

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MOU is made and entered into on 20th day of December 2021

BETWEEN

Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh, India



AND

Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, Gujarat, India



About Veer Narmad South Gujarat University

Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (hereinafter referred to as VNSGU, and the expression shall include all its present and future Units) was originally established under the South Gujarat University Act, 1965 passed by the Gujarat State Legislative Assembly. It became functional from the academic year of 1966 and was incorporated as a University on 23 May, 1967. Recognized by the University Grants Commission in 1968, it was renamed as Veer Narmad South Gujarat University in 2004 after the great Gujarati poet Narmad, Narmadshankar Lalshankar Dave. The vision of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, as envisaged in the University Act, is to contribute to the field of higher education in the region and enable its inclusive development in all walks of life by making available trained personnel in various branches of human knowledge, keeping in mind the larger goals of nation-building. The University is committed to maintaining high standards in both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, promoting research and undertaking the requisite extension activities that would reach out to every section of society.

Veer Narmad South Gujarat University has endeavoured to be an institution of excellence in higher education since its existence, keeping in view the regional needs and the emerging trends in the global scenario. A semi-urban University located at Surat, the University has a campus spread



over 210 acres. The University, re-accredited 'A' grade with 3.02 CGPA by the National Accreditation and Assessment Council in 2017, is also accredited with 'B++' grade with 2.90 CGPA under Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) by Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Education Department, Government of Gujarat in 2016. The vision of VNSGU is to be an institute of excellence in the higher and technical education segment, sensitive to its regional needs and changing global realities. The mandate of the University is to meet the developmental needs of the seven districts and one Union Territory in the region and attempts at realizing their potential in every walk of life ranging from technology, business, industry and commerce to language, culture, and fine arts. The basic objectives of the University as envisaged by the University Act are: 1. Undergraduate and Post-graduate teaching, maintaining their high standards, and award of degrees to the candidates successful in their respective examinations. 2. Promotion of research and extension activities relevant to the requirements of the region in accordance with the interests of nation building.

About Arunachal University of Studies

The Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh, hereinafter referred to as AUS, was established by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, vide "The Arunachal University of Studies Act 2012 (9 of 2012)", as a multi-faculty Educational and Skills University Under the sponsorship and management of World Education Mission, hereinafter referred as WEM, a non-profit organization registered u/s 12A & 80G of ITD, Govt. of India. Since its inception, AUS with support of WEM, has tremendously helped the upliftment and empowerment of people, especially marginalized sections and drop-outs, of Namsai and the nearby districts of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, through inclusive education.

AUS and the VNSGU shall hereinafter, where the context so permits, be collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as "Party".

It is now duly communicated and hereby agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. NATURE AND SCOPE OF THIS MOU

The purpose of this MOU is to provide the best quality education to students, academicians & other staff of both parties as well as external stakeholders through various activities such as technical training, workshops, fast-track course batches, skill development, internship and On-Job-Training. The Parties shall work towards collaborative research, education & training in the fields of bioscience, biotechnology, biomedical technology and related interdisciplinary areas. For this purpose, the Parties shall identify mutually agreeable specific research, education, training and awareness programs after due consideration of respective financial means and practical feasibility.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Undertake collaborative Research, Education, to impart advanced training and conduct workshops and Awareness programs for students, faculty, officers, scientific and other staff of both parties as well as external stakeholders.



- 2.2 Jointly conceptualize collaborative research proposals for funding and publications. Financial arrangements for each specific collaboration will be decided on a case-to-case basis.
- 2.3 Collaborate in the supervision of students and undertaking joint research in disciplines of mutual interest and for pursuing higher degrees like M. Sc. and Ph.D.
- 2.4 Extend the laboratories and other infrastructure facilities for specified collaborative Research, Education, Training and Awareness Programs.
- 2.5 Any other appropriate mode of interaction agreed upon between AUS and VNSGU.
- 2.6 Extend and exchange expertise for On-Job-Trainings and Internship.

3. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

- 3.1 Each of the above areas of interaction will be initiated by entering into a separate agreement between the two parties with the details of implementation including financial considerations. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to obligate either party to enter into any further agreements with each other.
- 3.2 Parties shall appoint one member of its senior scientific staff / faculty as a coordinator to jointly identify, plan, coordinate implementation of collaborative programs and activities. The coordinators shall interact on regular basis.
- 3.3 Programs and activities shall be planned through mutual consultations with the consent of appropriate authorities of both parties.
- 3.4 The coordinator shall utilize its strength to align with various skill development programs and initiatives to meet the objectives of the workshop / training program.
- 3.5 The coordinator shall design, develop and provide required course materials and practical training to the participants.
- 3.6 The quality delivery is the responsibility of the coordinator and the coordinator would have to have in-house or engage the required manpower and the faculty as per the requirement.
- 3.7 Both Parties can use the logo, trade name, course modules & other related materials for the promotion of the courses to be conducted jointly within the scope of this MOU. Both parties shall promote the arrangement and courses through respective websites.

4. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

There is no financial commitment on the part of the VNSGU and AUS to take up any program mentioned in the MOU. If there is any financial consideration, it will be dealt with separately.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

AUS and VNSGU shall enter into a non-disclosure agreement if and when dealing with confidential information.

6. NON-EXCLUSIVITY



The relationship of the Parties under this MOU shall be non-exclusive and both Parties, including their affiliates, subsidiaries and divisions, are free to pursue other MOUs or agreements or collaborations of any kind.

7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

No rights of any kind whatsoever in any invention, copyright, trade secret, or any other form of intellectual property (collectively defined as "IP") are granted or transferred under this MOU. Any IP exchanged under this MOU shall be governed by the terms of a separate written agreement between the parties.

8. TERMS AND TERMINATION

This MOU, unless extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties, shall *expire 5 (five) years* after the effective date. This MOU may be amended or terminated earlier by mutual written agreement of the Parties at any time. Either party shall have the right to unilaterally terminate this MOU without stating any reasons, upon 30 days prior written notice to the other party. In the event of termination, the parties will take steps to bring the activities under the MOU to a prompt and orderly conclusion. However, no such early termination of this MOU, whether mutual or unilateral, shall affect the obligations of the participants under any Research Agreement, or any other agreement entered into pursuant to this MOU, which obligations shall be independent of any such termination.

9. RELATIONSHIP

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to make the party a partner, an agent or legal representative of the other for any purpose. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to obligate either Party to enter into any further MOU/agreements or any Research Agreement with each other. This MOU does not create any other business arrangement, including but not limited to any partnership, agency or joint venture, between the Parties. A Party shall not quote the other Party's name or reproduce its logo in any form or medium without the prior written consent of the other party.

10. ASSIGNMENT

It is understood by the Parties herein that this MOU is based on the professional competence and expertise of each party and hence neither Party shall transfer or assign this MOU, or rights or obligations arising hereunder, either wholly or in part, to any third party.

11. SIGNED IN DUPLICATE

This MOU is executed in duplicate in English with each copy being an original version of the MOU and having equal legal validity.

12. GOVERNING LAW & DISPUTE RESOLUTION



In the event of a dispute arising under this MoU, the Parties shall, to the best of their abilities settle the dispute in good faith by discussions or negotiations between the Parties. Any dispute which cannot be resolved in an amicable way, shall be submitted to the competent court of the Party seeking litigation and shall be governed by the law of the litigating Party.

BY SIGNING BELOW, the parties, acting by their duly authorized officers, have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed, effective as of the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of AUS



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→ In auspicious presence of

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