

- Nothing mentioned in this MoU shall be deemed to constitute partnership between the signing universities or university departments appointing one party as the agent of the other.

This MoU will be effective upon signature by both the Registrars of Gauhati University and Cotton University. The Head of the Departments of DLIS Gauhati University and DLIS Cotton University will act as nodal officers for execution of the academic activities in the MoU.

Signed in duplicate in English language at Gauhati University on this day of 27 June, 2023.

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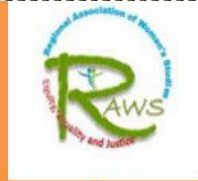
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**BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES (RAWS), INDIAN ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S STUDIES (IAWS)
ALL INDIA WOMEN'S STUDIES STUDENTS FORUM (AIWSSF)**

PRESENT

**16-Day Activism Programme Series in commemoration of 'International Day for
Elimination of Violence Against Women', 2022**

Theme: "UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls"

From 25.11.2022 to 10.12. 2022

Time:3.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Common Link for all the University

Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/saj-uveq-eev>

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/7cgb16gLkBdP81VH7>

All are cordially invited





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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES



CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN
A LECTURE – CUM – INTERACTIVE SESSION ON

Trafficking of Women and Girls: The worst form of Gender Based Violence & the Challenges in Providing Justice

DATE: 1st December, 2022

TIME: 3:00PM TO 4:30PM

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/saj-uveq-eev>

WELCOME SPEECH

Dr. Poonam Kakoti Borah

Asst. Prof., Department of Women's Studies,
Gauhati University



SPEAKER

Dr. Digambar Narzary

Chairperson, NEDAN Foundation,
Kokrajhar, Assam



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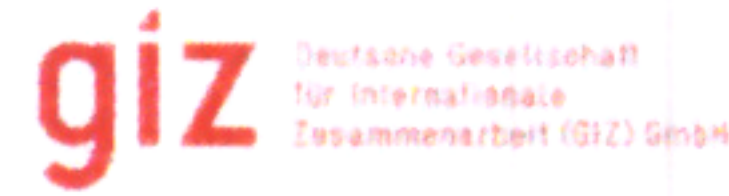
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Implemented by



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

**Gauhati University
Jalukbari, Gopinath Bordoloi Nagar,
Guwahati-14, Assam, India**

-hereinafter referred to as “Gauhati University”

AND

**“Protection and Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources in the
North Eastern Himalayan Region of India (NERAQ)”**

implemented by

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)GmbH

on behalf of

**The German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and
Nuclear Safety (BMU)**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on the _____ day of _____ 2021.

BETWEEN

The **Department of Zoology, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam**

(here in after called '**Gauhati University**' which expression shall where the context so admits, include its successors, permitted assigns and will include its constituents of the OTHER PART).

AND

"Protection and Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources in the North Eastern Himalayan Region of India (NERAQ)", implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (here in after called '**GIZ**' which expression shall where the context so admits, include its successors, permitted assigns and will include its constituents of the OTHER PART).

2. THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Gauhati University was established on 26th January 1948 with the mission "To perform a transformative role for the region and its people, foster a spirit of enquiry, articulate global human, social and scientific concerns from its strong base in the region, set ethical standards in thinking and practice and enable the making of responsible citizens and compassionate and sensitive human beings".

WHEREAS, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ), the "Protection and Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources in the North Eastern Himalayan Region of India (NERAQ)", is being implemented by GIZ, under a bilateral Indo-German cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, in the states of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland. The main outcome sought by the NERAQ Project is: "State and local stakeholders are implementing their improved knowledge and management capacities for the conservation and sustainable, climate-friendly management of wild fish and invertebrate populations in 4 states of the North Eastern Region of India".

The NERAQ Project background, objectives and the outcomes sought are detailed out in Annex 1

3. SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT AND MODALITIES OF THE CONTRACT

Gauhati University and GIZ have established this MOU to foster inter-institutional cooperation in order to support research activities related to protection, conservation and climate resilient management of aquatic biodiversity in Assam and other states of the North Eastern Region and shall include Indo-German institutional collaboration involving sharing of technical expertise, knowledge management, applied research, studies and capacity development.

