

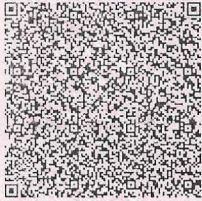
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**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
is made on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 between

**Pragjyotish College, Guwahati** - the first college established in 1954 in Guwahati, in the largest metropolis in Northeast India, after Independence. Guided by the motto “तेजस्विनावधीतमस्” (May our study make us illumined) over several decades., is a well-known premier postgraduate college imparting higher education in as many as 27 departments which includes 7 postgraduate programmes and has around 4000 regular students making it one of the largest educational institutes of the region in terms of number of admissions. The college provides the students a platform and ample opportunities for social involvement. apart from excellent academic pursuits. Great emphasis is also laid on a range of co curricular activities, discipline and character building of the students. With the active involvement of IQAC, the college has also signed a number of MoUs with national and international institutes resulting in different types of collaborative activities for the ultimate benefit of the students. The institute is recognised under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC and has been accredited by NAAC (2004-09, 2011-16, 2021-26).

**And**

**VIBHA VANI INDIA SOCIETY** - a consortium of grassroots developmental organisations, educational and research institutions, social scientist & workers and social entrepreneurs is an independent initiative of Vijnana Bharati, engaged in nation building and societal development through the intervention of science technology and innovation. Its registered office is at T-4, Krishna Sai Homes, 2nd Cross Post, RR Layout, B Narayanapura, Dooravani Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka -56 0048 and Communication Office at Vijnana Bharati, A-4, Gulmohar Park, New Dethi. ( **herein after referred to as Vibha Vani**)  
Society Registration number: DRB3/SOR/779/2018-19.  
(NITI AAYOG DARPAN ID: KA /20190237117).

Whereas Pragjyotish College is focussed in teaching, research and extension activities and Vibha Vani is focused on knowledge sharing and capacity building, project facilitation and handholding support, policy interventions, institutional collaboration and social entrepreneurship and livelihood development activities through its members to achieve sustainable and grassroots development in the Indian context.

**Article 1: NATURE OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is executed without any financial commitment as such from the parties. No Party to this MoU shall incur any legal, financial liability or otherwise, on behalf of other party, without prior written consent of the other Party. However, all the financial commitments

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incurred while implementing the agreement shall be discussed and consented mutually on a case to case basis.

## Article 2 : SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The aim of this MoU is primarily to establish a written document under which both the organizations may enter into a written agreement to perform collaborative programmes in the area of mutual interest.

### 1. General Objective

Taking science & technology for societal development is the common objective and to foster the strength of each organisation to meet the objectives of Atmanirbhar Bharat and ensure rural prosperity.

### 2. Area of Collaboration

To enable role of Pragjyotish College in technology interventions and Vibha Vani in developing grassroots development models according to Sustainability Development Goal in Indian context. Pragjyotish College shall provide Expert, Guidance and technical support and engage its students in various outreach projects / activities. Vibha Vani shall act as a facilitator with scientific / research institutions , govt. agencies etc. Pragjyotish College and Vibha Vani shall jointly execute various outreach projects / activities.

### 3. Collaborative responsibilities

- a. Leverage on the rich expertise and strength of each organization in their respective areas and work in synergy for **developing, showcasing, transferring the low cost technologies** to address grassroots issues .
- b. Vibha Vani having association with different govt. institutions like CSIR, NIF, DST-SEED, NECTAR, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) etc. , shall make use of its vast social outreach network of grassroots voluntary developmental organizations to **identify problems, document and scout for social innovations and disseminate the technology** and identify SHG clusters, farmer groups, social entrepreneurs for setting up enterprises for taking technology to masses
- c. Pragjyotish college jointly with Vibha Vani shall coordinate and facilitate conferences, workshops, etc related to the program initiated from time to time for capacity development, mass education, social enterprise development and involve local institutions to ensure its sustainability.
- d. Vibha Vani shall identify experts for such conferences/workshops and inform Pragjyotish College for possible involvement in the appropriate programs

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- e. Pragjyotish College shall play a **mentoring role to the upcoming grass root innovators and social entrepreneurs /startups**, by offering technical support and Vibha Vani shall facilitate handholding through other stake holders.
- f. **VibhaVani shall provide social engagement platform** to the faculties and students to work together in various projects and improve their social profile.
- g. Pragjyotish College and Vibha Vani shall **submit joint project proposals to funding agencies to address societal-economic developmental issues** through technology interventions and jointly Implementation such projects.
- h. The major thematic areas for collaboration will be sustainable Agriculture system, Rural Energy System, Water Resource Management, Artisans, Industries and Livelihoods and Basic Amenities. Broadly these areas may be further segregated into Agri & Horticulture Technologies, Food Processing Technology and Engineering, Safe drinking water, Renewable / Rural Energy, Waste Management and Eco friendly Technologies , Biomass Utilization Technology, Environmental Biology, Extraction of Natural products and Value addition of forest products,-Bamboo based technologies, Geospatial technologies, communication etc. It may be envisaged to probe and develop viable project proposals by the partnering institutions for mobilising funding support from CSR and through the convergence of existing government schemes on case to case basis to achieve long term and sustainable goals

### **Article -3 : VALIDITY AND TERMINATION**

This MOU shall come into effect upon signature of all the partners on the date set forth below and will be in force for five years. It may be extended further in its present form or with modifications as may be agreed upon through mutual consent. This MOU can be terminated at any time through mutual consent on three months' notice in writing from either side. subject to completion of the assignments on hand and payment of balance fee of various assignments including those on hand.

