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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

KANCHI MAMUNIVAR GOVERNMENT INSTITUTE FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH (AUTONOMOUS), PUDUCHERRY.

(Hereinafter referred to as KMGIPSR)

and

FRENCH INSTITUTE OF PONDICHERRY, PUDUCHERRY.

(Hereinafter referred to as IFP)

Kanchi Mamunivar Government Institute for Postgraduate Studies and Research (KMGIPSR), Puducherry, as a Government Institution, was started in the year 1989 with the objective of imparting higher education at Postgraduate and Research level to the urban and rural society. It is affiliated to Pondicherry University, offering 13 PG Courses, 11 M.Phil Programmes and 8 Ph.D Programmes in Arts, Humanities, Commerce and Science disciplines. Kanchi Mamunivar Centre for Postgraduate Studies (KMCPGS) has been re-designated as Kanchi Mamunivar Government Institute for Postgraduate Studies and Research (KMGIPSR) since 2019 and is recognized under 2f and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 with effect from 1993. Further, the Institution was bestowed with the status of "College With Potential for Excellence" (Phase-I) on 18th March, 2010 for a period of five years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 and got extension of the status of "College With Potential for Excellence" (Phase-II) on 31st January, 2014 for a period of five years, from 2014-15 to 2018-19. With its special impetus on research, KMGIPSR has gained the 56th position among all Arts and Science Colleges in India as per the NIRF-2020 of MHRD.

The French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP) is an autonomous Institution set up by the Government of France under the provisions of the Treaty of Cession (1954, Article 24), for furthering research and advanced educational studies in diverse fields by French and Indian Scientists and for enhancing intellectual collaboration between French and Indian Scholars in several fields: INDOLOGY (Sanskrit studies), ECOLOGY - Environment and Sustainable Development, SOCIAL SCIENCES - Contemporary Social Dynamics, and GeoSMIT (Geospatial Monitoring and Information Technology). The IFP is also under the patronage of the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) to promote higher education and research and to produce more doctorates and scientists of international standard.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a collaborative relationship to promote higher education and interdisciplinary research studies between KMGIPSR and IFP.


SCOPE OF WORK AND MANDATED RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Research collaborations between the two Institutions, in areas of mutual interest including Language & Literature and Biological Sciences including Taxonomy, Palynology, Functional Ecology of Plants and Fungi, Zoology/Entomology. Also possible Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences.

2. To apply jointly for project calls of the local, national and international institutions. Specific MoUs between KMGIPSR and IFP will be drawn for each joint project which will involve financial liability.
3. M.Sc. and M.A. Students, Researchers including PhD scholars will be involved in these research work in availing facilities of both the Institutes. Both institutions would specifically obtain permission for biodiversity access from the concerned forest departments and approval of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) for bioresource access and benefit-sharing provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
4. Research exposure to students through visits to laboratory, library and through seminars organized by the Research Departments are subject to the rules and regulations of KMGIPSR and IFP.
5. Scholars may apply for fellowships calls to carry out our research work of mutual interest. Recruitment of scholars for fellowships will be made based on the admission procedure of the respective institution so as to maintain the autonomous status of the collaborating parties. Stipend may be provided subject to fund availability of the concerned institution.
6. Faculties of KMGIPSR and IFP will guide and supervise the research studies. The institute which recruits the scholars will be the main guide while the other institute will be the co-guide. However, the degree will be awarded only by KMGIPSR (Pondicherry University) as IFP is not empowered to award degrees. In the case of co-supervision of especially PhD scholars any daily Attendance or other administrative requirements of the PU/ KMGIPSR will be settled by the respective co-supervisors in consultation with the respective Heads of their Departments.
7. This MoU will be valid for a period of five years from the date of signing of the same and thereafter can be renewed for further period of five years subject to such other terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.
8. No modification to this Agreement shall be binding unless made in writing and signed by both the parties.
9. This MoU may be terminated by either party by giving six months' notice in writing to the other party. Either of the parties shall honour within a mutual agreed period, the outstanding commitments, if any, as on the date of termination.
10. Operating of the MoU shall be subject to rules and regulations which are in force in India. This agreement is being made in good faith and after due deliberations by both KMGIPSR and IFP for promoting academic and scientific cooperation in India. Therefore, any dispute or disagreement whatsoever shall be settled amicably by both the parties.

In witness whereof, the following representatives duly authorized for the purpose, have signed this MoU in two originals.



Dr. M. Sangararadje	Prof. Frederic LANDY
Director	Director
Kanchi Mamunivar Govt. Institute for Postgraduate Studies and Re- search (Autonomous), Puducherry	French Institute of Pondicherry
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