3.1. THE GOAL

Gauhati University and GIZ will collaborate for research and different extension activities aiming protection and sustainable and climate resilient uses of fish and other aquatic resources of the NE Region that are suited for the fishermen communities of Assam and are aligned with the goals and programmes of the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Government of India (MoEFCC).

The two institutions have expressed their intent to **jointly support, develop and demonstrate** scalable models, mechanisms, technologies, practices and knowledge management systems that

- 3.1.1 Can lead to a noteworthy improvement in productivity of indigenous and commercial aquatic species, have the potential to be scaled up and may thereby result in a sustainable increase in incomes of the fishing communities, and
- 3.1.2 Leads to improved knowledge base on the aquatic resources of the region, its validation from the competent authority, assessing the threats to the different aquatic species, publishing & sharing the acquired knowledge jointly through appropriate forums, etc.
- 3.1.3 Improve the adaptability of aquatic biodiversity to climate change and other competing factors.

3.2. THE AREAS OF COOPERATION

These may include one or more of the following areas of technical support, expertise and knowledge sharing, research/studies and capacity development.

- 3.2.1. Cooperation in respect to an aquatic biodiversity inventory: sampling, taxonomy, culture of indigenous species, general aquaculture development.
- 3.2.2. Participation in field extension activities, e.g., at NERAQ pilot sites.
- 3.2.3. Participation of teaching staff and students/postgraduates in NERAQ activities
- 3.2.4. Joint seminars, symposia, workshops.

3.3. MECHANISMS FOR COOPERATION

- 3.1.1 GIZ shall independently and also in cooperation with Gauhati University, establish a number of model nurseries and innovation farms, to demonstrate modern aquaculture practices to smallholder fishing communities and to conduct training programmes for building the capacities of the fishing communities as well as Gauhati University personnel. These will be undertaken both in the Gauhati University campus, online in cooperation with IfB Sacrow Potsdam, Germany as well as in the fields in selected regions if deemed necessary.
- 3.1.2 GIZ would focus its efforts in specific regions in the implementation states of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland sustainable and replicable practices and viable models for aquatic biodiversity protection, conservation and sustainable management. Once these pilot practices and models have been established and proven, Gauhati University in conjunction with the Forest and other relevant Departments of Assam can scale these up in other regions of Assam.

- 3.1.3 GIZ in collaboration with Gauhati University shall facilitate the identification, prototyping and assessment of suitable and appropriate technologies including productivity solutions, efficient post-harvest management solutions and models of remunerative marketing and market linkage development. Accordingly, capacity building measures shall be jointly undertaken by Gauhati University and GIZ.
- 3.1.4 The GIZ team shall collaborate with Gauhati University in development and dissemination of “package of practices” and innovations and to train and develop the capacities of fishing communities, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University’s and interested Forest Department personnel.

3.4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, GAUHATI UNIVERSITY AND GIZ

- 3.4.1. Gauhati University will extend its support in organizing the forthcoming international symposium that include both technical and logistical support.
- 3.4.2. The relevant departments of the University will extend its support to carry out inventory and other research activities relating to aquatic biodiversity of Assam.
- 3.4.3. The University will open its research facilities, like the laboratories, books, journals, thesis, etc. for use to GIZ staffs and other Consultants specifically engaged in this project to facilitate the inventory process as well as related research works aiming at conservation of aquatic resources.
- 3.4.4. During implementation of any joint programme and when there is a need to use the infrastructure of the University like meeting/seminar halls, guest house and other logistical facility, all will be provided by the University to GIZ if available for use.
- 3.4.5. The University will deploy its students as intern to GIZ whenever there is an opportunity for such internship in the ongoing projects.
- 3.4.6. The research findings of collaborative works and for other scientific publications like proceedings, books, papers, etc. will be published jointly and whenever felt necessary “ISBN” number will be used for such publications. Research publication will also be published in refereed journal with Thomson Reuter impact factor
- 3.4.7. The University will facilitate for collaboration with other departments of cross-cutting importance such as social science departments that are felt necessary for sustainable use of aquatic resources of the region.
- 3.4.8. The two organizations on basis of their operational capacities, technical knowledge and available resources, agree to encourage the above-mentioned activities, particularly to strengthen protection, conservation and sustainable management of aquatic biodiversity.
- 3.4.9. Both organisations shall discuss and agree to working on joint activities on or before the commencement of each activity

