

Himalayan Knowledge Network (HKN)

National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) funded project (2019-22)

Letter of Agreement (LoA)

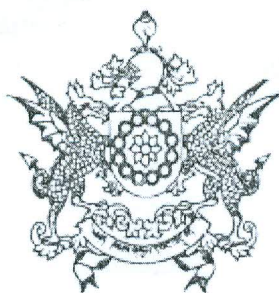
Between



G. B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBP-NIHE)

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and



Sikkim State Council of Science & Technology (SSCC&T)

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To implement NMHS funded 'Himalayan Knowledge Network' project activities in Sikkim

1. The G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBP-NIHE) has decided to sign a letter of Agreement (LoA) with Sikkim State Council for Science and Technology (SSCS&T), Sikkim to implement NMHS funded 'Himalayan Knowledge Network- HKN' project (2019-2022) activities in Sikkim in Collaboration with SSCS&T, Govt. of Sikkim. The project activities are as follows:

Major Components	Deliverable/ Output/ Outcome	Roles & Responsibilities
Establishment of the State chapter of HKN in Sikkim State. (01 no.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. State chapters are intended to facilitate the sharing of data/ information relating to science-policy-practice interference for Himalayan Environmental & Development.2. State Chapter is meant for establishing Knowledge Network of Networks among knowledge partners in the state.3. HKN activities will be facilitated by the State Chapter at SSCS&T. A nodal person from SSCS&T has to be nominated.	<p>GBPNIHE, SRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate establishment of HKN State chapter• Networking of knowledge & Institutions jointly with DST, GoS <p>SSCS&T, Sikkim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishment of HKN State Chapter• HKN link/ portal developed on DST, GoS website• Uploading all documents/ data/ information on HKN website and facilitate in data sharing• Nominate nodal person from SSCS&T

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<p>State Level workshop for network development (01 no.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support in organizing various stakeholders level meeting of Sikkim State. 2. Identify Priority Thematic areas for the Sustainable development of the state through consultation and support in preparation of Thematic documents on two prioritized thematic issues. 3. Prospective institution/ Resource persons identification for preparation of Thematic documents. 	<p>GBPNIHE, SRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing various stakeholders level meeting and Identifying thematic areas for the Sustainable development of the state through consultation • Prioritize two (2) thematic areas for the state in consultation with DST • Preparation of Thematic documents on two prioritized thematic issues and Prospective institution/ Resource persons identification jointly with DST, GoS <p>SSCS&T, Sikkim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support in organizing stakeholders level meetings and identifying thematic areas • Prioritize two (2) thematic areas pertinent for the sustainable development of the state. • Joint preparation of Thematic documents on two prioritized thematic issues and support in identification of prospective institution/ Resource persons
<p>Support strategic meets/seminar/conferences/etc. (01no.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification of Nodal Agency/ Members of the State Chapter (preferably State S&T Council.) from Sikkim. 2. <i>Modus-operandi</i> formulation of the State Chapters and strategic support to State - Chapters. 3. Development of state specific strategy for utilization of data/information/ data sharing mechanism among the network/ user agencies, stakeholders and local people. 	<p>GBPNIHE, SRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify State S&T Council as Nodal Agency for the State Chapter • <i>Finalize Modus-operandi</i> formulation of the State Chapter jointly with S&T Council • Strategic support to State - Chapters and strategy for utilization of data/information/ data sharing mechanism <p>SSCS&T, Sikkim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement as Nodal Agency for the State Chapter • <i>Jointly finalize Modus-operandi</i> the State Chapter with GBPNIHE • Strategy for utilization of data/information/ data sharing mechanism

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<p>1. Developing and Support to youth forum (01 no.)</p>	<p>1. Support in organizing expert talks. 2. Awakening among the youth on climate change adaptations, HKN activities, natural resource management etc. 3. Orientation of youth on data/information collection that is utilizable by planners and policy makers. 4. Preparation of directory of climate change leaders.</p>	<p>GBPNIHE, SRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jointly organizing expert talks/webinars/ seminars on pertinent issues • Jointly organize orientation programme for youth on Climate Change & Adaptation • Preparation of directory of climate change leaders. <p>SSCS&T, Sikkim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jointly organizing expert talks/webinars/ seminars on pertinent issues • Jointly organize orientation programme for youth on Climate Change & Adaptation • Preparation of directory of climate change leaders.
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2. A fund of **Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)** will be released by GBPNIHE, SRC for establishing HKN State Chapter at SSCS&T and conducting the project activities upon signing the LoA between GBP-NIHE and SSCS&T. The break-up of funds under each activity shall be decided by the Head, SRC GBP-NIHE in consultation with SSCS&T.

3. On successful completion of project assignments/tasks the SSCS&T will submit a statement of expenditure ending March of each financial year along with a report(s) of the activity/assignment.

4. The approval of grants is subject to incorporation of rules, regulations, and guidelines applicable to NMHS funded projects following the General Financial Rules (GFR-2017).

IN THE WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBP-NIHE) and Sikkim State Council for Science & Technology (SSCS&T), respectively, have signed this agreement.

For and on behalf of the GBP-NIHE
(with seal)

(Head, SRC)

Date: 01.11.2021
Place: Gangtok

For and on behalf of the SSCS&T
(with seal)

(Secretary-cum-Member Secretary)

Date: 1/11/21
Place: Gangtok