

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This *Memorandum of Understanding* is executed on this day of 13th August 2024 at Hyderabad.

BETWEEN

The Indian Institute of Public Administration, rep. by its Director General having registered office at I.P.Estate, Ring Road, New Delhi-110002, hereinafter shall be referred to as the "**IIPA**" which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assignees on the ONE PART.

AND

The National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj rep. by its Director General, having its registered office at Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030, hereinafter shall be referred to as the "**NIRD & PR**" which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assignees on OTHER PART.

For the sake of brevity and convenience the parties hereto shall jointly be referred to as the "Parties" and severally as "Party".

WHEREAS, IIPA is an autonomous academic institution of national eminence under Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Government of India for training, research and information dissemination in streams related to the ethos of Public Administration. Conceived by well-known US expert Paul H. Appleby and Founded and promoted by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, it is now known internationally as a premier centre for Training and Research in Public Administration and Management. Centrally located at Indraprastha Estate – one of the most well connected areas of the city-its campus spreads over seven acres, which houses main-office building, hostel, staff quarters and auditorium. Besides conducting Training, Research, Consultancy, Seminars and Workshops, it disseminates knowledge and information on Public Administration and Management by publishing four periodicals, books and by providing library services to its members, monographs.

WHEREAS, NIRD&PR is an autonomous organisation under the Union Ministry of Rural Development, is a premier national centre of excellence in Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. Recognized internationally as one of the UN-ESCAP Centres of

Excellence, it builds capacities of rural development functionaries, elected representatives of PRIs, bankers, NGOs and other stakeholders through inter-related activities of training, research and consultancy. The Institute is located in the historic city of Hyderabad in Telangana state. The NIRD&PR celebrated its Golden Jubilee Year of establishment in 2008. In addition to the main campus at Hyderabad, this Institute has North-Eastern Regional Centre at Guwahati, Assam to meet the NE-regional needs.

WHEREAS it is necessary to enhance understanding and relationship by promoting exchange and co-operation in the area of academics, research and capacity building of PRIs and their representatives by training at IIPA and NIRD&PR;

WHEREAS it is further necessary to strengthen co-operation between the Parties herein through sharing experiences, best practices and knowledge in the area of academics, research, entrepreneurship and capacity building of PRIs and their representatives by training program at both institutions;

AND WHEREAS it is also necessary to collaborate in the academics and capacity building in which gains for both the Institutes shall be several and equal without any financial liability on either of the Institutes;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties have reached the following Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 1- Objective: The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is to establish a healthy framework for co-operative institutional relation to encourage and promote co-operation in the area of the capacity building of the Public Servants.

Article 2- Areas of co-operation:

The Parties herein will endeavour to carry out the following areas.

1. Issues pertaining on the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) with focus on Training and Research on Forest Rights and PESA.
2. Training of Elected Representatives of Zilla Parishad on need and importance of devolution of powers.
3. Building and strengthening of people's institutions to support PRIs through capacity building.

4. Exploring viability to conduct academic programme of the NIRD&PR at IIPA, New Delhi.
5. Encouraging faculty exchange between the NIRD&PR and IIPA.
6. Organising joint certificate courses in RD&PR through I-GOT Platform.
7. Organising joint seminars and workshops at international for and venues.

Article 3- Implementation of MoU

1. The Parties shall hold periodical consultations amongst themselves as deemed necessary for implementing this MoU.
2. For the implementation of this MoU, the Parties shall designate one nodal person each within one month of the commencement of this MoU to draw up the procedures, plan and strategy of recommended programmes of co-operation with a view to achieving the objective of the MoU.
3. Specific details of procedures and programmes for exchange and co-operative activities will be decided in a manner to be separately agreed upon by the Parties in future.
4. The termination of this MoU shall not affect the rights or obligations of either Parties regarding any binding offer or firm obligations approved and agreed to either Parties prior to the termination date.

Article 4- Settlement of Differences: If any provision of this Memorandum is held by any court or other competent authority to be illegal, void or unenforceable or in part this MoU shall continue be valid as to the other provisions independent of the effected provisions. Any differences arising out of the interpretation, application and implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations among the Parties themselves.

Article 5- Amendment: This MoU can be reviewed or amended at any time by mutual written consent by the Parties subsequent to the 15 day's notice. Such reviews or amendments shall come into force on such date as may be determined by the Parties and shall form an integral part of this MoU.

Article 6- Entry into Force, Duration and Termination:

1. This MoU shall come into force on the date of its execution.
2. This MoU shall remain into force for a period of 5 (five) years and thereafter it will be renewable with the mutual written consent of the Parties;
3. Either Parties may terminate this MoU at any time by giving written notification at least six months prior to the intended date of termination.

4. The Termination of this MoU shall not affect the validity and duration of any ongoing programmes or activities made prior to the termination of this MoU until the completion of such programmes or activities.

Article 7- Confidentiality: Both the parties within the framework established by the MoU, will keep confidential all material exchanged under its terms to the extent permitted by law. Releases to the press, public announcements, relating to this MoU may be made jointly or by either party with the consent of the other party.

Article 8- Restriction: This MoU in no way restricts the parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public/private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

Article 9- Additional Agreements: With mutual consent of both parties, separate agreements may be executed as per the requirement of the projects, if necessary and such agreements shall form integral part of this M.O.U.

Article 10- Consideration: The expenditure for the collaborative projects of this M.O.U / supplement Agreements if taken up combined, will be decided on case to case basis, on mutual agreement after mutual discussions. For rest of the activities, the requisitioning party shall bear the cost of the activity.

Article 11- Intellectual property Rights: Under the provisions of this MOU, the Parties may produce documents, reports, studies, photographs, and maps, as well as product-specific documents –tangible and intangible information (collective “Works”). Unless otherwise agreed to the Parties in writing, the copyright and other intellectual property rights in any such Work will belong to both the parties.

Article 12- Force majeure: For the purposes of this MoU, “Force Majeure” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and makes a Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible under the circumstances, and subject to those requirements, includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action, confiscation or any other action by Government agencies. Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized hereto, have signed this MoU.

Signed at NIRDPR on

13th August 2024 in English language.

For HPA



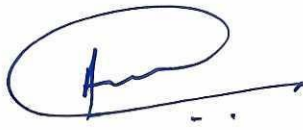
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In the presence of

1.  (AMITABH RANJAN)
Registrar IIPA

2.  - (Prof. Nupur Tiwari)
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