

Both the parties have discussed the common academic and research interests and agreed to engage jointly in the field of Agriculture, Ayurveda and allied sciences to promote the sustainable utilization of the Natural Resources and improve the livelihood status of the people in central India.

1. BACKGROUND

First Party

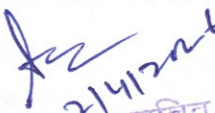
The Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU) has been established in 2014 by an Act of Parliament under the Central Agricultural University Act 2014 (Act No. 10 of 2014). Central Agricultural University, Jhansi has the key objectives to impart education in different branches of agriculture and allied sciences, undertake research in agriculture, undertake programmes of extension education and promote linkages with national and international educational institutes. The vision of RLBCAU is to establish itself as a centre of excellence with social commitment by integrating modern, scientific and technological knowledge and skills with the basic human ethos and values. The University shall set forth a model in teaching, research and personality development and create skilled human resources with a sense of responsiveness towards society, the country and the world at large.


Second Party

Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Jhansi (CARI) established in the year 1973 formerly known as National Vrikshayurveda Research Institute (NVARI) Jhansi and Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI). Institute is engaged in the research with the focus mandate for Ayurvedic pharmaceutical research and drug development as well as to maintain Central herbarium and Demonstrative crude drugs repository of various plant species which have been collected during medico-ethno botanical surveys, to conduct medico-ethno botanical explorations (survey) in states of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. (The Institute has so far conducted surveys in about 45 forest divisions), collection and supply of genuine crude drug materials for Research & Development work with Authentication of plant specimen. to maintain and strengthen Demonstrative medicinal plant garden and carrying out cultivation of medicinal plants of Ayurveda and extend researches based on Vrikshayurveda for the management of plant health. to prepare and supply of research drugs to peripheral institutes of CCRAS, referral and consultation services for analysis and authentication of raw drugs.

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The potential areas of collaboration include academics, basic and advanced research, training, capacity building, and knowledge sharing in the fields of agriculture, Ayurveda, and allied sciences.


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3. OUTLINE

This document is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on either party. It serves only as a record of the parties' current intentions. This will be a sustaining program and will help sourcing funds for collaborative research/academic programs from external agencies.

Under the aegis of this MoU, First Party and Second Party shall jointly explore the possibilities of working mainly in the central part of India. The major focus of this collaboration shall be on:

- Each party will encourage the exchange of faculty/scientists for joint academic and research programs on Agriculture, Ayurveda, and allied sciences including distance education programs.
- Faculty/Scientists from each party will collaborate in developing proposals for external funding as appropriate and publish quality publications with the approval of competent authority
- Organizing joint seminars, webinars, conferences, training and workshops
- Exchange of research scholars/faculties for research collaboration and capacity building programmes.
- Internship opportunities at CARI for the students of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Jhansi as per university/ICAR norms/CCRAS Policy.
- Any expenses incurred by each institution under this MoU will be the sole responsibility of the institutions concerned.
- This MoU does not involve any financial commitment unless approved through mutual agreements.

3.1. Academic and Research Collaboration

In pursuant of the MoU, academic and research and allied collaborations shall be initiated between both organizations/parties. The research collaboration shall involve, visits of scientists to each other's institution, and write collaborative research projects for funding and be a part of in-house/external research projects based on mandate of both the parties. A joint coordination committee with representatives of both institutions shall review activity annually.

3.2. Exchange of academic information, data generation and dissemination and scholarly publications

In pursuant of the agreement, exchange of academic information, data regeneration and dissemination and scholarly publications shall be the privilege of both parties involved. The data generation could be from primary or secondary source. The samples to be collected from field areas shall be shared as per convenience and the Government


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protocols. Secondary data sources and sharing shall also need to have clearances of the Government procedures. The publications and authorship shall be discussed among the research groups exclusively; publication shall be subject to institutional approval of both parties. Dissemination of information to print/visual media shall be as per the Government protocols.


4. Performance Standards

The Parties shall perform their respective roles and responsibilities under this MoU with highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.

