

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA (ZSI)
AND
FERGUSSON COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), PUNE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on **4th December, 2023**

The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), represented by **Dr. Basudev Tripathy**, (Age: 50 years) Scientist –E and Officer-In-Charge, Zoological Survey of India, Western Regional Center, Pune and Fergusson College, Pune (Autonomous), affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune represented by **Prof. Dr. Nitin M. Kulkarni**, Officiating Principal, Fergusson College (Autonomous), Pune, (Age: 59 years) agree that for encouragement and development of cooperation and exchange in areas of mutual academic interest, it is desirable to enhance research and educational processes at both the universities/institutes and to strengthen mutual understanding between their respective staff, scholars and students. The Zoological Survey of India, represented by the Director, ZSI and the Fergusson College, Pune (Autonomous) represented by the Principal, Fergusson College (Autonomous), Pune hereby, enter into an agreement for academic and educational cooperation and have set forth the following Articles of Mutual Agreement:

Article 1

The Fergusson College, Pune (Autonomous) affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune and the Zoological Survey of India agree on, but is not limited to, the following based on their academic and educational needs:

1. Exchange of scholars and scientific staff.
2. Exchange of students.
3. Exchange of academic information and materials subjected to provisions under the Biodiversity Act (2002) and or any other such legal bindings by the Govt. of India.
4. Zoological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, shall be a recognized Research Centre (including conducting contact classes/course work/examination etc.) for undertaking Master, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Programme by the Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, through Fergusson College, Pune.
5. The bonafide students and research scholars of both the Institutions will have access to research facilities and logistics at the Fergusson College, Pune and the Zoological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Pune during their course of work and research period for conducting field based or laboratory-based research.
6. The scientists of Zoological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Pune conducting research shall be recognised as Guide/Co-Guide for supervising Master's and Doctoral Programmes in Zoology, Life Sciences, Environmental Sciences and or any other Biological Sciences as the case deemed by the the Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, through Fergusson College, Pune and as per the provisions outlined in the UGC regulation 2010.
7. Joint Research activities and publications could be undertaken on the following areas:
 - Faunal Taxonomy and Biogeography study.
 - Wetland Ecological Study and Agro-Biodiversity Study.
 - Ecological Studies with special reference to Western Ghats Fauna.
 - Studies on the different Protected Areas of Western Ghats and Deccan Region of Maharashtra as well as neighbouring states.
 - Coastal and marine biodiversity research along the Maharashtra coast.
8. Organisation and participation in conferences and academic meetings, such as courses, seminars, symposia or lectures.
9. Other Academic exchanges that both institutions agree to.

Article 2

The implementation of each exchange programme or joint project based on this agreement shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis and agreed upon in writing by both institutions. Any such exchange programme or joint project entered into, as outlined above, will form an appendix to this basic agreement.

Article 3

The exchange programmes and/or projects as mentioned in Article 2, are not intended to be legally binding documents. They are meant to describe the nature and suggest the guidelines of the programme or project. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either university/institution, nor will any constraint be imposed by either upon the other carrying out the agreement.

Article 4

In order to carry out and fulfil the goals of this agreement both universities/institutes shall designate a programme co-ordinator to develop and co-ordinate the specific programmes and projects agreed upon. The appendix, as part of the general agreement, shall include such items as:

1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each university/institution for the agreed upon activity.
2. Schedule for the specific activity.
3. Budget and sources of financing for each activity.
4. Any other item deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity.

The programme co-ordinators will be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this agreement according to the practices of the respective parties. Letters of agreement will be approved by both sides according to the normal procedures adopted by the signatory parties.

Article 5

1. This agreement shall take effect on the day of which it is signed and shall continue until terminated by agreement between the parties. Any changes must be agreed to in writing by both parties. A minimum period of six months' notice will be required from either party wishing to terminate the agreement.

2. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

- a) This Agreement shall come into effect from the date it is signed by the parties and shall remain in full force initially for 3 years from the effective date unless or otherwise terminated earlier as per clause 9 of this agreement.
- b) The existing agreement can be extended further with the same or revised terms and conditions with mutual understanding in between the parties.

3. DISPUTE RESOLUTION & ARBITRATION

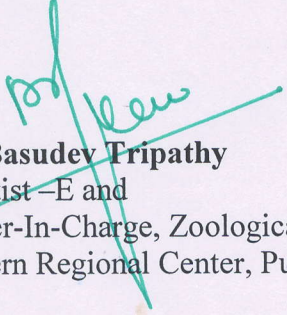
- a) This MoU shall be governed by the Terms and Condition mentioned in the Agreement.
- b) In case of any unsolved dispute, the parties shall refer the said dispute for arbitration. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties. The provisions of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1966 and successive amendments (if any) shall apply to such arbitration. The place of arbitration shall be Pune.

As witness to their consent to this agreement, the appropriate authorities here unto provide their signatures.

In Witness Whereof the Parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding at Pune on 4th day 12th month 2023 year.

For the Zoological Survey of India

For Fergusson College (Autonomous), Pune

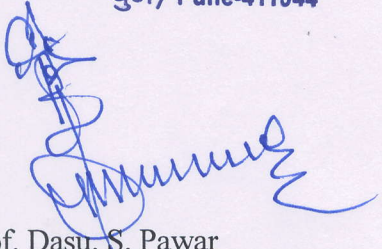

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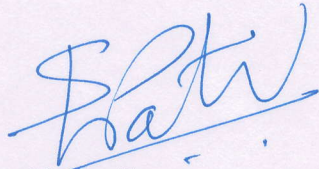
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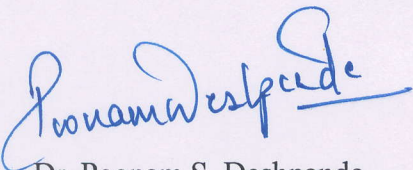
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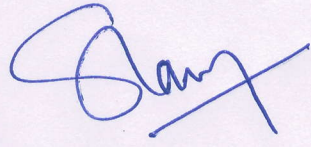

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