

Memorandum of Understanding Between People For Himalayan
Development, Kullu and Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

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Mandi 175075, Himachal Pradesh

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People For Himalayan Development Trust
Kullu 175101, Himachal Pradesh

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This Memorandum of Understanding is made between:

People For Himalayan Development Trust (PHD), Kullu 175101, Himachal Pradesh

and

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi (IIT Mandi), Mandi 175075, Himachal Pradesh.

Objectives of Memorandum of Understanding

PHD, (government and non-government funded) and IIT Mandi a government funded institution, are created through the act of State and Central Governments, respectively. To promote and support academics and research for the development of excellence in both the institutions, the two institutions have agreed to cooperate in the following main activities:

- Joint research projects that can address critical issues related to the Himalayan region, covering topics such as environmental conservation, social development, Livelihood, community forest resources, Climate change, cultural preservation, and more.
- Permissible exchange of scientific information for academic purposes.
- Joint research activities through participation in nationally and internationally funded projects.
- Facilitating the exchange of knowledge and expertise between our organization and contribute to our collective understanding of the Himalayas. Organization of joint events such as seminars, workshops, conferences and joint research initiatives etc.
- To work together on the issues of Community Forest Resources, Rural Livelihood, Sustainable tourism, De-Addiction Programs, Forest Rights Act (FRA 2006), Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA), to facilitate holistic community development while ensuring ecological sustainability.
- Any other objective as agreed upon writing both the institutions.

1. Financial Arrangements:

Both the parties acknowledge and understand that all financial arrangements, if any, will be subjected to prior written agreement and availability of funds for each activity undertaken.

2. Duration renewal:

The MoU is signed initially for five years at the first instance from the date of signing. Further continuance of this MoU will be subject to joint agreement and review by both parties to be undertaken before the expiry of this MoU.

3. Advertising and Publicity:

PHD
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Both the institute may advertise this MoU for information of students, staff and the general public.

4. Modification of MoU:

This MoU may be modified at any time if circumstances arise which call for any alteration, subject to the approval of both parties.

5. Statutory Compliance:

This MoU solely expresses the intention of both institutions. It is agreed that it does not have a legal effect nor create any financial obligations on either institution.

6. Confidentially:

Both institutions agree and undertake to keep confidential any information/data exchanged, acquired, or shared in connection with any program or activity conducted under this MoU.

7. Governance:

All terms of this MoU are subject to the laws of the Republic of India and acts, statutes and ordinances of both the institutions.

8. Signature on MoU:

Both the institutions agree to execute the objectives of the MoU within the framework of terms of reference of this agreement.

Based on the above promises the parties put their signatures in this MoU on 16/11/2024



This MoU is written in two identical originals, both of equal validity.

Authorized Signatory
Sandeep Minhas
Managing Trustee
People for Himalayan Development
Kullu 175101, Himachal Pradesh

Authorized Signatory
IIT Mandi
Indian Institute of Technology Mandi
Mandi 175075, Himachal Pradesh.

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IIT Mandi
Kamand - 175005,
H.P., India

Witnesses

1. Lalita Waldia

Lalita Waldia
16/11/2024

2. Avinash Sharma

Avinash Sharma
16/11/2024