



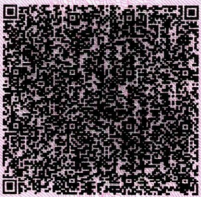
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**Strategic Agreement**

*(Non-Financial)*

BETWEEN



**Gujarat Natural Farming Science University**  
ATIC, Borsad Cross Road, Anand, Gujarat, 388001

And



**Sardar Patel University**  
Vallabh Vidyanagar 388120, Anand, Gujarat

*Handwritten signature*



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on this day, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 by and between:

**Gujarat Natural Farming Science University**, an Educational and Research Institution established by the Government of Gujarat under Act No. 16 of 2017 of Government of Gujarat and its subsequent amendment-wide Act No. 2, 2022. herein referred to as '**GNFSU**', which expression shall unless repugnant to the context shall mean and include its office bearers, with its address at AITC, Borsad Cross Road, Anand, Gujarat.

**And**

**Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar**, herein referred to as **SPU**, is the Public State University, which was established by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the then Bombay Province in December 1955 and was recognised under 2f of the UGC Act in October 1968, with its address at Vallabh Vidyanagar 388120, Anand, Gujarat.

(Hereafter collectively referred to as the 'Parties'),

### WHEREAS

GNFSU, the unique and most diverse Educational, Research and Extension hub for natural farming and organic agriculture established in the year 2017 by the Government of Gujarat, is the only Natural Farming and Organic Agriculture University in India.

1. The Foundation works for the welfare of the society and builds scalable, sustainable, process-driven and result-oriented, easily adoptable projects with a mission to induce large





- scale quality reforms in the field of Education, Environment, Rural Development, Agriculture and uses its expertise to promote sustainable development projects.
2. SPU comprises of 27 Postgraduate Departments, a constituent college, and 148 colleges affiliated to it. SPU has Agro-Economic Research Centre (AERC) which was established in July 1961 by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, New Delhi. AERC is mandated to provide feedback on the ground reality to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India for policy formulation in the areas of agriculture and rural development. AERC has done this work very effectively over a period of last six decades and has emerged as a leading research Centre of its kind in the country.
  3. AERC of SPU undertakes research-driven work (interdisciplinary research, qualitative research, participatory research, needs assessment, baseline studies, program evaluation, impact assessment) to achieve lifelong learning for all. It facilitates the bridge between academic research, innovation and adoption and policy development.
  4. The parties have recognized the benefits of cooperation and combined synergies in the areas of capacity building, knowledge management, training material development, coordination with resource persons to facilitate study, research and development, training and implementation of the practices for Natural Farming transformation.
  5. The parties anticipate mutual benefits from the complementary experience, skills, faculty, knowledge, networking and training facilities of the either party.
  6. Now therefore, in consideration of the mutual understanding, the parties agree to the following:

#### **CO-OPERATION**

This MoU between GNFSU and SPU is to engage in capacity building of various stakeholders including resource persons, master trainers, CSOs, grassroots extension functionaries, people's representatives and initiative collaborative participatory research projects, knowledge management, learning and evaluation etc.

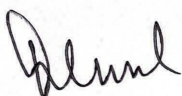
The parties' co-operation will facilitate Research and Development in Natural Farming methods, promote awareness, skilling and co-operation and training of the farmers through farmer's development programme. The synergies of knowledge, research and expertise basis will facilitate environmental, socio-economic and technological breakthroughs in the field of agriculture through natural farming.

The general terms of co-operation shall be governed by this MoU. The parties shall cooperate with each other and shall, as promptly as is reasonably practical, enter into all relevant agreements, deeds and documents (the 'definitive documents') as may be required to give effect to the actions contemplated in this MoU. The term of definitive documents shall be mutually decided between the parties. Along with the definitive documents, this MoU shall represent the entire gamut of understanding as to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede any prior understanding between the parties on the subject matter hereof.

The agreement provides a broad framework for the collaboration of all the parties and acts as a guide for further collaborations. It is a non-financial agreement between the parties involved.

#### **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Developing joint projects on Research & Development for Funding.
2. Support in organizing training for Masters Training on Natural Farming.
3. Develop Training Module and Materials





4. Create Knowledge hub on agro-ecology based farming
5. Prepare and disseminate communication materials and learning documents, best practices/case studies on agro-ecology based farming prepared through SPU and GNFSU.
6. Evaluate agro-ecology based farming experiences and synthesize learning.
7. Organize Agro-ecology based farming workshops at state level
8. Facilitate agro ecology based farming pilots, research projects and evaluation, innovation and scaling up initiatives in Gujarat.
9. Support in market linkage for the naturally grown produce by the farmers
10. Mutual exchange of visitors at all levels, from farmers to international parties.

**PROTECTION OF INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

The parties agree to use all reasonable efforts to protect any internal or proprietary documents received from the other party and here under described as confidential or proprietary. Any materials, including but not limited to information, raw and processed data, methods, designs and publications that each party owned or vested in it before and at the time of signature of this MoU shall remain the property of that party and each party may grant to the other the right to use such material for the sole purpose of carrying out the activities agreed by both the parties.

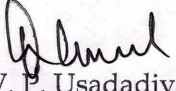

**TERMS, AMENDMENTS AND VALIDITY OF THIS MoU**

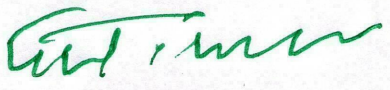
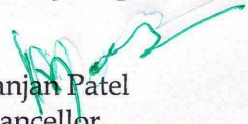
The parties agree that this MoU shall take effect on the date when both parties affix their signatures, and shall remain valid unless terminated when one the parties notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate the MoU, in which case, the MoU will remain terminated three months from the date of notification. The parties agree that any modification or amendments to this MoU shall be done in writing and signed by both the parties.

In case of differences of any aspect, these should be resolved amicably through conciliation among both the parties.

**In witness whereof, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures on**

**Date: 17-01-2024**

For Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Anand  Dr. V. P. Usadadiya Director of Research	For Sardar Patel University Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand  Dr. Bhailalbhai Patel Registrar
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For Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Anand  Dr. C. K. Timbadia Vice Chancellor	For Sardar Patel University Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand  Dr. Niranjan Patel Vice Chancellor
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