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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
(MoU)**

**KARNATKA STATE FOREST ACADEMY,  
GUNGARAGATTI, DHARWAD.**

**With**

**KARNATAK UNIVERSITY,  
PAVATE NAGAR, DHARWAD.**

**31<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2023**





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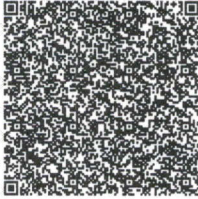
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KARNATAKA FOREST ACADEMY, DHARWAD AND KARNATAKA UNIVERSITY, DHARWAD FOR THE AWARD OF P.G. DIPLOMA, U.G. DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TO RANGE FOREST OFFICER, DEPUTY RANGE FOREST OFFICERS, BEAT FORESTERS AND FOREST WATCHERS TRAINEES OF KARNATAKA FOREST ACADEMY, DHARWAD, KARNATAKA**

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The Syndicate of the Karnatak University, on being satisfied from the Inspection report submitted by the Expert Committee, has granted recognition to **KARNATAKA FOREST ACADEMY, GUNGARAGATTI, DHARWAD** under Section 66 of the K.S.U. Act. 2000 to offer the following specified / specialized Programmes, subject to the terms and conditions as declared hereunder:

- i. P.G. Diploma in Natural Resource Management
- ii. U.G. Diploma in Natural Resource Management
- iii. Certificate Programme in Natural Resource Management

This memorandum of understanding made on **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023** between Karnataka Forest Academy, Dharwad, Karnataka, India (herein after referred to as KFA) and Karnatak University, Dharwad, Karnataka, India (hereinafter referred to as KUD) witnesses as follows:

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Director (Human Resource Development) Karnataka Forest Academy, Garag Road, Gungaragatti, Dharwad - 580011, Karnataka

and

The Registrar, Karnatak University Pavatenagar, Dharwad - 580003, Karnataka (Who for the purpose of this MoU are herein after individually referred to as 'Party and collectively referred to as the 'Parties').

1. WHEREAS, KFA is a premier Training academy engaged in the pursuit of imparting in Natural Resource management (Forestry, wildlife management and allied subjects) Training to trainees to Karnataka state as well as out of state Range Forest officers, Deputy Range Forest Officers, Beat Forester and Forest Watchers (hereinafter referred to as RFO, DyRFO, BF and FW)
2. WHEREAS, KUD is a University established under Sec. 3 of the UGC Act 1956 Karnataka State University Act, 2000 running AICTE, NCTE, RCI and UGC approved Programme through the affiliated institutions.
3. In view of the above background, both the parties do hereby agree to establish collaboration according to terms and conditions set out in the articles enumerated in succeeding paragraphs.





#### 4. Article 1 - Field of Cooperation

Co-operation between the two institutions is mutually agreed upon to be established in the field of Natural Resource Management leading to award of:

- (a) **Post Graduate Diploma** to Bachelors in any Science (or Equivalent) degree pass RFOs and DyRFOs trainees undergoing training at KFA and all jurisdictional FTIs
- (b) **A Diploma** to 12<sup>th</sup> Pass for BF trainees undergoing training at KFA and all jurisdictional FTIs. On condition of completion of 03 months assignment submission after on job training to both the parties.
- (c) **A Certificate** to 10<sup>th</sup> Pass for Forest Watchers trainees undergoing training at KFA and all jurisdictional FTIs.. On condition of completion of 03 months assignment submission after on job training to both the parties.

#### 5. Article 2: Co-ordination of Programme

The collaborative programme between KFA and KUD shall be coordinated by a Coordinating Committee / Managing Council jointly agreed (Annexure) upon and ratified by the Director, Karnataka Forest Academy, Dharwad and Registrar, Karnatak University, Dharwad. It is jointly agreed that:

- a) Syllabi for P.G. Diploma, U.G. Diploma and Certificate Programme shall be prepared by ad-hoc BoS Chaired by KFA having at least two representative of KUD.
- b) P.G. Diploma, U.G. Diploma and Certificate Programme in Natural Resource Management course would be conducted at KFA and its other centers at all India level.
- c) Training and Instruction for Certificate course would be imported by Resource Persons and Faculty members posted at KFA as well as KUD Bond on specialization.
- d) Setting of question papers and conduct of examination for the P.G. Diploma, U.G. Diploma and Certificate programmes will be carried out at KFA under the supervision of a representative of KUD.
- e) Evaluation and compilation will be carried out at Karnatak Forest Academy, Dharwad in the presence of Representative of KUD and Forwarded to KUD for preparation and Award of certificate to the trainees.
- f) Certificate would be conferred by KUD at KFA.



#### **6. Article 3 : Effective date and Duration of MoU**

- a) This MoU shall be effective from the date of its approval by the competent authorities of Both Institutions.
- b) During its tenancy, the MoU may be terminated by prior notice of not less than 06 months by either party. However, termination of MoU will not in any manner effect interest of trainees who have been admitted to pursue of programme under the ambit of MoU.
- c) Any clause or article this may be Modified or amended by mutual agreement in writing of KFA and KUD.

