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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), Bhubaneswar, an internationally recognised and ISO 2008-9001 certified Research and Consultancy Agency for Social Development and Biodiversity located at HIG-101, Kanan Vihar, Phase-I, Patia, Bhubaneswar, (here afterwards as CTRD) and Centre for Regional Studies and Research, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur (here afterwards as SRSR). Both the parties wish to initiate collaboration in undertaking action research, organising international conferences, organising international exhibitions and workshops, publishing books and journals on Tribal Empowerment Conservation of Biodiversity by tribal communities, participatory research on livelihood need assessment by tribal communities and implementing collaborative projects in Chhattisgarh mobilising grants from international donors, Government of India and Government of Chhattisgarh. The funds shall be rotated through Pt. Ravishankar

  
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The funds shall be allotted to both the partner agencies as per provisions of the projects for executing the activities.

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~Centre~~ School for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur recognise their strength in research and project implementation in the area of Regional Development participatory research on tribal empowerment, livelihood promotion, poverty alleviation, traditional knowledge and biodiversity conservation and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in research collaboration and cooperation. ~~School~~ School for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur has vision and mission to organise courses and undertake research projects focusing on issues relating to regional development. The track record of SRSR has been recognised by international donors as well as Government of India. On the other hand, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) has gained international reputation as lead Resource Agency for providing consultancy and technical service in terms of thematic support, technical guidance, monitoring, evaluation, document of success stories, developing and executing participatory research among tribal. CTRD has vast experience of organisation international conferences and publishing international standard books.

Therefore, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~Centre~~ School for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur agree to establish a programme for research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest and in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

#### A. Objectives

The goal of this cooperation is to foster research collaboration, exploring opportunity for sharing of research experience and expertise and to facilitate advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity, best efforts, mutual benefits and frequent interactions. Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~School~~ School for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur agree to explore possibility of engaging following modes of research collaboration and translate agenda of regional development programmes and policy of Government of India and Government of Chhattisgarh streamlining greater benefits to tribal communities of Chhattisgarh. .

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- (a) Collaboration for undertaking research on Tribal Development, Poverty alleviation, promotion of household food security among tribal communities, biodiversity conservation and traditional knowledge, protection of IPR of tribal healers.
- (b) Collaboration for bringing out Journals and books on Tribal Empowerment, livelihood & related issues.
- (c) Joint organisation of International Conferences, Summit, Seminar short term training on topics of mutual interest while extending invitations to each other's expert to participate therein.
- (d) Joint mobilisation of grant and fund from different donor agencies identified by both the parties from time to time.
- (e) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) shall work as Resource Agency for ~~School~~ Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur towards providing technical and consultancy services for monitoring, evaluation, documentation of process of project implementation on mutually agreed terms and conditions. This will be applicable only to projects jointly implemented by both the partner institutions.
- (f) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) shall provide technical expertise and services of its experts in developing participatory research projects, proposal on tribal development, proposals on workshop, seminar and international conferences. Both the agencies shall work together to raise grants and implement the projects on shared responsibilities as per agreed terms and conditions of the projects.
- (g) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) shall take the responsibilities of documenting the proceedings and publishing it in form of books by national and international publishers acknowledging copy right and contribution of both the partner institutions.
- (h) Use of logo of both the partner agencies for national workshops, seminars and conferences jointly hosted by these partner agencies.

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD), India and ~~School~~ Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur agree that following technical descriptions will guide each proposed activity identified and agreed upon by the two institutions.

  
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Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~School~~ for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur agree to investigate ways of identifying and inviting experts from the other institution to participate in ongoing research of mutual interest. It is anticipated that the terms and conditions for such participation would be worked out by mutual agreement between experts of both the institutions.

**C. Joint Mobilisation of Fund and Grant**

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~School~~ for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur agree to approach appropriate donor agencies and Government Departments following their grant guidelines and application forms for implementing collaborative research projects, publications, conferences, workshops and seminars.

**D. Publication of Books and Journals**

- i) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~School~~ for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur agree to mobilise resources and fund to jointly publish books and Journals on the thematic areas of mutual interest. Both the partner institutes agree to respect each other's rights to intellectual property. All background IP used in connection with this MoU shall remain the property of both the partner institutions.
- ii) Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~School~~ for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur agree to bring out a quarterly international Journal on Tribal Empowerment. The funds for this Journal shall be jointly mobilised from suitable donor agencies.

**E. Joint Conference, Workshops and short term courses**

Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~School~~ for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur agree to joint mobilisation of fund, provide technical outputs and organise international

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**F. Use of Logo**

The logo of Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur and Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) shall be used on letter head and backdrop of conferences and seminars jointly organised by both the partners.

**G. Tenure and Termination**

The MoU will take effect from the date; it is signed by representatives of two institutions. It will remain valid for a period of five years. The terms of the MoU may be amended by mutual written agreement. Any extension to this MoU will be formally agreed in writing by the parties.

Either Institution may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the other Institution six months in advance. Once terminated, neither Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) nor ~~School of~~ Regional Studies and Research (CRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other institute may suffer. However, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~School of~~ Regional Studies and Research (CRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur will ensure that all activities in progress allowed to complete successfully.

**G. Activities for entire five years of collaboration**

1. Promotion of Centre of Excellence on Traditional Knowledge, Chhattisgarh.
2. Joint participatory research on tribal development, livelihood issues and documentation of traditional knowledge
3. Execution of Canadian University supported collaborative research and action project on indigenous healers of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Columbia and Canada
4. Publication of quarterly Journal on Entitled "Seminar" focussing on regional Development issues.
5. Organising periodic Training and workshops.
6. Publication of following books acknowledging collaboration of both partner agencies
  - a) Poverty and livelihood issues among PTG Communities
  - b) Profile of Primitive Tribes of Chhattisgarh

  
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7. Joint organisation of following National level Conferences and Workshops
  - a) National conference on Regional Development & Biodiversity Conservation.
  - b) National Workshop on participatory research on Biodiversity Conservation.
  - c) Forest Governances: Issues and challenges
  - d) Regional Development in India.
  - e) National Seminar on Regional Development and Empowerment of Women: Problems & Prospective.
8. Joint implementation of participatory research projects
  - a) Pro-poor value chain intervention and integrated livelihood promotion among Hill Korwa of Chhattisgarh.
  - b) Participatory resource mapping on community based biodiversity conservation among Saora tribe of Chhattisgarh
  - c) Research project on livelihood security analysis of selected tribal communities of Chhattisgarh
  - d) Mainstreaming biodiversity into value chains for conservation of medicinal and aromatic plants in selected tribal villages of Chhattisgarh
  - e) Action Research Project on Participatory Conservation and documentation of traditional knowledge in important medicinal plant hotspots in Chhattisgarh.

All above activities are subject to following terms and conditions on finance, resource management and project execution.

1. Periodic Training and Workshops shall be planned and organised by CTRD. The Trainers and resource persons shall be hired by CTRD. The Training Certificate will be jointly issued by CTRD and I. A token of overhead expenses shall be given to Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and ~~School~~ of Regional Studies and Research (SRSR) @ 20% of total income after deduction of all the expenses.

2. The research projects shall be designed by experts of Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and channelized through ~~School~~ of Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur to

  
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Government and funding agencies. The fund will be received by School of Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University and required amount of fund will be transferred to Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) for execution of assigned research activities. The execution and fund shall be shared equally by Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and School for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR) by following terms and conditions of grants.


3. The fund for publication for books and journals shall be jointly raised by Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and School for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR).

### I. Arbitration clause

Should there be a dispute relating to any other aspect of research collaboration and cooperation, Executive Director, Council for Tribal and Rural Development (CTRD) and State Programme Director, School for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur will jointly resolve the dispute in spirit of independence, mutual respect and shared responsibility.

### Signatures :

For School for Regional Studies and Research (SRSR), Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur

  
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Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University  
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Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University  
Raipur  
For Council for Tribal & Rural Development (CTRD), Bhubaneswar


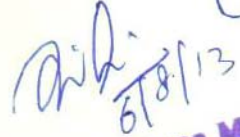
  
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Dr. R. N. Pati  
For Tribal & Rural Development  
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Date: 15/03/2013  
06/08/2012

### Witness:

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(S.C. Agarnwal, IFS)  
M.D, Chhattisgarh Handicraft Development Board)  
  
(Dr. Mitashree Mitra)  
Professor & Head  
School of Regional Studies and Research  
Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University  
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### Witness:

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2. Sougami Tripathy  
At - Jakeswarpur P.O. Kuanpa  
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