mutual help in promoting educational programmes and research;
- c. Planning and organizing seminars, conferences, workshops, training and capacity building programmes in the domains of entrepreneurship, livelihood promotion, new enterprise creation and cluster development and other common area of specialization of both the institutions;
- d. Based on speciality in the field, both institutions will carry out action research projects in various programmes and undertake joint activities in Central & State Government projects and Consultancy;
- e. Aim to foster the mutual exchange of knowledge and skills for students;



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- f. Extending collaboration for implementation of Sustainable Development, Green Management, and Education Sustainable Development (ESD) Practices;
- g. To permit students, staff and faculty members of both partner institutions to use library facilities in both institutions;
- h. Organization of joint conferences, also online workshops on Peace, Nonviolence & Conflict Transformation;
- i. Organization of student visits and internships.

The separate Terms of reference (ToR), deliverables and sharing of credits including intellectual property rights will be laid down by mutual consensus at the beginning of the activities.

4. PERFORMANCE STANDARD

The parties shall perform their respective roles and responsibilities under this MoU with the highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity. Both Parties shall also respect rules, regulations and policies of both institutions.

5. VALIDITY OF MoU

This MoU shall have the provision of periodic review of the activities and progress. This MoU shall be valid initially for a period of **five years**, which can be extended by mutual agreement. Any cessation of this MoU by either Party shall be notified in writing to the other Party at least **3(three) months** in advance, in writing.

6. ARBITRATION

Dispute arising out of this MoU, if any, shall be amicably settled by the parties

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute the MoU in two original copies in English language. The MoU shall be effective on the date it is signed.

Signed for and on behalf of
The ICFAI University, Tripura


Name : **Dr. A Ranganath**

Designation : **Registrar**

Date : 20/03/2024

Seal: **Registrar,
ICFAI University Tripura
Kamalghat, Tripura (West).**

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Research and Development
The ICFAI University, Tripura
Kamalghat, Tripura (West).

Signed for and on behalf of
Gandhi Research Foundation


Name : **Dr. Ashwin B Zala**

Designation: **Associate Professor & HoD**

Date : 20/03/2024

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Witness: