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To,

Dr. Anita Goswami Giri

Professor

Department of Chemistry

Vidya Prasarak Mandal's B. N. Bhandodkar College of Science,  
Thane, 400601

**Subject:** Extension of MoU for collaboration between TERI and VPM's B. N. Bhandodkar College of Science, Thane

Dear Mam,

As you are aware, TERI and VPM had signed an MoU on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for jointly developing and implementing projects in the field of health and nutrition security. Moreover, addressing malnutrition among the rural as well as urban populations was one of the priority areas. After signing the said MoU, the student representatives were invited to join the field work and other outreach programs organized by TERI.

Given the positive feedback that we have received from both the students and faculty, we strongly feel that this symbiotic association could further be extended to achieve our common objectives. TERI shall be happy to include new areas of collaboration in the near future as well. Kindly let us know your views or suggestions on the same.

Currently, TERI is engaged in projects which can be broadly categorized in the following areas

1. Waste Management
2. Afforestation and Biodiversity Conservation
3. Nutrition Security
4. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

For effective project implementation, TERI may seek appropriate support of your esteemed institution as per mutual consent. Moreover, we would also appreciate valuable inputs from your experts and faculty members.

Looking forward to a continued fruitful association with your esteemed institution.

Thanking you,

Sincere Regards,

*Anjali Parasnis*

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Encl: Previous MoU copy



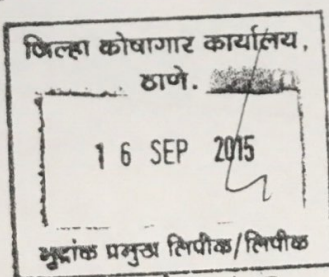




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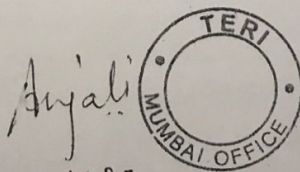
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(VPM'S B.N. Bandodkar College of Science, Thane )  
and

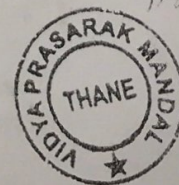
THE ENERGY AND RESOURCES INSTITUTE

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered in to on the 28/09/2015 between

The Energy And Resources Institute, with its regional office at 318, Raheja Arcade, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai 400614 and its registered head office at Darbari Seth Block, IHC Complex, Navi Mumbai 110003, India, represented herein by its Associate Director, Dr. Anjali Parasnis, and hereafter referred to as TERI



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ज्या कारणासाठी ज्यांनी मुद्रांक खरेदी केला त्यांनी त्याच कारणासाठी मुद्रांक खरेदी केल्यापासून ६ महिन्यात वापरणे बंधनकारक आहे.



HEREBY WITNESSETH,

WHEREAS, TERI is a not for profit research organization, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 having its Governing Council, Advisory Board and Committee of Director working under the leadership of Director General. Established in 1974, it is a unique developing country institution, deeply committed to every aspect of sustainable development. TERI focuses on applications of renewable energy technologies, green building concepts, rural and agricultural technologies, policy level integration, awareness and sustainable livelihood training programs across all sectors. Moreover, TERI has implemented several projects in the rural areas focussing on food security and nutrition. One of the approaches also includes bio-prospecting of wild edibles from the rural and tribal areas so as to assess their nutritional and pharmaceutical profile and also about climate resilient agriculture focusing on promotion of hardy millets in daily diets.

WHEREAS, Vidya Prasarak Mandal is a charitable trust who have number of education institutes under its umbrella and having its campus and office at Thane (hereinafter referred to as "VPM")

WHEREAS,

VPM possesses the experience, competence and academic infrastructure to impart training /education in the field of various disciplines and the knowledge and know-how in respect to the academic deliveries.

VPM and TERI have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), for jointly developing the projects for subject to the availability of human, financial and other resources, on the general conditions as herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE THIS MOU WITNESSETH AS UNDER:-

#### Article - I

#### Collaboration and IPR (Intellectual Property Rights)

The following could be the broad points of collaborations for the future projects:

1. Collaborate to address the issue of malnourishment in rural and urban population through various activities like research and outreach programs.
2. Developing joint research proposals on above mentioned areas of collaboration.
3. Technology transfer and promotional programs on above research areas of collaboration providing the logistical support.

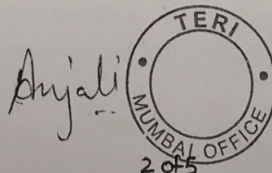
The parties recognize the particular role of each party in the context of the following, the collaboration between the parties may be of three types as elaborated in (TABLE No. 1)

Support Requested	Type/ involvement/	Condition	of Terms of sharing the property rights
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Local Logistics and  
use of Laboratory  
Facility

TERI shall pay for the use of  
required services or facilities to  
the partner/collaborating institute.

Given that this would be  
part of the ongoing project  
activities, TERI shall be  
solely responsible for the  
project output. The  
support extended by  
collaborator would be  
duly acknowledged in the  
publications, symposiums





or any other print material.

**Active involvement of students, volunteers, experts and faculty for the project implementation.**

For any particular field related project TERI may seek the involvement of the students for conducting project related field activities like, surveys, sample collection, preliminary identification, herbarium preparation, helping in the characterization, photo documentation and so on. Moreover the inputs by experts and faculty would be highly valuable

1. In this case, TERI shall be the sole owner of the project outcomes, however students shall be acknowledged for the task accomplished by them. TERI shall offer them certificates as well as bear the financial implications towards the on sight work.

2. The authorship could be considered if the students/teachers have very specific and very meaningful contribution towards the project outcome which might be in form of research paper, analytical report and so on.

