



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN



PLANTICA

Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, Uttarakhand

1st Party

AND

PLANTICA FOUNDATION, DEHRADUN (UTTRAKHAND)
(2nd party)

1. Profile of 1st Party :

The Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) was established by an Act of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly in 2005 (Act No. 23 of 2005) with the aim of disseminating knowledge and skills through distance learning, using the flexible and innovative methods of education to ensure 'independent learning'. The University uses novel educational programmes, various modes of communication technology and contact sessions to make distance learning more effective. The major objective of the University is to cater to the educational needs of the target groups to create skilled and knowledge based human resource for speedy upliftment and development of the State. The University aims to impart quality education by maintaining high academic standards. For this purpose, it has radically reoriented itself in view of the rapid changes in the sphere of professional and technical education and has developed a number of new and innovative self-employment/ employment oriented courses of study. Uttarakhand Open University is especially focusing on the educational needs of women, the tribals and other marginalized sections. It has extended its reach to most distant and difficult places and has made its presence felt even in the remotest corners of the state. It has signed MoUs with various providers with the sole aim of sharing resources and knowledge for the benefit of the people. The vision of the University is to provide the most critical components of growth, through quality higher education, to the state of Uttarakhand. UOU offers its programmes through 100+ Study Centres established at different locations in the state under eight Regional Centres at Dehradun, Roorkee, Pauri, Uttarkashi, Ranikhet, Bageshwar, Haldwani and Pithoragarh. The University has also signed Memorandum of Understanding with several leading research institutions, companies and professional bodies for the benefit of its Learner

2. Profile of 2nd party

Plantica Foundation, Registered under The Indian Trust Act, 1882 and Ministry of MSME Govt. of India, located at Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Plantica Foundation is an ISO 9001:2015 certified organization for quality standards and Recognized as authorized skill development training and research centre by Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University

(State Govt. University of Uttarakhand), Rishikesh. Since its establishment in 2017, Plantica is a key player for training and capacity building in Agriculture and its applications through training, education and research in India. The training, education and capacity building programmes of the academy are designed to meet the requirements of Professionals at working levels, fresh graduates, researchers, academia, and decision makers. Plantica starts the work with the formation of an all India based academic and scientific group of researchers (Plantica Group of Researchers- PGR, India- www.pgrindias.in) named Association of Plant Science Researchers (APSR) in 2017. The objective of the association is to organize National and International conferences/ seminar / workshop etc. with scientific publications. Plantica initiate to publish a research book series entitled PLANTA (Publish Biannually in the month of April and October) since 2017. Association of Plant Science Researchers has been conducted Plant Science Researchers Meet (PSRM) every year since 2018 as a series of National Conferences on different themes. Plantica has constituted Indian Academy of Rural Development (IARD)- www.plantica.in in 2019 with the objective to provide hands on skill development training to the students and farmers. IARD also provide platform to the researchers to fulfill their research objective and to conduct partial thesis research work at Plantica. Plantica- IARD has been recognized as authorized skill development training and research centre by Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University (State Govt. University of Uttarakhand) in 2022 to conduct various skill development training program for youth and farmers. IARD is the only training and research centre in Uttarakhand who has received this type of recognition by State Govt. University. Plantica- IARD is also affiliated by VIPNET, Vigyan Prasar, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India as recognized Science Club in Uttarakhand. In 2022 Plantica constituted the Indian Academy of Women in Agriculture (IAWA) with the objective to provide a suitable and strong platform to the women academician and researchers and also to provide skill development training and self employment opportunities to the women farmers and rural women. PLANTICA Vision is to be counted among the most pioneering, innovative, user-friendly and self – supported educational society, publisher, training and research centre/ institute in the world. PLANTICA Mission is to facilitate the acquisition of technical skill by students and professionals in all sectors of agricultural/ plant science economy to enable them to provide most effective support and services to farmers and other agricultural and researchers' community for practicing sustainable agriculture and ensuring better income for their produce.

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) is entered into on this _____ day of _____ 2022.

BETWEEN

UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY, represented by its Registrar, having its office at Haldwani, Uttarakhand in India, hereinafter referred to as the PARTY OF THE FIRST PART.

AND

PLANTICA FOUNDATION, represented by its Director, having its office at Dehradun, Uttarakhand in India hereinafter referred to as the PARTY OF THE SECOND PART.

WITNESSETH that

WHEREAS, THE Party of the First Part is an educational institution of national importance committed to producing quality human resource through effective curricula delivery in various fields of education including agriculture and allied sciences.

