



Government of Nepal
Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Environment
Department of Plant Resources
Thapathali, Kathmandu



**MADAN BHANDARI
UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANT RESOURCES (DPR)

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Environment

AND

**MADAN BHANDARI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY (MBUST)**

Chitlang, Thaha Municipality-9, Makawanpur, Nepal

ON COOPERATION CONCERNING

**Collaboration in Scientific Research, Innovation, Capacity Building,
Technology Development, and Commercialization**

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PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is enacted between **Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology (MBUST)**, a public university established under the MBUST Act, 2022 and **Department of Plant Resources (DPR)**, Ministry of Agriculture, Forests, and Environment, a government organization engaged in research and utilization of plant resources;

WHEREAS, established in 2022, as a premier research university of Nepal, MBUST is committed to advancing education, research, innovation, and technology development for national prosperity and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, established in 1960, with the main objective of research, survey, identification, documentation, conservation, and certification of plant resources of Nepal, the DPR is working to complement the economic development of Nepal.

WHEREAS, both Parties recognize the importance of academia-government collaboration in generating knowledge, developing technologies, strengthening human resources, and contributing to socio-economic development;

THEREFORE, MBUST and DPR (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party") agree to establish this MoU as a broad framework for cooperation and collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

Specific projects, programs, and activities undertaken pursuant to this MoU may be implemented through separate Exchange of Letters (EOL), Project Agreements, or other mutually agreed instruments.

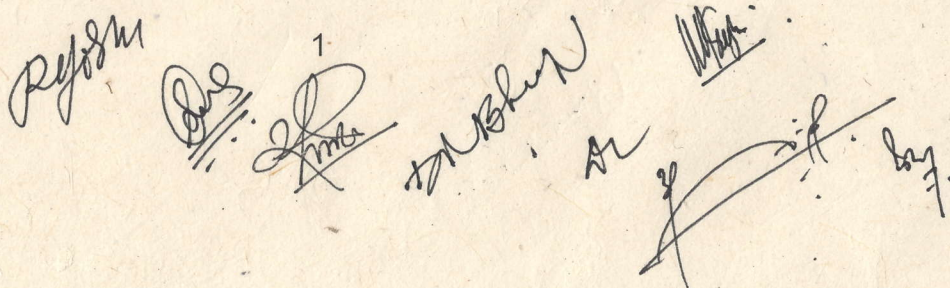
ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for long-term collaboration between the Parties in areas of biodiversity, bioprospecting, organic agriculture, and medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs).

ARTICLE II: AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties may cooperate in, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- 2.1 Joint research and development activities in areas of mutual interest.
- 2.2 Capacity-building programs, including M.Sc., M.Phil., PhD, training, workshops, and technical exchanges.
- 2.3 Student, faculty, scientist, and staff engagement through internships, field studies, flora, laboratory exposure, thesis research, and experiential learning opportunities.



Handwritten signatures of representatives from MBUST and DPR, dated 2023.

- 2.4 Development of pilot projects, demonstration programs, technology development, and technology transfer initiatives.
- 2.5 Resource sharing, including laboratory facilities, equipment, technical expertise, and research data, subject to applicable policies and regulations.
- 2.6 Joint pursuit of research opportunities, and development of projects.
- 2.7 Any other collaborative activities mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE III: DURATION

This MoU shall become effective on the date of signature by the authorized representatives of both Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, unless terminated in accordance with Article VII.

The MoU may be renewed by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

ARTICLE IV: PRINCIPLES AND FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION

- 4.1 The Parties shall cooperate in good faith and with due diligence, efficiency, and mutual respect for each other's mandates, expertise, and institutional policies.
- 4.2 This MoU represents the Parties' intentions to collaborate and does not create legally binding obligations except where expressly provided in separate agreements.
- 4.3 Specific activities, responsibilities, timelines, budgets, and deliverables shall be determined through separate agreements or implementation arrangements.
- 4.4 Public statements, publications, and communications concerning activities conducted under this MoU shall appropriately acknowledge the collaboration, subject to prior consultation between the Parties.
- 4.5 Information exchanged under this MoU may be used for academic, research, training, or non-commercial purposes unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 4.6 The Parties shall respect confidentiality obligations regarding information designated as confidential and shall not disclose such information without prior written consent of the providing Party.

ARTICLE V: IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 The Parties shall maintain regular communication and may convene meetings as necessary to review progress, identify opportunities, and coordinate collaborative activities.
- 5.2 Each Party shall designate a focal person responsible for coordination and communication under this MoU.

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5.3. The designated focal persons may establish working groups or technical committees as necessary for implementing collaborative activities.

ARTICLE VI: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 6.1 Any annexes, schedules, project agreements, or implementation arrangements developed pursuant to this MoU shall form an integral part of this MoU.
- 6.2 Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture, agency relationship, or other legal entity between the Parties.
- 6.3 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) arising from collaborative activities shall be governed by separate project-specific agreements. Ownership, use, licensing, protection, and commercialization arrangements shall be determined based on the contributions of each Party.
- 6.4 Neither Party shall use the name, logo, trademark, or other identifying marks of the other Party without prior written consent.
- 6.5 The Parties agree to recognize and acknowledge the partnership in an appropriate manner and shall consult each other regarding the form and content of such recognition.
- 6.6 Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses incurred in relation to activities under this MoU unless otherwise agreed in writing.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 7.1 This MoU may be amended at any time through mutual written agreement signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.
- 7.2 Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing six (6) months' written notice to the other Party.
- 7.3 Termination of this MoU shall not affect ongoing activities, projects, or agreements already initiated under separate arrangements unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.
- 7.4 This MoU shall not incur any financial liability, and legal obligation for the parties.

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7.5 Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through consultation and mutual discussion between the Parties. Non agreed issues shall be settled according to the prevailing Law of Nepal.

7.6 Both party shall not bear any legal liability that by any chance, arise during joint project implementation. However detailed reconnaissance shall be performed for the legal issues prior to the joint project formulation, project implementation and termination

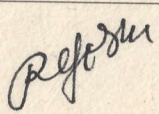
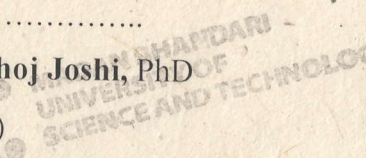
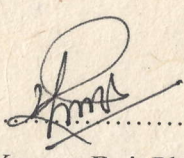
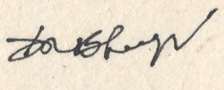
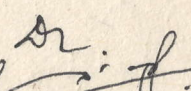
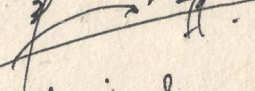
ARTICLE VIII: ENTRY INTO FORCE

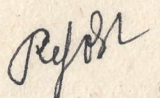
This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the authorized representatives of both Parties.

This MoU is executed in the English language in two original copies, with each Party retaining one copy, both copies being equally authentic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

The undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective institutions, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

For MBUST	For DPR
 Prof. Rajendra Dhoj Joshi, PhD (President) 	 Sanjeev Kumar Rai, PhD (Director General) 
Date: 23 September 2026 B.S 2083/06/07	Date: 23 September 2026 B.S: 2083/06/07
Witness: Dinesh Raj Bhaju  Kirti Kusum Joshi  Sudip Pandey 	Witness: Dipak Samichhane  Santosh KC  Devi Prasad Bhandari 


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