

Memorandum of Understanding

Signed between

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore and Kongunadu Arts and Science College (KASC), Coimbatore for collaborative Research and Education

Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore (Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi) has signed MoU with Kongunadu Arts and Science College (KASC-Autonomous), Coimbatore, College of Excellence Conferred by UGC and accredited with 'A' grade by NAAC on 18th January 2019 to enhance interdisciplinary, research, students and faculty exchange programmes, capacity building of human resources, collaborative research and conduct of academic and extension activities between both Institutions.

Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS, Director, IFGTB, Coimbatore and Dr. V. Balasubramaniam, Principal, KASC, Coimbatore signed the MoU in the presence of **Smt. (Dr.) C. A. Vasuki, Secretary and Director, KASC, Coimbatore**. Shri. Rajesh Gopalan, IFS, Conservator of Forests & Head-Extension, IFGTB, Dr. N. Senthilkumar, Scientist-E (Chemistry and Bioprospecting Division), and Nodal Officer for MoU, IFGTB; Dr. K. Chinnuswamy, CEO, KASC, Dr. S. Paulsamy, Dean (Academics and R & D), KASC, Dr. J. Karthikeyan, Head (Biochemistry), KASC and Nodal Officer for MoU (KASC) were also present.

The MoU aims to have a collaborative research in the areas of biosciences like biotechnology, molecular biology, environment, biodiversity, bioprospecting and allied areas of biosciences and facilitate the conduct of Seminars, Symposia, Conferences, Awareness Programmes, Science Exhibitions, Hands-on-Training Programmes, Faculty Development Programmes (FDP's), Short Term Training Courses, Refresher courses, Workshops, Skill oriented training programmes, related to frontiers areas of Biochemistry and allied sciences including extension activities applied in industries to the UG/PG students / research scholars / academicians / Scientists in Biosciences and other disciplines of both Institutions.

The Kongu Nadu Arts and Science College would facilitate for the student participation in internship/short term training programmes at IFGTB besides encouraging promising interns and skilled students to take up research fellowships through official process in the National/regional research projects. KASC will also rope in services of IFGTB for refresher courses/training workshops conducted by KASC for the mutual benefit of partner Institutions. KASC offers to provide infrastructure facilities (Auditorium / Conference halls / Science labs / library of KASC) to be utilised mutually for collaborative programmes.

IFGTB may offer scientific expertise and guidance in the research projects of KASC as agreed upon on case to case basis by both the parties. IFGTB may undertake consultancy services, for KASC as per ICFRE guidelines in the area of Bioprospecting, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, and other scientific studies relates to forestry on the request of KASC and also to introduce innovative student intern programmes/trainings. The nodal officers of both the institutions will facilitate the activity as agreed upon on case to case basis by both the parties.



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Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS, Director, IFGTB signing the MoU