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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

RAIN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JORHAT

AND

JAGANNATH BAROOAH COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), JORHAT, ASSAM

FOR RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and entered into at Jorhat on this date the 27th December of the year 2019 by and between the Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam – 785010 (hereinafter referred to as "RFRI") and the Jagannath Barooah College (Autonomous), Jorhat, Assam – 785001 (hereinafter referred to as "JBC").

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1. Preamble

Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat, Assam, a constituent Institute of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, came into being in 1988 to cater to the forestry related research & extension needs of the North Eastern Region of the country. The Institute attends to the issues related to forestry research, education and extension in all the North Eastern states including Sikkim, through the facilities at Jorhat and two centres under this institute, viz.- the Forest Research Centre for Bamboo & Rattan (FRC-BR) located at Aizawl (Mizoram) and the Forest Research Center for Livelihood Extension(FRC-LE), Agartala (Tripura).

Jagannath Barooah College (Autonomous) (JBC), Jorhat, Assam, (affiliated to Dibrugarh University, Assam), established in 1930, is a premier institution of higher education in the North-East India situated in Jorhat. The college provides quality education through different Bachelor and Masters Degrees programmes. The institution has been recredited by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) and awarded "A" grade on the basis of its performance in the field of higher education. The college was awarded an Advanced Institutional Biotech Hub by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) with effect from 2017-18. Recently, University Grants Commission has conferred the autonomous status to this institution.

2. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MoU is to establish the terms and conditions under which both the parties agree to engage in an effort to promote academic and research activities by expanding the mutual relationship.

3. **Responsibilities:** Under this MoU responsibilities will be identified through consultation between the two parties. RFRI and JBC mutually agree to provide technical assistance in terms of teaching, research, and training and to carry out activities such as holding of seminar/ conference/ workshop etc. Both the parties may conduct joint research and extension activities apart from submitting proposals jointly for funding by national and international funding agencies.

4. General Provisions:

i) **Amendment:** Either party may request changes to this MoU. Any change, modification, revision or amendment to this MoU which are mutually agreed upon by the parties to this MoU shall be incorporated by a written instrument, and the amendment shall be effective when executed and signed by both the parties to this MoU.

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- ii) **Period of Validity:** This agreement shall be initially valid for five years from the date of signing the agreement and can be renewed subsequently by mutual consent of both the parties.
- iii) **Extension and Renewal:** The Participants may extend or renew this MoU by agreement in a written amendment signed by each Participant's authorized signatory.
- iv) **Implementation:** Each Institution shall designate a Nodal Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programmes. The terms of such mutual assistance and the necessary budget for each specific programme and activity that is to be implemented under the terms and conditions of this MoU shall be discussed and agreed, prior to the initiation.
- v) **Assignment:** The rights or/and liabilities arising to any part to this MoU shall not be assigned except with the written consent of the other party and subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the involved parties.
- vi) **Arbitration:** Any dispute arising with regard to any aspect of this Agreement shall be settled through mutual consultation and agreement by the parties to the Agreement.
- vii) **Termination:** Both the parties have right to terminate this agreement in case any party fails to abide by the conditions of the MoU, through a written notice of at least three months.
- viii) **Force majeure:** Neither party shall be held responsible for non-fulfillment of their respective obligations under this MoU due to the exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as, but not limited to acts of God, War, Floods, Earthquake, Strikes, Lockouts, Epidemics, Riots, and Civil Commotions etc.
- ix) **Communication:** The parties to this MoU must give all information/notices under this MoU in writing only, and all communications must be sent to the official e-mail addresses or to such other address designated by the both of the institutions.

5. Agreement

- i) RFRI and JBC agree to collaborate in research and extension in areas of mutual interest, and agree to include co-investigators in their respective research projects from the partner organization, and also agree to

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formulate collaborative projects jointly for funding from other national and international agencies.

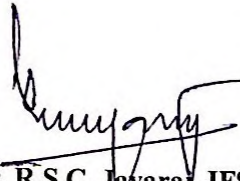
- ii) RFRI and JBC agree to share their resources of books, journals, reports, maps, digital resources in their GIS lab and any other educational resource, in areas of mutual interest, subject to the relevant rules of copyright.
- iii) RFRI and JBC agree to get their personnel trained in the subjects of mutual interest in their organizations, and also encourage their scientists/ faculty/students of either institute to attend lectures, workshops and conferences conducted in their respective areas of interest.
- iv) RFRI and JBC agree to promote long and short term staff and student exchanges in workshops, seminars, conferences, leadership programmes and other academic activities, and also agree mutually to send students for internship to the other party.
- v) RFRI and JBC agree that all the compilations arising out of the collaborative projects will be the joint property of both the parties, and also agree to acknowledge each other's contribution in their publications, arising out of the collaborative projects.
- vi) RFRI and JBC agree that none of the parties shall file any application seeking intellectual property right in its own name or in the name of its associate or any other person on any matter relating to the information gathered/ disclosed to it by the other party, and that IPR and publication policy will be followed by both the parties.
- vii) RFRI and JBC agree that the agreement concerning any programme shall provide details of the specific commitments by each party and shall not become effective until they have been reduced to writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties, and the scope of the activities under this agreement shall be determined by the funds available to the parties, as may be obtained by either party from external sources and student admissions.
- viii) RFRI and JBC agree that this MoU is not binding on either institution but is proposed to facilitate discussions related to areas of mutual interest, and the specific activities and programmes implemented under this MoU shall be subject to availability of funds and the approval of each institution's authorized representatives.

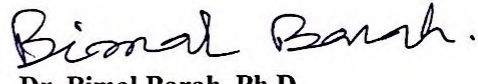
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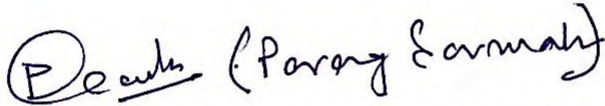
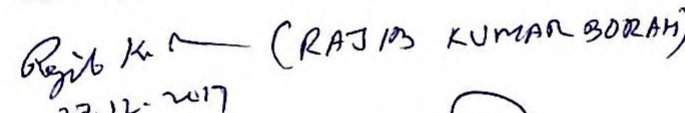
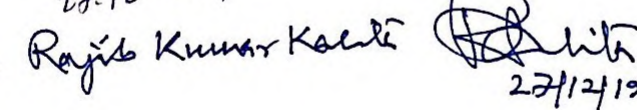
- ix) RFRI and JBC agree that each party shall be responsible for expenses incurred by its employees under this MoU.
- x) RFRI and JBC recognize and understand that this MoU is subject to all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to transfer of certain technical information or items, research materials and no party may export or allow the export or re-export of any information or item when to do so would constitute a violation of those laws or regulations.
- xi) RFRI and JBC agree to follow adequate safeguards/ procedures while using human or animal subjects in research, and to follow all the applicable laws and policies regarding the use of human and animal subjects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed, sealed and delivered this agreement on the day, month and year first above written in the presence of:


Dr. R.S.C. Jayara, IFS
 (Name of Authorized Signatory)
 Designation: Director
 Rain Forest Research Institute,
 Jorhat, Assam-785001
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 Rain Forest Research Institute
 जोरहाट (असम)/Jorhat (Assam)


Dr. Bimal Barah, Ph.D.
 (Name of Authorized Signatory)
 Designation: Principal
 Jagannath Barooah College (Autonomous),
 Jorhat, Assam-785001
Principal
 B. College, Jorhat

Witnesses:

1.  (Parag Sarma)
2.  (RAJIB KUMAR BORAH)
27-12-2017
3.  (Rajib Kumar Kalita)
27/12/17