- 3.4.10. Activity agreements should detail the objectives, outcomes, outputs and activities, as well as the budget and contribution of resources provided by each party, and/or any other funding sources, on or before the commencement of each activity.
- 3.4.11. This general MOU shall be applicable to educational, research, extension and developmental activities of both organizations involved in this MOU.
- 3.4.12. This MOU is an addition of any prior discussions, correspondence, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing that may have taken place by and between the partnering organizations.
- 3.4.13. Financial contribution for conducting Research in accordance with objectives of the project workshops, hands-on training will be agreed upon on case-to-case basis and shall be met as per the existing norms/guidelines of both the parties, keeping in mind that Gauhati University will provides technical support for such interventions but no financial assistance. Fund related to Research activities, travel and lodging/boarding expenses of the scientists visiting the project areas outside Gauhati University may have to be borne by GIZ in accordance with GIZ processes, norms and regulations.

4. STEERING MECHANISM

- 4.1. Both the organizations will meet periodically for assessing the progress made on the agreed points and whenever necessary, new measures may be proposed to achieve the targeted goals based on this MoU.

5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 5.1. Joint declaration: The parties recognise the importance of the generation of research results/products as intellectual assets and intellectual property as an integral part of their research agenda. As such, any results or products jointly or individually generated out of the work carried out under the terms or framework of this MoU shall be managed in a way to maximise their global availability and impact of aquatic biodiversity with mutual acceptance especially in India but also in other countries. The parties consider the release of their research results/products into the public domain as international public goods as their main strategy for achieving global availability.
- 5.2. The ownership of the intellectual property that existed prior to the commencement of this MoU, held by any of the parties shall not be altered or transferred by virtue of its use hereunder.
- 5.3. The Ownership of the intellectual property created under this MoU may be solely or jointly owned by the parties. Specific provisions relating to intellectual property rights will be evaluated and defined in each activity subsequent agreement followed.

6. FORCE MAJEURE

- 6.1. Neither party shall be held responsible for non-fulfilment of their respective obligations under this agreement due to the exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as but not limited to Acts

of God, war, flood, earthquakes, strike, lockouts, epidemics, riots, civil commotions etc. provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such events, the party affected thereby shall give a notice in writing to the other party within one month of such occurrence or cessation.

6.2. If the force-majeure conditions continue beyond six months, the parties shall then mutually decide about the future course of action.

7. NON-BINDING NATURE

Nothing in this MoU shall be understood or construed as a binding right or obligation of the parties or as obligating the undersigning parties hereto, to finally conclude any agreement. In particular, this MoU in no way restricts either party from pursuing similar activities on its own or from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals and shall not provide exclusivity between the parties in the scope of any cooperation, does not endorse a specific entity, does not create any rights in any person, and does not create any obligations for any third party.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

8.1. The agreement shall be effective for a period of up to 2 **years** from the date of signing of the MoU and may be extended further by mutual consent.

8.2. The agreement shall be deemed to expire on completion of the mutually agreed upon period.

8.3. This agreement may be terminated early for the following reasons:

8.3.1. By mutual agreement among the parties; and

8.3.2. Unilaterally, by either party upon notice to the other party in writing, ninety (90) days in advance.

8.4. Termination will not affect a specific activity under implementation at the time of written notice.

8.5. In the event of termination of the agreement, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be settled by mutual consent/agreement.

9. AMENDMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

9.1. No amendments or modification of this agreement shall be valid unless the same is made in writing by both the parties through their authorised representatives and specifically stating the same to be an amendment of this agreement.

9.2. The modifications/changes shall be effective from the date of signature unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

11. ASSIGNMENT OF THE AGREEMENT

The right and /or liabilities arising to any party out of this agreement shall not be assigned except with the written consent of the other party and subject to such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

12. ARBITRATION

12.1 The parties will make all efforts to fulfil the purposes set out within this Agreement.