5. Publication & Intellectual Property Rights

- (i) If the collaborative research is conducted and completed in India with the help of RLBCAU members in the team, the intellectual property will be protected in India with RLBCAU as a co-applicant. CCRAS-CARI will have rights to commercialize the technology.
- (ii) If the collaborative research is conducted and completed in India with the help of CCRAS-CARI members in the team, the intellectual property will be protected in India with CCRAS-CARI as a co applicant. RLBCAU will have rights to commercialize technology.
- (iii) In case application is to be made for international protection, then both RLBCAU and CCRAS-CARI will apply as co-applicants for the protection of intellectual property rights subject to exclusive rights of both the Parties to commercialize the technology in their respective countries. Commercialization in any other country shall be done jointly through a separate agreement.
- (iv) In case research is carried out solely and separately by the Party or the research results are obtained through the sole and separate effort of the Party, the Party concerned alone will apply for grant of IPR and once granted, the IPR will be solely owned by the concerned Party.
- (v) In case of research results obtained through joint activities, the grant of intellectual property rights will be sought by both the Parties jointly and once granted these rights will jointly owned by the Parties as per rule and regulation of both parties.
- (vi) Any Publication, document and/or paper arising out of joint work conducted by the participants pursuant to this MoU will be jointly owned. The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of the participants on any publication, document and/or paper will require prior permission of both the participants. It may however be ensured that the official emblem and logo is not misused.
- (vii) Both parties agree to ensure appropriate protection of intellectual Property Rights generated from such cooperation consistent with their respective laws, rules and regulations and other international agreements to which both parties are signatories.


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6. FORCE MAJEURE

None of the parties shall be held responsible for non-fulfilment of their respective obligations under this MoU due to the exigency of one or more of the force majeure events including but not limited to Acts of God, war, flood, earthquakes, strike, lockdowns, epidemics/pandemics, riots, civil commotion, etc. provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such events, the party affected thereby shall give a notice in writing to the other party within five (5) days of such occurrence or cessation of such force majeure event. If the force-majeure conditions continue beyond six (6) months, the parties shall then mutually decide about the future course of action of their arrangement specified under this MoU.

7. Commercialization

- i. The Parties hereby acknowledge that the collaborated research work executed and managed under this MoU, the results and proceeds thereto, and the related Intellectual Property rights, may have commercial potential.
- ii. If either Party wishes to involve any third party for the purpose of commercializing the technology, the results and proceeds thereto, and the related Intellectual Property rights, such Party shall first obtain written consent of the other Party.
- iii. The decision to involve any third party for commercialization shall be made only after a unanimous decision by both Parties.
- iv. In the event both Parties agree to involve a third party for commercialization, the terms and conditions of such involvement shall be negotiated in good faith, and given effect to by way of Addendum signed by both Parties.
- v. Any revenue generated from the commercialization of the joint research work, the results and proceeds thereto, and the related Intellectual Property rights, shall be shared by RLBCAU and CCRAS-CARI, only after a unanimous decision by both Parties.


8. Disclosure of Information

RLBCAU and CCRAS-CARI agree that except for a Court Order requiring disclosure, neither shall disclose to any third party without the written consent of the other, any information made available to the Parties, in the performance of work and/or generated by the performance of work, under this MoU, except information which at the date hereof was;

- (i) In the public domain.
- (ii) Known to either prior to the date hereof as evidenced by written documents subsequently.


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The provisions in this Article shall survive termination or completion of the Memorandum of Understanding. Confidentiality obligation shall survive for 5 year after termination.

9. Amendments

The Parties of this MoU may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend or delete any words, phrases, sentences or Articles in this MoU.


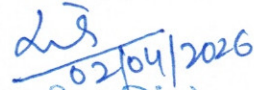
10. Validity of MoU

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of the completion of the signing by the parties. It shall remain in force the duration of 3 (three) years from the date of signing of this MoU and may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

Either party may terminate this MoU at any time by notifying the other party of its intention to terminate this MoU in writing at least three months in advance.

Unless agreed otherwise by the parties, the termination of this MoU shall not affect the validity and duration of any ongoing arrangement, activity and contract made under the MoU until the completion of such arrangement, activity and contract. This MoU shall be governed by laws of India and any dispute arising will be settled under the arbitration and conciliation, Act 1996. The venue of arbitration shall be Jhansi.

In WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed this MoU done at RLBCAU on the 2/4/ 2026.

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|  <u>2/4/2026</u> |  <u>02/04/2026</u> (डॉ० रवीन्द्र सिंह) |
| Signature with Seal Dr. S.S. Kushwah Registrar, RLBCAU Jhansi, UP | Signature with Seal Dr. Ravindra Singh (Dr. Ravinder Singh) Assistant Director, CARI Jhansi, UP |
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