

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

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Between



State Forest Research and Training Institute(SFRTI) Raipur

and



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Columbia Professional University (CPU), Raipur

On

The 25th Day of May, 2026

B. The Second Party (CPU) is a research-driven higher education institution offering diverse undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, and doctoral programs, possessing specialized, advanced academic and laboratory infrastructure tailored to Pharmaceutical Sciences and Forensic Science.

C. Both Parties desire to establish a formal framework for academic, scientific, and technical cooperation to leverage their mutual strengths for institutional and professional development.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Objectives of the Collaboration

The primary objective of this MoU is to foster joint academic and research initiatives, specifically focused on:

- Wildlife Forensics, Environmental Forensics, and Forest Crime Investigation Support.
- Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology, and Phytochemical Analysis.
- Medicinal, Poisonous, and Forest-Based Plant Resource Research.
- Natural Product Chemistry, Herbal Drug Standardization, and Quality Control.
- Knowledge, expertise, and scientific resource exchange.
- Student skill development through internships, dissertations, and field training.
- Professional orientation and capacity-building for forest officers and personnel.

2. Scope and Areas of Collaboration

The Parties agree to pursue collaborative endeavors across the following specialized segments:

A. Pharmaceutical Sciences

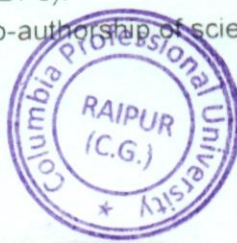
- Phytochemical, pharmacognostical, toxicological, and pharmacological screening of medicinal and poisonous forest flora.
- Herbal drug analysis, standardization, and pharmaceutical quality control protocols.
- Advanced research in the chemistry of natural products.

B. Forensic Science

- Scientific support for wildlife forensic investigations and forest crime verification.
- Analysis of narcotics, psychotropic substances, and allied biological evidences.
- Environmental forensic assessments and execution of crime scene management training.

C. Joint Institutional Activities

- Conceptualization and execution of joint/sponsored research proposals to state and national funding agencies.
- Facilitation of student internships, faculty exchange programs, and institutional laboratory exposure visits.
- Organization of joint conferences, workshops, seminars, and Faculty Development Programs (FDPs).
- Co-authorship of scientific research publications and filing of joint patents.



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3. Responsibilities of the First Party (SFRTI)

The First Party shall:

- Provide technical guidance, scientific expertise, and field exposure to students and faculty where feasible.
- Facilitate authorized access to forest-related research assets and databases subject to applicable regulatory frameworks.
- Nominate scientists and subject matter experts to engage in academic interactions and joint training workshops.
- Support and facilitate collaborative research milestones.

4. Responsibilities of the Second Party (CPU)

The Second Party shall:

- Provide robust academic guidance and access to advanced instrumentation/laboratory facilities for collaborative projects as per university norms.
- Encourage active faculty and student participation in joint research and field training initiatives.
- Extend research supervision and mentorship for joint dissertations and field studies.
- Assist in hosting, organizing, and executing joint scientific symposia, seminars, and orientation modules.

5. Financial Arrangements

5.1 This MoU does not mandate or imply any immediate or binding financial commitment on either Party.

5.2 Expenditure incurred for specific joint projects, programs, or events shall be negotiated and decided mutually on a case-by-case basis.

5.3 Funded projects or sponsored research initiatives shall be governed by separate, legally distinct project agreements.

6. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) & Publications

6.1 Any Intellectual Property (IP) generated out of joint research activities conducted under this MoU shall be jointly owned by both Parties, unless agreed otherwise in writing for a specific project.

6.2 Either Party publishing research findings derived from collaborative initiatives shall explicitly acknowledge the contributions and institutional support of the other Party.

7. Confidentiality

Both Parties covenant to maintain strict confidentiality regarding all proprietary materials, sensitive data, field statistics, and research insights exchanged or generated during the tenure of this MoU. No confidential disclosures shall be made to any third party without prior written consent from the originating Party.



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8. Term, Extension, and Termination

8.1 This MoU shall come into force on the date of its signing and shall remain valid for an initial period of three (3) years. It may be extended further through mutual written consent.

8.2 Either Party may terminate this MoU at any time by serving a six (6) months' prior written notice to the other Party.

8.3 In the event of termination, ongoing research projects or student dissertations shall be allowed to proceed unhindered until completion, unless decided otherwise by mutual consensus.

9. Miscellaneous Provisions

A. Dispute Resolution — Any differences or disputes arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultations and discussions between the administrative heads of both Parties.

B. Amendments — No modification, amendment, or waiver of any provision of this MoU shall be valid unless executed in writing and signed by the authorized signatories of both Parties.

C. Non-Assignment — Neither Party shall assign, delegate, or transfer its rights, interests, or obligations under this MoU to any third party without the express prior written consent of the other Party.

D. Legal Status — This document represents an expression of intent to collaborate on academic and research horizons. It does not establish a legal partnership, agency, or financial liability between the Parties, except for clauses explicitly stated as binding (such as IPR and Confidentiality).

10. Signed in Duplicate

This MoU is executed in duplicate with each copy being an official version and having equal legal validity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the day, month, and year first written above.

For and on behalf of
Columbia Professional University (CPU)

First Party (CPU)

For and on behalf of
State Forest Research and Training Institute (SFRTI)

Second Party (SFRTI)

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

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WITNESSES:

1. Signature: _____

Name & Address: _____

2. Signature: _____

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (Non Financial MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is made and entered into on this 26th May 2026.

BY AND BETWEEN

State Forest Research and Training Institute (SFRTI), Raipur, an institution under the Forest and Climate Change Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, having its principal campus near Zero Point, Baloda Bazar Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh (hereinafter referred to as the "First Party");

AND

Columbia Professional University (CPU), Raipur, a university established under the Jan Pragati Education Society (JPES), having its principal campus at village Tekari, Raipur, Chhattisgarh (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Party").

(The First Party and the Second Party are hereinafter individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".)

WHEREAS:

A. The First Party (SFRTI) is a premier multidisciplinary tropical forestry research, capacity-building, and biodiversity conservation center dedicated to strengthening scientific forestry practices and enhancing the technical competencies of forest officers, researchers, and field staff.