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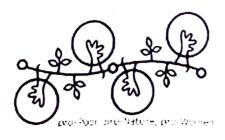
BETWEEN



SIR SYED COLLEGE

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AND



COMMUNITY AGROBIODIVERSITY CENTRE (CAbC) S. SWAMINATHAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION (MSSRF)

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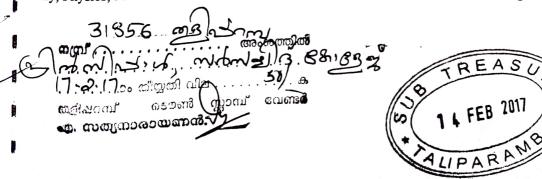
This memorandum of understanding (MoU) entered into and executed on 18.02.17...between SIR SYED COLLEGE, KARIMBAM, P.O., TALIPARAMBA, KANNUR, PIN 670142

AND

COMMUNITY AGRO BIODIVERSITY CENTRE OF M S SWAMINATHAN RESEARCH FOUNTATION, KALPETTA, WAYANAD DISTRICT

Sir Syed College,

Whereas Sir Syed College established in 1967 to impart moral and liberal education to the backward minority communities of North Malabar region of Kerala; the college started functioning as a junior college under the University of Kerala in 1967. Subsequently it came under the University of Calicut in 1968 and under the Kannur University in 1996. The college reaccredited by NAAC during the year 2017. College has completed 50 years of its glorious service and is today one of the biggest post graduate institutions under Kannur eniversity. The college at present offers Under Graduate programmes in Botany, Chemistry, Forestry, Physics, Mathematics, Statistics, Zoology, Arabic, Economics, Functional English,





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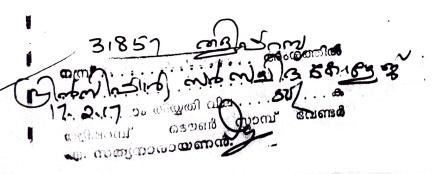
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History and Commerce and Post Graduate programmes in Botany, Chemistry, Physics and Commerce. Conducting PG Diploma course in computational science aided by the UGC. Currently college is running 9 certificate courses in various departments especially Organic

farming techniques (Botany), Remote Sensing and GIS in Natural Resource Management (Porestry), Reproductive health and Parenting (Zoology) and Computational Chemistry (Chemistry). Botany and Chemistry departments are two prestigious research centers where one UGC Post Doctoral Fellow, 13 research guides and 43 research scholars engaged in various research studies. Already 11 students have been awarded Ph.D. from these two research centers. Sir Syed College is well known under Kannur University for bagging more number of academic ranks by the students of various departments.

COMMUNITY AGROBIODIVERSITY CENTRE (CAbC)- MSSRF

Whereas Community Agro biodiversity Centre (CAbC) established in 1997 at Wayanad district of Kerala state, as one of the regional centers of M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai, India; the centre start promoting community conservation systems of rural and tribal people of Wayanad district in particular and Kerala in general through research, extension and advocacy programmes. The centre works in partnership with rural, tribal and farming community families for sustainable agricultural and rural development. The activities of the centre have been designed in such a way that promote a plo-nature, pro-poor, pro-woman and a pro-livelihood orientation towards eco-technology development and its dissemination. Operational area of the Centre is confined to the Western Chats regions in Kerala. Over a period of more than two decades, MSSRF has evolved with a







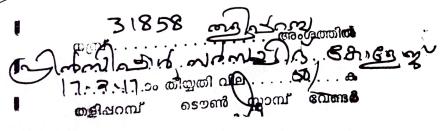
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64 framework for ensuring conservation, enhancement and sustainable and equitable use of biodiversity. MSSRF's framework integrates both eco-centric and anthropocentric approaches in conservation by giving emphasis on conservation, cultivation, consumption and commerce (C4 continuum). Apart from giving thrust to conservation of agro biodiversity for food and livelihood security, the Centre is also engaged in conservation of rare, endemic and threatened plant species of Western Ghats. For the functional clarity, the Centre's activities related to biodiversity have divided into three thematic areas, i.e., (1) Conservation and Enhancement, (2) Education, Communication and Training, and (3) Sustainable Livelihoods and Food Security.

Both Sir Syed College and CAbC- MSSRF realizes that in current context, working together is the essential need to make visible impacts in the area of scientifically credible knowledge generation. This will be useful for mainstreaming basic science research in many sphere of sustainable development. Therefore both institutions are desirous to enter into a research evelopment agreement so that value can be added to existing research work. It also agreed the synergy between these two elite organizations will be most ideal for optimization of physical and intellectual progress in . Biological Science and Chemical Science research through collaborative approaches. Therefore, this Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the following areas of mutual interest and includes the mode of implementation so that the synergy between the two organizations can promote rapid progress in scientific research.

Sir Syed College and CAbC-MSSRF will collaborate in the following areas.







