

Himalayan Knowledge Network (HKN)

National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) funded Project (2019-2022)

LETTER OF AGREEMENT (LoA)

between



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

(An Autonomous Institute of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)

Kosi-Katarmal, Almora – 263 643, Uttarakhand, INDIA

and



**Himachal Pradesh Council for Science Technology & Environment
(HIMCOSTE)**

(An Autonomous body of Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Govt. of H.P.)

Vigyan Bhawan, Bemloe, Shimla-171001 (HP)

December 2020

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To implement NMHS funded 'Himalayan Knowledge Network' project activities in the Himachal Pradesh (2019-2022)

1. The G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBP-NIHE), Almora – 263643, Uttarakhand has decided to sign a Letter of Agreement (LoA) with Himachal Pradesh Council for Science Technology & Environment (HIMCOSTE), Shimla to implement NMHS funded 'Himalayan Knowledge Network- HKN Project (2019-2022)' activities in the Himachal Pradesh in collaboration with HIMCOSTE, Himachal Pradesh. The project activities/components are as follows:

Major Components	HIMCOSTE Coordination/Action (Deliverable/Output/Outcome)
1. Establishment of Himachal Pradesh HKN State Chapter (01 no.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. State chapters are intended to facilitate the sharing data/ information relating to science-policy-practice interface for the Himalayan Environmental & Development.2. State Chapter is meant for establishing Knowledge Network / Network of Networks among knowledge partners in the state.3. All HKN activities will be facilitated by the State Chapter at HIMCOSTE. A nodal person from the HIMCOSTE has to be nominated.
2. State level workshop for network development (01 no.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Holding state-level workshop of various stakeholders of Himachal Pradesh state.2. Identified Priority Thematic areas of the sustainable development of the state and preparation of Thematic documents on two identified thematic issues.3. Prospective institution/ Resource Persons identification for preparation of thematic documents.4. Workshop Proceedings/ Reports.
3. Developing state-specific thematic reports (02 nos.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preparation of thematic documents on priority sectors as identified in the state workshop for Himachal Pradesh (02 nos) and its publication by GBP-NIHE, Himachal Regional Centre (HRC), Kullu in collaboration with HIMCOSTE.
4. Support to strategic meets/ seminars/	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identification of Nodal Agency/ Members of the State Chapter (preferably State S&T Council) from H.P.2. <i>Modus- operandi</i> formulation of the State Chapters and

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conferences/ etc. (01 no.)	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.
5. Developing and Support to Youth Forum (01 no.)	1. Organization of 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.

2. A fund of **Rs. 3,20,000/- (Rupees Three lakh twenty thousand only)** will be released by the GBP-NIHE, Himachal Regional Centre (HRC), Kullu for establishing HKN State Chapter at HIMCOSTE and conducting the project activities upon signing the LoA between GBP-NIHE and HIMCOSTE. The break-up of funds under each activity shall be decided by Head, HRC-GBPNIHE in consultation with HIMCOSTE.
3. On successful completion of project assignments/tasks the HIMCOSTE 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 (2017).

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

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

For and on behalf of the HIMCOSTE
(with seal)

R.K.S.
30/12/2020
(Head, HRC)

R. Thakur
(Joint Member Secretary)

Date: *30/12/2020*
Rakesh Kumar Singh, Centre Head
G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment
Himachal Regional Centre, Mohal, Kullu - 175126 (H.P.)

Date: *30-12-2020*
Joint Member Secretary
State Council for Science, Tech. &
Environment, Shimla - 171009

Place: *Shimla*

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Witness:

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2. *[Signature]*
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