

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
Patancheru 502 324, Telangana State, India**

and

**Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research
(Deemed to be University)
Vadlamudi, Guntur 522213, Andhra Pradesh, India**

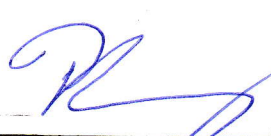
The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is an "International Organization" established through a Memorandum of Agreement between the Government of India and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) dated 28th March, 1972. ICRISAT has been extended select privileges and immunities in pursuance of Section 3 of the United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947 through Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. UI/222(66)/71 dated 28th October 1972, issued by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. ICRISAT is a public international research organization that undertakes scientific research for development in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. ICRISAT is headquartered in Patancheru (near Hyderabad), Telangana, India and eight country offices in sub-Saharan Africa.

Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, VFSTR (Deemed to be University) is located in Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, which is very well known for the Education. The University provides quality education in a diverse and intellectually stimulating environment. The University celebrates the power of knowledge, cultivates vision and builds awareness about the self and society around. The University has facilities such as animal cell culture, animal house, plant tissue culture, fermentation lab, microbiology lab, medicinal plant garden, hydroponics, bioinformatics lab and centre of excellence in bio-resource utilization and management. The University also offers agricultural engineering with good laboratories and courses mainly on farming machinery and plantation. The University is adapting ICAR curriculum and syllabus. The University offers Food Technology program with well-equipped laboratory catering to research also.

1. The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) and the VFSTR (Deemed to be University) (the Institutions) desire and intend to develop co-operation and collaboration in research for development, particularly Plant Breeding, Crop Physiology, Molecular Biology, Bioinformatics, Genomics and Proteomics research, Soil Science, Machinery and Agricultural Engineering
 - 1.1. To encourage, and use their reasonable endeavours to effect, within the limitations of the Institutions' resources, policies and procedures, visits from one Institution to the other by members of the academic, research and other staff for the purpose of participating in teaching, training, research for development programs and other agreed activities.
 - 1.2. To develop within the limitations of the Institution's resources, policies and procedures, collaborative work plans that specify the activities to be undertaken, objectives and targets, implementation mechanisms, roles and responsibilities, and resource contributions.
 - 1.3. To jointly explore external funding opportunities through project proposal development, thus enabling both Parties to expand and extend their collaborative activities.

- 1.4 To provide within the limitations of the institutions resources policies and procedures qualified students hosted by one institution access to research opportunities and or degree programs (Masters and Ph.D) at the other institution. The students will be registered for Ph.D with VFSTR and carry out the research work at ICRISAT under the joint supervision of scientist from VFSTR and ICRISAT.
- 1.5 To encourage the exchange of the scientific materials, publications and information. The actual exchange of materials will be done on a purely voluntary basis and subject to required institutional Material Transfer Agreements.
2. The Institutions acknowledge that all visits of staff and the admission of the students will be subject to compliance with the entry and visa regulations of host country and the institutions requirements in respect of admission and staff appointments
3. The institutions acknowledge that in the absence of any specific agreement to the contrary all expenses of salary, travel, living and allied cost will be determined at the discretion and be the responsibility of the visitors home institution.
4. This document is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on either party. It serves only as record of the parties current intentions. Before any of the activities set out in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are implemented, to ensure the activities can be accomplish in conformity with the law and so as to enable the principles set out in this MoU to be implemented, the institutions shall enter into a formal and binding separate agreement or agreements with each other which will detail the specific form and content of the activities and cover the responsibilities and rights of each institution. Such agreements will be negotiated in good faith.
5. This MoU commences from the date of last signing and shall be in force for five years. The MoU may be terminated at any time by mutual consent or by six months' notice by either party. It may be amended, modified, extended or renewed only by the return consent of both parties. The institutions agree to review this MoU six months prior to end of the five year term.
6. The specific terms of the MoU do not preclude the development of future collaborative ventures or projects not mentioned in this document.

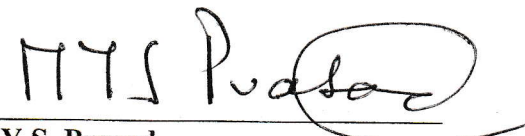
On behalf of the
**International Crop Research Institute for
the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)**


Dr Peter Carberry
Director General

Dated: 12/7/19



On behalf of the
**Vignans Foundation for Science,
Technology and Research (VFSTR)**


Dr. M.Y.S. Prasad
Vice-Chancellor

Dated: 04/07/2019