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- Collaborative research Projects of National and International importance
- International/ National Seminars and Workshops
- Sharing of Instrumentation facilities (GC-MS/FTIR Spectrophotometer/ UV-Visible Spectrophotometer/Oxygen Electrograph/ Weather station/ Leica M80 Stereo Microscope etc.)
- Frontier Lecture Series on Biodiversity Conservation, Food and nutrition and climate change
 - Knowledge initiative; training and short term projects.
- Conduct EIA in Northern Kerala
 - Consultancy service for Students/Researchers/Kudumbasrees/SHGs groups & farmers
 - Scientific validation studies of indigenous knowledge related to plant diversity
 - Preparation of data base by the outcome of scientific findings

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- Conservation of Wetlands/Mangroves/Sacred groves/Ponds/Rivers of Northern Kerala by the involvement of students of various clubs
- Biodiversity characterization at landscape level using remote sensing and GIS in Northern Kerala
- Promote organic cultivation of Vegetables/Rice varieties through schools and Colleges NSS/NCC/Clubs
- Establishing a 24 x7 Environmental Information cell through toll free no.
- Render the technical services and space for both Interns &Research Scholars

DEPARTMENT WISE COLLABORATION

BOTANY

- Scientific validation Traditional Knowledge (TK) pertains to Wild food plant varieties and Medicinal Plants used by Ethnic communities
- Sharing of Instrumentation facilities (GC-MS/UV-Visible Spectrophotometer/Leica M.80 Stereo Microscope/Oxygen Electrode) for validating the traditional knowledge through Phytochemistry related project works.
- To replicate the components of Botanical Garden to different schools of Northern Kerala (Kannur, Wayanad and Kasaragod District)
- To establish Biotechnology and Tissue Culture facilities for multiplication of RET plants (Funding is provided by BARC AND KSCSTE on-going Major project
- To conduct detailed study on Fungal diversity especially Mushrooms
- Provide technical support in preparing the PBR in the various Biodiversity Management
 Committees (BMC) of various Panchayath in Northern Kerala
- Render the technical support for promoting the cultivation of Wild edible yams and spices through NSS/NCC/Bhoomithra Sena/clubs at various schools of Northern Kerala.
- Render the service to conduct a study on the impact of allelopathic effect of a variety PGRs in agro-ecosystems of Kerala.
- Possible support for conducting the study on Below Ground Biodiversity in Western Ghats Region

CHEMISTRY

- FTIR-ATR characterization of honey samples and their adulteration with sugar syrups using chemometric analysis.
- Determination of sugar profile by gas chromatography.
- Detection of Pesticide in soil, water and biological samples by GC-MS
- Micro and macro nutrient analysis in potential medicinal plants
- Analysing Physical/chemical qualities of water and Soil samples
- Determination of water content by hand held refractrometer
- Determination of pesticide content in honey by GC-MS

FORESTRY

- Tribology, Biodiversity documentation and anatomical characterization of woody specimens and other field based programmes of CAbC-MSSRF, Wayanad.
- The CAbC-MSSRF, Wayanad would help the staff and students of the Department of Forestry, in the academics and research on ethnobiology, Ethno taxonomy, non-wood forest products and propagation techniques of wild plants

ZOOLOGY

- Study on the detailed diversity of Fauna in Northern Kerala, especially Moths, Beetles and Butterflies
- Replicate the Knowledge of Butterfly Garden to different schools of Northern Kerala (Kannur, Wayanad and Kasaragod District)
- A Database on Shola Insects will be prepared in association with MSSRF. (Funding is provided by MoEF on-going Major project)
- Forest Entomology and GIS Laboratory of our department will provide necessary data for use.
- Honey Bee Culture will be done in the college. The by-product will be supplied for further use.
- Ethno Zoological studies will be taken in future. The Dataset will be provided for additional investigation.
- Preparation of Updated Faunal Diversity Volumes.

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Principal Sir Syed College, Taliparamba Kannur.

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the results of the research work written in the thesis entitled "Phytochemical Characterisation of Wild and Cultivated Legumes from Northern Kerala" submitted by Ms. Aswathi. V., CSIR- Research fellow, under the supervision of Dr. Abdussalam, A. K. Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Sir Syed College, Taliparamba, Kannur in Partial fulfilment of the requirement for the award of Doctor of Philosophy in Botany, University of Kannur is truly based on her direct interviews with the selected indigenous individuals from the tribal communities of Wayanad district namely Kattunayaka and Paniya.

Ms. Aswathi. V. has followed the guidelines and code of conduct needed for documentation of the traditional knowledge during the period of her research work from April 2017 to April 2022 in this institution under the guidance and supervision of Dr. N. Anil Kumar, Former Director, CAbC MSSRF.

Dr. Shakeela V.

(Director of Community Agrobiodiversity Centre, MSSRF)

28/02/2023