#### **7. Article 4: Confidentiality**

- a) By value of this MoU, both KFA and KUD will maintain strict confidentiality and prevent disclosure of all information and data exchange under the scope of this MoU for any purpose other than in accordance with this MoU.
- b) Both KFA and KUD shall bind their respective personnel who come into possession or knowledge of any confidential information not to disclose the same to third parties without written approval of disclosing party or use such confidential Information for any use other than those intended under this agreement.
- c) Further, both KFA and KUD shall put in place adequate and reasonable measures to keep and store confidential information secure so as to prevent any unauthorized use.

#### **8. Article 5: General Provisions**

- a) The two institutions will carry out Educational activities, as a follow up to this Memorandum of Understanding. The activities must be carried out in accordance with appropriate laws and regulations existing in KFA and KUD.
- b) KFA shall provide entire infrastructure facilities including classrooms, laboratories, equipments, analytical tools and aids, library and qualified staff for running the Certificate course. Also, facilities for boarding and lodging of all trainees, counseling and guidance on Programme are to be done by the user institution.
- c) KFA shall get the RFOs, DyRFOs, BFs and FWs trainees enrolled to the P.G. Diploma, U.G. Diploma and Certificate Programme and pay necessary affiliation fees, enrollment fee, examination fee, certification fee etc as per terms and conditions set by the Syndicate of KUD. The fee collected from the





sponsoring state of trainees will be deposited with the KUD by Demand Draft.

- d) KFA shall prepare study materials as per the provisions of DFE (Directorate of Forestry Education and KUD) for the P.G. Diploma, U.G. Diploma and Certificate Programmes. The cost of production and distribution of study materials to RFOs, DyRFOs, BFAs and FWs trainees will be borne by KFA.

#### 9. Article 6: Amendments

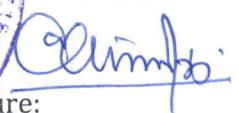

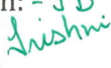



- a) Any amendment and or addenda to the AGREEMENT shall be in writing and signed by the PARTIES hereto and shall only after execution be deemed to form part of the AGREEMENT and have the effect to modifying the AGREEMENT to the extent required by such amendment or addenda.
- b) IN WITNESS whereof this MoU has been executed by the duly authorized representatives of KFA and KUD hereto on at KUD, Dharwad.

#### 10. Article-7: Jurisdiction

Any matter dispute in this connection is under the Jurisdiction of Dharwad District.

Through this Memorandum of Understanding KFA and KUD affirm their commitment to fulfill and achieve the objectives mutually agreed upon.

Signed this Memorandum of Understanding on this **2023 Year, May month and 31<sup>st</sup> date.**

For and on behalf KFA	For and on behalf of KUD
Address: Director Karnataka Forest Academy, Gungaragatti Dharwad	Address: Registrar Karnatak University, Pavatenagar Dharwad
Signature and Name with Designation: 	Signature and Name with Designation:  31/05/23
Signature: Name: Shri Vijaylal Meena IFS Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Human Resource Development Karnataka State Forest Academy	Signature: Name: Shri Yashpal Kshirsagar IFS <b>REGISTRAR</b> KARNATAK UNIVERSITY DHARWAD
Stamp: Witness-1 Name: SONAL VRISHNI, IFS Designation: - JD. KFA Signature: 	Stamp: Witness-1 Name: PRTB - S.M. TILWARI Designation: Director, CDC, KUD Signature: 
Witness-2 Name: Giridhar. N. Agarwale Designation: Beat Forester / Supervisor Signature: 	Witness-2 Name: Pwshpa. S Hongal Designation: asst. Prof JKIMS Signature: 

### Composition of the Coordinating Committee / Managing Council

The Coordinating Committee /Managing Council shall consist of the following members.

- The Vice-Chancellor Chairman
- The Director, KFA Member
- The Registrar Member
- The Director, PMEB Member
- The Registrar (Evaluation) Member
- One Member from the Syndicate Member
- Three Members nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with KFA.
- Four Members of the concerned agency/institution/centre or other associated institutions nominated by the head of the KFA.
- Two representatives from the professional/bodies/related Government Departments or the related organizations including international agencies, if necessary, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Head of the KFA.
- The Director / Coordinator of the program nominated by the KFA shall be the Member-Secretary of the Council.

The total membership of the Coordinating Committee /Managing Council shall not exceed 15. If required, experts may be invited as Special Invitees, who shall have no voting rights.

- i. The term of the Managing Council shall be for five academic years.
- ii. Any casual vacancy of nominated members caused by death, resignation, or the member ceasing to hold a particular office or a particular designation by virtue of which he became a member shall be filled up the Vice-chancellor for the unexpired term of office of the member.
- iii. The Managing Council shall meet least once in an academic year to review the implementation of program and to assess the activities of the program.
- iv. 50% of the Members shall form the quorum for the meeting. No quorum is required for an adjourned meeting.
- v. The Vice-Chancellor or, in his absence, any member nominated by him, shall preside over the meeting.
- vi. The agenda for the meeting will be made available to the members much in advance and it shall be discussed and debated before the decision is arrived at. If any issue involves voting, it shall be decided by a majority of votes; the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member, in case of tie.
- vii. Record of Meetings: Record of the business transactions of the Managing Council shall be maintained properly. Copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Managing Council shall be made available to the members and to the University.

Power and functions of Coordinating committee / Management council are similar to the statute of Karnatak University - recognition of certain institutions for specified studies / specialized studies and research statutes – 2023 under section 4.