



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### BETWEEN

GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB)

IST FLOOR, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE,

TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT BUILDING

OPP. SALIGAO SEMINARY, SALIGAO,

BARDEZ, GOA – 403511

### AND

PRABODHAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S VIDYA PRABODHINI COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, EDUCATION, COMPUTER & MANAGEMENT, ALTO-PARVARI, BARDEZ, GOA - 403 521

VENUE: BIODIVERSITY BOA

GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD, SALIGAO, BARDEZ - GOA - 403511

28/03/2023

### BACKGROUND OF PARTIES & PURPOSE

Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)

The Goa State Biodiversity Board (hereinafter referred to as "GSBB") whose address is 1<sup>st</sup> Floor ,Department of Science, Technology and Environment building, Opposite Saligao Seminary, Saligao, Bardez, Goa, is duly represented by Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board. GSBB is an autonomous body of Government of Goa under Department of Environment & Climate Change, constituted by the State Government as per the provision made in Section 22 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. The Board works under the Chairmanship of Hon. Minister for Environment, Shri. Nilesh Cabral and Dr. Pradip V. Sarmokadam is the Member Secretary of the Board.

## Vidya Prabodhini College of Commerce, Education, Computer and Management VPCCECM)

Prabodhan Education Society was founded in 1988, is dedicated to the cause of promoting Social development through education. Within the short span of 27 years, it runs several institutions imparting quality education right from pre-primary to college. Vidya Prabodhini College of Commerce, Education, Computer and Management is the latest addition to this family started in the year 2012, recognized by Govt. of Goa, affiliated to Goa university and approved by NCTE. The college presently runs two programmes viz, a three-year B.Com., and a four-year integrated B.A.B.Ed. This college takes the privilege of being first college in Goa to start B.A.B.Ed. programme from the Academic year 2015-16. The college has highly qualified, competent, young and dedicated faculty members who have been constantly working for the all-round personality development of the students.

VPCCECM approached GSBB requesting collaboration with regard to biodiversity domain.

The purpose of this MOU is to provide opportunities to academic institutions to collaborate with the autonomous statutory institutions like Goa State Biodiversity Board with regard to biodiversity of the State. This MOU sets forth the intentions of the Parties for increased collaboration, cooperation and interaction and does not create any legally binding commitments.

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#### NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Strengthen the ties between GSBB and academia to make collaborative efforts in the field of Environmental Awareness
- 2. Both the institutions will collaborate in awareness campaigns and other field of mutual interest.
- 3. VPCCECM will assist GSBB to carry out documentation of traditional knowledge holder.
- 4. VPCCECM will assist Biodiversity Management committees under the guidance of GSBB in collecting information regarding documentation of Public Biodiversity Register.
- 5. GSBB & VPCCECM will collaborate in organizing activities related to environmental protection, conservation & organize events for the promotion of environmental awareness.
- 6. GSBB will associate with VPCCECM and allow students to participate in various programs and tree plantation/maintenance drives organized by GSBB.
- 7. GSBB will provide training to the students on data collection for PBR.
- 8. VPCCECM will disseminate and translate the literature produced by GSBB and GSBB will provide financial assistance for the same.
- 9. VPCCECM will act as central agency for disseminating the literature produced by GSBB.

#### MODE OF OPERATION

Both parties will provide necessary support for effective implementation of the MoU within the institutional rules and procedures. This MoU shall be effective from the date it is signed by both the parties.

Logo of GSBB shall be used only with prior approval from GSBB, any financial commitment for joint activities under this MoU shall be subject to the approval by the Competent Authorities of the respective organizations.

The activities under this MoU shall be coordinated, monitored and recorded. Scientific & Administrative Officer will be the internal coordinator from GSBB whereas The Principal, VPCCECM will be the internal coordinator from VPCCECM. The visitors will be bound by the rules and regulations, as well as the code of conduct of the host institution. Review meetings shall be conducted once a year.

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#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This MoU places no financial obligations or supplementary funding commitments on either party unless expressly agreed upon by the parties of the MoU. Each Party will be responsible for its own costs in connection with all matters relating to collaborations under this MoU.

#### TERM & TERMINATION OF MOU

The Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of **three** years commencing from the date of signing of MoU. Incase of any disputes, the same shall be settled by amicable discussion between the parties. If the Disputes escalates the decision of Chairperson, GSBB shall be final and binding on both the parties. This MOU may be terminated, by stating legitimate cause, by either party upon 30 days written notice, which shall be delivered by hand or by certified mail to the addresses.

#### AMENDMENTS/ MODIFICATIONS

This MoU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both institutes.

This MOU has been executed in two originals, one of which has been retained by VPCCECM and the other by GSBB. The consent has been taken from The Principal, Vidya Prabodhini College of Commerce, Education, Computer and Management, Vidyanagar, Alto-Parvari, Goa and The Member Secretary GSBB IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have executed this MOU and represent that they approve, accept and agree to the terms contained herein.

#### MOU signed On Behalf of:

Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)

Name: Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB & Head of Nodal Agency, Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA)

C/o Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Opp. Saligao Seminary, Saligao, Bardez, Goa – 403511

Sign and Seal:

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Vidya Prabodhini College of Commerce, Education, Computer and Management

Name: Dr. Bhushan Bhave, Principal

Vidya Prabodhini College of Commerce, Education, Computer and Management, Alto-Parvari, Goa - 403521

Sign and Seal:



#### MOU signed in the presence of:

#### 1. Sou. Reshma Kerkar

Designation: Scientific & Administrative Convener, Nisarg Club

Officer, GSBB

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#### 1. Mr. Uaddhav Vijay Pol

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#### 2. Ms. Samiksha Chari

#### Designation: Program Officer, GSBB

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#### 2. Mr. Rudresh U. Mhamal

#### Member, Nisarg Club

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#### 3. Adv. Urvee T. Kanekar

Designation: Legal Assistant, GSWA & GSBB NSS Program officer incharge

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3. Dr. Pinkesh D. Dhabolkar

Signature:

Date: 28 / 03 / 2023 Place: Parvari, Goa