WHEREAS, THE Party of Second Part is a training and research centre with the major objective to provide agricultural/ plant science related need based training to the students, young professional / researchers who want to be an entrepreneur in agriculture sector; also publish journals, books and educational materials for farmers, students and researchers.

WHEREAS, both party of the First Part and the party of the Second Part have come to an understanding to promote collaboration in education and research

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE INCLUDING OBJECTIVES

- i) To share facilities in the area of skill development in various aspects of Botany, Zoology, Agricultural, Allied and Life Sciences as part of the curricula delivery
- ii) To share expertise in Botany, Zoology Agricultural Allied and Life Sciences for guidance of postgraduate and doctoral students
- iii) To organize conferences, workshops, seminars etc. in mutual areas of academic interest
- iv) To establish and run certificate courses and diploma courses in various aspects of Botany, Zoology, Agricultural Allied and Life Sciences

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS (These are general guidelines and may need to be modified on case to case basis)

1. This MoU is valid for a period of five years at the first instance, but can be extended with the consent of both the parties.
2. This MoU shall be deemed to have been automatically rescinded after the expiry of the MoU period, unless renewed for any further period as per mutually agreed upon terms at a later stage.
3. Either of the parties hereto shall be entitled to terminate the MoU at any time with valid reasons acceptable in writing to both parties and in such case, the MoU will terminate six months after the date of written notification or date of expiry of the MoU, whichever is earlier. In case of such premature termination of the MoU, all rights and obligations of both parties shall automatically cease except for those covered by written contract including ongoing collaborative activity that can no longer be cancelled.
4. In case of any dispute that may crop-up during executing of MoU, the matter would be settled through arbitration by referring to Arbitration Committee comprising of a member nominated each by two parties and one member will be jointly nominated by two parties.

5. All credits and benefits for collaborative work including the intellectual property generated during the tenancy of project would be equally shared between both parties i.e. both parties shall be the joint owners of this IP.
6. The collaborative programme between two parties shall be coordinated by a Coordination Committee consisting of one member from each organization appointed by the Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK), and appointed authorities of the second part.
7. Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK), agrees to provide space and required facilities to conduct certificate courses/ diploma courses/ on-campus trainings/ workshops/ seminars/ conferences etc. for their UG / PG students of Botany, Zoology, Agricultural Allied and Life Sciences in their respective areas of specialization, to Plantica Foundation, on terms as mutually agreed.
8. Services of the expertise in Botany, Zoology Agricultural Allied and Life Sciences, available with the Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK), can be utilized by the Plantica Foundation for guidance of postgraduate and doctoral students on mutually agreed terms and conditions and vice versa.
9. The Plantica Foundation will provide Training to the students of Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK), on mutual understanding. Also experts of the Foundation, will visit Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK) for providing training and guest lectures on mutual understanding and vice versa.
10. The Plantica Foundation will prepare the detail curriculum/ syllabus for certificate and diploma courses related to skill development for self employment generation and run all certificate and diploma courses with University on mutual understanding.
11. The Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK), and Plantica Foundation, Dehradun, Uttarakhand may apply for collaborative projects jointly to organize scientific workshop/symposia /training courses/ conferences in areas of mutual interest.
12. Plantica Foundation, Dehradun, Uttarakhand has been acknowledged for testing of agricultural products and performing Bio-efficacy trials of organic agri products, jointly with Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK), Both The organizations are able to support the agricultural activities, providing awareness about organic products, performing agricultural trials of organic products for crop growth and protection.
13. The Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK) and Plantica Foundation, as the case may be, will provide assistance in developing training facilities and required infrastructure facilities for carrying out collaborative training / research projects.
14. UG, PG and Ph.D.Learner studying at Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK) including affiliated colleges, would be allowed to carry out a training/project work part of their course at Plantica Foundation, Dehradun,

Uttarakhand for a period recommended by their respective heads and vice versa.

15. This MOU would be reviewed by Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani (UK), and Plantica Foundation, Dehradun, Uttarakhand as and when required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of both parties have hereunto affixed their signatures on the dates indicated below:

For
Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani

(_____)
Vice-Chancellor

Signed in the presence of

Registrar

&

(_____)
Registrar

Director Uttarakhand Open University
School of Science Haldwani (Nainital)

(_____)

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Pravesh
6/5/2022

Dated: 06.05.2022

For
Plantica Foundation

(_____)
Director



Signed in the presence of

Secretary

Plantica Foundation

&
Scientific Officer - KPK

(_____) *Prashal*

Plantica Indian Academy
of Rural Development
(IARD), Dehradun (UK)

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