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**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Rajiv Gandhi National Ground Water Training & Research Institute, CGWB  
And  
Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur**

Noting that Rajiv Gandhi National Ground Water Training & Research Institute (RGNGWTRI), is a premier national institution and training arm of Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD&GR), for capacity building, training and research in the field of ground water.

Noting that Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University (PRSU) has an active program of offering professional education, leading to award of degrees in the field of Geology and Water Resource Management.

Recognizing that there is a need to offer the best opportunity for Indian and International students to benefit from obtaining professional degrees in the field of Ground Water thus

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contributing to the growth of the awareness of the ground water technologies and their applications;

Realizing that water and food security of the country can only be met through participatory ground water management involving various stakeholders and building their capacity to address the upcoming challenges;

Realizing that collaboration between RGNGWTRI and PRSU would considerably leverage technical abilities of RGNGWTRI and PRSU and enable a framework for professional education and research programs in field of Ground Water;

RGNGWTRI, CGWB and PRSU hereby agree to collaborate in two separate phases:

**Phase I:**

- i. A 10-months Post Graduate diploma will be offered jointly by RGNGWTRI and PRSU in field of Ground Water.
- ii. RGNGWTRI -PRSU will initiate 10-months programs, leading to award of PG Diplomas.
- iii. PRSU would admit the qualifying candidates for the 10-months PG Diploma programs for award of **PG Diploma In Applied Hydrogeology**. Fees, as prescribed by PRSU, will be payable by the students. PRSU will adjudicate the award PG Diploma to the candidates in joint name of RGNGWTRI and PRSU.
- iv. An Apex-Coordination Committee, consisting of the Member (RGNGWTRI) CGWB, Head, Department of School of Studies for Geology and Water Resource Management (SOSGWRM), PRSU and a Representative of Vice- Chancellor, PRSU will coordinate the program aspects and will recommend any actions to be taken by RGNGWTRI and PRSU towards the program. The Regional Director, RGNGWTRI will be the Member Secretary of the Apex-Coordination Committee.
- v. Both RGNGWTRI and PRSU will be involved in curriculum assessment, conduct of lectures/practical/field-work, examination and evaluation, project guidance and other aspects of the programs in conformity with rules and regulations of PRSU. The Regional Director, RGNGWTRI and Head of the Department SOSGWRM, PRSU will work out all the details towards this.
- vi. RGNGWTRI, through CGWB, will provide assistance as 'mutually agreed' to enhance capacity and further build capability of PRSU in the emerging and newer fields of ground water as required, including faculty exchange between PRSU and RGNGWTRI in the education and training.
- vii. Any changes/modifications to the MoU will be as agreed to by Chairman, CGWB and Vice-Chancellor, PRSU. The MoU will be reviewed on annual basis.

**Phase II:**

During the Phase II the scope for Academic Interaction shall be worked out. Both PRSU and RGNGWTRI shall encourage interaction between the Faculty, Scientists, Engineers, Research Fellows, Research Scholars and Students of both the organizations through the following arrangements:

- I. **Joint Research Projects:** PRSU Faculty and RGGWTRI Scientists will undertake user oriented joint sponsored research projects according to the following terms:
  - a. Project proposal will be formulated jointly by the concerned Faculty/ Scientists of the two organizations;
  - b. Proposal would require the approval of both the organizations;

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- II. **Exchange of Faculty/ Scientists:** Both PRSU and RGGWTRI agree to exchange Faculty/ Scientists on part-time basis for the purpose of implementation of joint tasks.
- III. **Sharing of Important Facility:** The two organization's agree to share their important R&D facilities.
- IV. **Joint Conferences/ Workshop/ Courses:** Both the organization's agree to hold / conduct wherever feasible, joint conferences/ workshops/ training courses in the areas of mutual interest.
- V. **Joint PhD Programme:** The Scientists working at RGGWTRI on a regular post and having a MSc/ME/MTech or equivalent degree from a reputed Institution/ University would be eligible to register at PRSU for PhD program as per the norms of PhD registration. For the candidates recommended by RGGWTRI as Junior or Senior Research Fellows (JRF/SRF), selected under any joint research project, there will be a provision of joint supervision of the PhD students, as per the PhD registration norms of PRSU. Such candidates shall be treated as full-time PhD students by PRSU. RGGWTRI JRF/SRF shall be registered under the joint supervision of a PhD guide from RGGWTRI and PRSU and the guide will be co-opted as Member of DRC/ RDC of PRSU for JRF/SRF registered under him.
- VI. **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR):** The IPR that arises as a result of joint research and collaborative activity under the agreement will be worked out on a case-to-case basis and will be consistent with the officially laid down IPR policies of both the organizations.

- A committee comprising of the following members will coordinate and monitor the collaboration between the two organizations:

- a. Vice-Chancellor, PRSU or his nominee
- b. Regional Director, RGGWTRI or his nominee
- c. Two representatives from PRSU – one of whom acts as a Coordinator from PRSU
- d. Two representatives from RGGWTRI – one of whom acts as a Coordinator from RGGWTRI

- It is mutually agreed to share the financial resources generated through any of the above activities to be contributed for "Bharat Kosh".

- This MoU shall come in force from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of October in the year Two Thousand Eighteen.



**Member  
CGWB**

**G. C. Pati**

Member

Central Ground Water Board



**Registrar**

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