

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



**State Council of Science, Technology & Environment
Meghalaya**

February 2022

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To implement NMHS funded 'Himalayan Knowledge Network' project activities in Meghalaya (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 Meghalaya State Council of Science, Technology & Environment (SCSTE) to implement NMHS funded 'Himalayan Knowledge Network- HKN project (2021-2022)' activities in Meghalaya in collaboration with Meghalaya, State Council of Science, Technology & Environment(SCSTE). The project activities/components are as follows:

| Major Components | Coordination/Action (Deliverable/Output/Outcome) |
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| 1. Establishment of Meghalaya 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 Meghalaya. On request, Dr. Shngainlang Khongsti, (Project Coordinator, State Council of Science, Technology & Environment (SCSTE) has consented to act as a Nodal Person (Principal Investigator) from the Meghalaya. |
| 2. State level workshop for network development (01 no.) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Holding state-level workshop of various stakeholders of Meghalaya 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 Meghalaya (02 nos) and its publication by GBPNIHE in collaboration with Meghalaya (SCSTE). |
| 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 Meghalaya.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. |

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| | 3. Orientation of youth on data/information collection that is utilizable by planners and policy makers. 4. Preparation of directory of climate change leaders. |
| 6. Success story documentation (02 no.) | 1. Preferably around the two priority area identified for the State during State level consultation workshop |

- 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 Meghalaya at SCSTE, Meghalaya 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).
- On successful completion of project assignments/tasks the SCSTE, Meghalaya will submit a statement of expenditure ending March of each financial year along with a report(s) of the activity/assignment.
- 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 Meghalaya State Council of Science, Technology & Environment (SCSTE), respectively have signed this agreement.

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

1. (Regional Head, GBPNIHE, SRC)

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सिक्किम क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र

Date: 24.02.2022
Place: PANGTHANG, GANGTOK, SIKKIM

In witness of

2. (Dr. Devendra Kumar)
Scientist-D, GBPNIHE, SRC

For and on behalf of the SCSTE, Meghalaya
(With Seal)

(OSD, SCSTE, Meghalaya) on Special Duty
State Council of Science, Technology & Environment
Meghalaya

Date: 24/02/2022
Place: SHILLONG

(Nodal Person- HKN Project)
Dr. Shngaijlang Khongsti
Project Coordinator
SCSTE, Meghalaya

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 Meghalaya 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 SCSTE, Meghalaya. | February 2022 |
| 2. State level workshop for network development (01 no.) | 0.50 | Holding state-level workshop of various stakeholders of Meghalaya 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 Meghalaya) | March 2022 –September, 2022 |
| 4. 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. | March 2022- 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 | March 2022- 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 | |