**Developing a collaborative project from concept phase and its joint implementation**

In this case both the organizations are equal partners from its inception phase to implementation which could be mutually submitted to the funding agencies/govt. organizations.

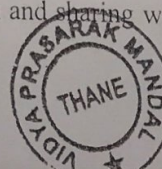
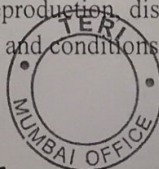
Both the organizations are equally responsible for managing and implementing the project.

Both the organizations shall equally share all the intellectual property rights as well as authorship credits with mutual agreement. The roles and responsibilities could be ascertained at the initiation stage.

4. The parties will virtue their respective knowledge, expertise and availability of resources in their respective fields, recognize the significance and responsibility to work towards developing and implementing collaborative programs.
5. The parties agree to collaborate in specific, existing and new development programs related to Article I of this MOU and also consent to work towards developing such need-based projects identified from time to time.
6. TERI and BNBC agree to develop a privileged long term mutually beneficial partnership that will be materialized through different projects.
7. Project specific roles and responsibilities may be amended to this umbrella MoU at a later stage.
8. The documents, technology, products and information generated out of this Agreement would be made available in the public domain as well as in the Parties' respective websites based on mutual consent,
9. The parties agree that any form of reproduction, dissemination and sharing would be done based on mutually agreed terms and conditions.

*Anjali*

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*[Signature]*



10. Unless specifically agreed upon, and stated otherwise by the parties, data and results generated from collaborative activities shall belong and be governed by both the parties jointly. Any article, document and publication which is an output of a collaborative activity shall acknowledge its other partners and obtain the approval of the competent authorities of both the organizations. For other activities, the parties shall cooperate in information services including document delivery and results dissemination that from time to time shall be mutually agreed.

## Article – II

### Specific Project Activities

1. TERI and VPM with its college BNBC agree to give emphasis on projects related to malnourishment and bio-prospecting for immediate consideration.
2. For each project, the parties agree to establish the specific terms and conditions through a written communication giving the reference of this MoU.
3. BNBC agrees to provide local logistic support in terms of laboratory equipment and facilities and other allied support to TERI researchers as and when required during the project period and later as may be applicable within the context of this MoU and more specifically as agreed upon in Table No. 1 of Article I
4. TERI agrees to provide all the technical inputs pertaining to the areas of its expertise and interest as listed in Article I. TERI agrees to develop project proposals to suitably address the issues, concerns and interest as agreed by both the parties.
5. TERI agrees to joint consultancy proposals with BNBC for organizing workshops, seminars and awareness programs as may be required within the context of this MoU.
6. The parties jointly seek opportunities to locate necessary national or international funding for supporting their collaborative activities wherever required. Both the parties agree to extend all the necessary cooperation in developing joint proposals.
7. The authorities of each party shall identify a staff member as contact person for the co-ordination of joint activities during the project period.
8. Publications that are developed jointly shall be reviewed and approved by each party.

## Article III

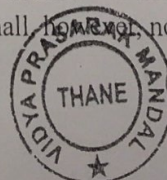
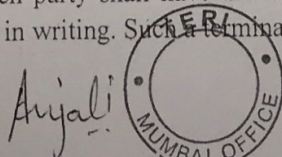
### Amendment to the Agreement

1. Amendment to this Agreement shall be made by mutual consent of the parties in writing. No variation in terms of scope of this Agreement shall be valid or be a binding unless previously agreed upon in writing between the parties in the form of a letter entitled "Amendment to Agreement".
2. It is specifically agreed between the parties that all the activities in terms of this Agreement shall be drawn and designed with specific relevance to sustainable and "eco-friendly" rural development in the context of BNBC.

## Article IV

### Entry into Force and Term

1. The collaborative activities and programs indicated in this MoU are subject to budgetary appropriations available to each party and applicable laws and regulations of each party.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the parties. It may be amended by mutual agreements of the parties.
3. The validity of this agreement shall be for 5 years and may be renewed or extended by mutual agreement later.
4. It is agreed that each party shall have the right to withdraw from the Agreement on a three month notice in writing. Such a termination shall not affect activities and



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the remuneration allocated for the activities already approved jointly under the terms of the Memorandum.

## Article V Settlement of Disputes

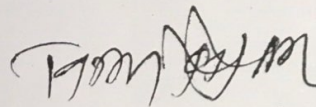
Any dispute or difference, which shall arise between parties hereto, whether in relation to interpretation of this Agreement or to any act or omission by either party to the dispute or as to any act which ought to be done by the parties in dispute or either of them or in relation to any other matter whatsoever in the context of this Agreement shall be referred to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 or any statutory modification or substitution thereof for the time being in force.

This Agreement is signed on the day of Monday, September 28, 2015 two originals in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE COMMON SEAL OF THE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN  
HEREUNTO AFFIXED AND THE COMMON SEAL OF TERI, REGIONAL OFFICE,  
MUMBAI HAS BEEN HEREUNTO AFFIXED THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST HEREIN  
ABOVE WRITTEN.

Signed for and on behalf of

Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane



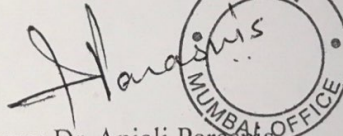
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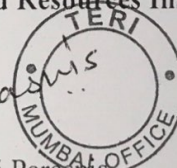
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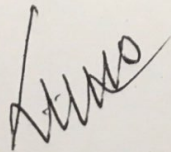


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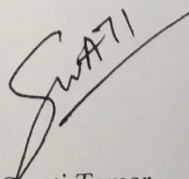
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