### **Article-4 : AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT:**

The obligations of Pragjyotish College and Vibha Vani India have been outlined in this MOU. However, during the operation of the MoU circumstances may arise which may call for alternations or modifications of this agreement. These alterations will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing. No amendment or change hereof or addition hereto shall be effective or binding on either of the partners hereto unless set forth in writing and executed by the respective duly authorized representatives of each of the partners hereto.

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**Article -5 : CONFIDENTIALITY:**

The Parties and/or their Affiliates defined hereafter, may disclose confidential information to the other in relation to any activity / future proposal made under this MOU. Confidential Information of disclosing Party shall mean to include all information received by the receiving Party from the disclosing Party either directly or indirectly in any form whatsoever: (i) which is designated in writing or by appropriate stamp or legend to be of a confidential nature; (ii) when disclosed orally or visually, whose confidential nature has been made known by disclosing Party, orally or in writing, to receiving Party at the time of disclosure and subsequently reduced to or summarized in writing within fifteen (15) days; or (iii) that due to its character and nature, a reasonable person under like circumstances would treat as confidential, and further includes all analysis, compilations, studies, papers, summaries, extracts, documentation or derivative works prepared by the receiving Party, solely or jointly with disclosing Party based on such information disclosed by the disclosing Party, and all feedback, inputs, reviews, and suggestions shared by receiving Party on such information shared by the disclosing Party. Each Party hereby waives any and all right, title, and interest in and to the Confidential Information of the other and the confidential information remains the sole property of the disclosing Party and/or its licensors.

**Article -6 : DISPUTE SETTLEMENT/ARBITRATION:**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the India. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall, in the first instance, be resolved amicably and expeditiously by consultation or negotiation between the Parties or such other means as they may mutually decide within a period of sixty (60) days of notification of dispute.

All dispute and difference arising out of or in connection with or relating to the present agreement shall be settled under the rules of Arbitration and conciliation Act, 1996 by one arbitrator appointed in accordance with the rules and award made in pursuance thereof shall be binding on the parties.

The place of arbitration shall be Guwahati. The arbitration shall be conducted in Assamese / English only. All the parties jointly share the cost of arbitration or as determined by Arbitrator/Tribunal finally.

**Article -7 : FORCE MAJEURE:**

Neither Pragjyotish College , nor Vibha Vani India shall be liable to each other for failing or delay in the performance of any of its obligations under this MOU to the extent such failure or delay is caused by riots, civil commotions, were hostilities between nations, government laws, orders or regulations, embargos, actions by the government or any agency thereof, acts of God,

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storms, fires, accidents, strikes, sabotages, explosions or other similar or different contingencies beyond the reasonable control of the respective partners.

**Article -8 : MATTERS NOT PROVIDED IN:**

If any doubt arises as to .the interpretation of the provisions of this agreement or as to matters not provided therein, partners to this agreement shall consult with each other for each instance and resolve such doubts in good faith.

Dr. Manoj Kumar Mahanta, Principal , Pragjyotish College , Mr. Abhijit Goswami, Member, National Governing Body Cum State Co-Ordinator ( North East ), Vibha Vani India Society shall be point of contacts or authorized co-coordinators for Pragjyotish College and Vibha Vani India Society respectively for all the MOU related matters and future activities.

**Article – 9 : Intellectual Property Rights**

1. Each party will ensure appropriate protection of Intellectual Property Rights generated from cooperation pursuant to MoU.
2. In case of joint publication, the use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of the participants on any publication, document and/or paper will require prior permission of both the participants. The parties shall not assign any rights and obligations arising out of the IPR generated from inventions/activities carry out under the MoU to any third party without consent of the other party. Commercialization of technology shall be done through separate agreement. All confidential information shall remain the exclusive property of the disclosing party.

**GENERAL TERMS**

This MOU is not intended to, and does not create any obligation, right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by either party, its officers, employees, or agents against the other party, its officers, employees, or agents.

Neither party will use the name of the other, either expressly or by implication, in any publicity, solicitation or advertisement without the express written approval of the other party to this MOU.

Abhijit Goswami

Manoj Kumar Mahanta

IN WITNESS WHEREOF PARTIES HERE TO HAVE EFFECTIVE AS ON THE DATE MENTIONED ABOVE.

Signed by

ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT

For And On Behalf Of  
Pragjyotish College

For And On Behalf Of  
Vibha Vani India Society

*28/06/2024*  
Dr. Manoj Kumar Mahanta,  
Principal  
Pragjyotish College

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PRAGJYOTISH COLLEGE  
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Coordinator  
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2.  
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Designation: *Coordinator, Community*  
Organisation: *Pragjyotish Development*  
Signature: *Dr. Mazumdar*  
*College Cell*

*Abhijit Goswami*

Mr. Abhijit Goswami,  
Member, National Governing Body  
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Vibha Vani India Society

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Signature:



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Designation: *President*  
Organisation: *VVI - Assam Chapter*  
Signature: *J Phukan*

*28/06/2024*