

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)  
for Academic Cooperation**

**Between**

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a constitute body of

**Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE)**

Registration No: S0000799 of 2018-19

Arambagh, Hooghly, West Bengal - 712601

**&**

**Department of Geography**

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a Government aided degree college

**Affiliated by The University of Burdwan**

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Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED) of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC) recognize their strengths in research and education in one or more disciplines of science engineering, management on Remote Sensing and GIS, and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in academic cooperation.

Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED) of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC) therefore agree to establish programmes for academic cooperation on Remote Sensing and GIS courses in the areas of mutual interest, and in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this memorandum of understanding (MoU).

This MOU will be effective on and from **05/09/2021** between Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED) of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC).

### **A. Objectives:**

The goal is to foster collaboration, provide opportunity for global experience, and to facilitate advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity, best effort, mutual benefit, and frequent interactions. Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED), Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC) agrees:

- i) To promote and enhance academic interest between Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED) of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC).
- ii) To promote research/continuing education activities between institutions
- iii) To jointly organize short-term continuing education programmes on topics of Remote Sensing and GIS on mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein.
- iv) To jointly organize seminars, conferences, or workshops on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein.

- v) To jointly organize different scientific programmes on topics of mutual interest and to share students and resources between two institutions.
- vi) Provision for enhancement in infrastructural development of both the Institution by utilizing revenue earned from the joint ventures.
- vii) Cooperation and promotion of education and training in areas of mutual interest like Remote Sensing, GIS, Drone GIS and bigger aspect of Geography subject etc.
- viii) Both institutions have agreed to carry out the joint research and development activities in the field of Remote Sensing, GIS, Geography and Environmental Science etc.

#### **B. Terms and Conditions**

- i) Both institutes agree to help, identify and invite the faculty members and researchers, students from the other institutes to participate in conferences, workshops and short-term courses.
- ii) **Co-ordination:** Each institution shall appoint one/two member(s) to coordinate the programme on its behalf. Further, a coordination committee, consisting of (a) Director, CERED (b) Academic Coordinator, CERED (c) Course Coordinator, CERED (d) Secretary, HFOE or his/her Nominee from the side of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and (a) Principal, HBC or his/her Nominee (b) IQAC Coordinator, HBC or his/her Nominee (c) Faculty, Department of Geography, HBC from the side of Hiralal Bhakat College will periodically review and identify ways to strengthen cooperation between the two institutions.
- iii) **Tenure and Termination:** This MOU will be effective on and from **05/09/2021** and it is signed by representatives of the two institutions. It will remain valid for Three years, and may be continued thereafter after suitable review and agreement. Either institution may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the other institution six months in advance. Once terminated, neither Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED) of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) nor Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC) will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other institutions may suffer. However, Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED) of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC) will ensure that all activities in progress be allowed to complete successfully.
- iv) **Arbitration Clause:** Should there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic cooperation, Director, Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED) of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC) will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.
- v) For the visits related to advice & consultancy, travel and other expenses of Faculties & Staffs shall be reimbursed by Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED) of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC) on mutually agreed terms;

- vi) **Confidentiality:** Centre for Environmental Research Education and Development (CERED) of Hariharpur Friends of Environment (HFOE) and Department of Geography, Hiralal Bhakat College (HBC) agree to hold in confidence all information/data designated by the institutes as being confidential which is obtained from either institute or created during the performance of the MOU and will not disclose the same to any third party without written consent of the other institute. The above confidential clause under this MOU excludes the information/data possessed by either institute before entering into this MOU or independently developed and/or information already available through public domain.
- vii) **Signed in Duplicate:** This MOU is executed in duplicate with each copy being an official version and having equal legal validity. By signing below, the institutes, acting by their duly authorized signatory, have caused this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be executed, effective as of the day and year mentioned above.

This MoU is signed subject to approval of the respective academic/administrative bodies

Nurul Islam 5-9-21.  
(Principal)  
Hiralal Bhakat College  
The University of Burdwan

Deep Chakrabarty 05/09/2021  
(Director)  
Environmental Research Education and  
Development,  
Hariharpur Friends of Environment

Witnesses:

Signature: Apurba Koley  
Name: Apurba Koley  
Designation: Secretary  
Hariharpur Friends of Environment

Signature: Surajit Karmakar  
Name: SURAJIT KARMAKAR  
Designation: Member  
Hariharpur Friends of Environment

Signature: Suddhasattwa Banerjee  
Name: Dr. Suddhasattwa Banerjee  
Designation: Coordinator, IQAC  
Hiralal Bhakat College

Signature: Indranil Mondal  
Name: Indranil Mondal  
Designation: Assistant Professor  
Hiralal Bhakat College