

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



**Assam University
Silchar, Assam**

February 2022

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

To implement NMHS funded 'Himalayan Knowledge Network' project activities in Assam (2021-2022)

1. The G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBP-NIHE), Almora-263 643, Uttarakhand has decided to sign a Letter of Agreement (LoA) with Assam University, Silchar to implement NMHS funded 'Himalayan Knowledge Network- HKN project (2021-2022)' activities in Assam in collaboration with Assam University, Silchar.
2. The project activities/components are as follows:

Major Components	Coordination/Action (Deliverable/Output/Outcome)
1. Establishment of Assam HKN State Chapter (01 no.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. State chapters are intended to facilitate sharing data/information relating to science-policy-practice interface for the Himalayan Environment & 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 Assam University. On request, Prof. Niranjana Roy (Department of Economics, Former Dean, School of Economics and Commerce, Assam University) has consented to act as a Nodal Person (Principal Investigator) from the Assam University as nominated by Vice chancellor of the University.
2. State level workshop for network development (01 no.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Holding state-level workshop of various stakeholders of Assam state.2. Identification of Priority Thematic areas for the sustainable development of the state.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 Assam University (02 nos) and its publication by GBPNIHE in collaboration with Assam University.
4. Support strategic meets/seminar/conferences/ etc. (01 no.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identification of Members of the State Chapter (preferably State S&T Council) from Assam.2. 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.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Organization of expert talks on mountain/other state-specific issues.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.

3. A total grants of **Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh only)** is approved for this assignment that will be released in two installment by GBPNIHE, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora for establishing 'HKN State Chapter' for State of Assam at Assam University, Silchar and conducting the project activities (as detailed above). The first installment of Rs. 4,00,000 (Rupees Four Lakh) will be released immediately after signing the LoA to accomplish the components (1-4) of the project, and the second installment of Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakh) will be released after submission of progress report of components 1-4 to GBPNIHE and to take up components 5-6 (listed above).
4. On successful completion of project assignments/tasks the Assam University, Silchar will submit a statement of expenditure ending March of each financial year along with a report(s) of the activity/assignment.
5. 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 Assam University, respectively have signed this agreement.

For and on behalf of the GBP-NIHE
(With Seal)

[Signature]
22/02/2022

1.

(Regional Head, GBPNIHE, SRC)(Vice Chancellor, Assam University)
रिजिनल हड,
सिक्किम क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र

For and on behalf of the Assam University
(With Seal)

[Signature]
22.02.2022
Vice-Chancellor
असम विश्वविद्यालय, सिल्चार
Assam University, Silchar

(Vice Chancellor, Assam University)
Silchar, Assam

Date: 22.02.2022
Place: Pangthang, Sikkim

Date: 22.02.2022
Place: Silchar, Assam

In witness of

[Signature]
22/2/22

2. (Dr. Sandeep Rawat)
Scientist-C, GBPNIHE, SRC

[Signature]
(Nodal Person- HKN Project)
Prof. Niranjana Roy 22/2/22
Department of Economics
Assam University, Silchar

Budget Allocation for HKN Project Activities in Rs. Lakh (FY-2021-2022& 2022-2023)

Major Components	Budget Provision (in lakhs)	Coordination/Action (Deliverable/Output/Outcome)	Time Line
1.Establishment of Assam HKN State Chapter (01 no.)	0.50	State chapters are intended to facilitate the sharing data/ information relating science-policy-practice interface for the Himalayan Environmental & Development. Knowledge Network / Network of Network development among partners in the state. All HKN activities will be facilitated by the State Chapter at Assam University.	February 2022
2. State level workshop for network development (01 no.)	0.50	Holding state-level workshop of various stakeholders of Assam state. Identified Priority Thematic areas of the state and preparation of Thematic document on identified thematic issues. Prospective institution/ Resource Persons identification for preparation of thematic document. Workshop Proceedings/ Reports	February.to March 2022
3. Developing state-specific thematic reports (02 nos.)	1.00	Thematic documents on priority sector as identified in the state workshop for State of your respective RCs (02 nos. Thematic Documents publication for Assam)	March 2022 –September, 2022
3. Support strategic meets/ seminar/ conferences/ etc. (01 no.)	0.50	Identification of Nodal Agency/Members of the State Chapter (preferably State S&T Council). Modus-operandi of the State Chapters and Strategic support to State- Chapters. Development of state specific strategy for utilization of data/ information/ Data sharing mechanism among the network/user agencies, stakeholders and local people.	March2022-May-2022
5. Developing and Support to youth forum (01 no.)	0.50	Organization of expert talks Awakening among the youth on climate change adaptations, HKN activities, natural resource management. Orientation of youth on data/information collection that is utilizable by planners and policy makers. Directory of climate change leaders.	March 2022 –September, 2022
6. Success story documentation (02 no.)	1.00	Preferably around the two priority area identified for the State during State level consultation workshop	March2022-September, 2022
Travel	0.75	Domestic travel only	
Contingency	0.50	As per rules of the host organization	
Consumable	0.75	As per rules of the host organization	
Total	6.00	Six lakh only	