

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



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BETWEEN

**Goa Institute of Public Administration
& Rural Development (GIPARD)**

And

**Goa University
Taleigao Plateau, Goa.**

Date: 01st April, 2026

Venue: Goa University, Taleigao Plateau, Goa.

Memorandum of Understanding

between

**Goa Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development,
Ella Farm, Old Goa, Goa.**

and

Goa University, Taleigao Plateau, Goa.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on 01st day of April, 2026 between the **Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development**, represented herein by its Director (Training) & Secretary, Shri. Vassudev Shetye, major age, having its office at Ella Farm, Old Goa, Tiswadi-Goa, herein after referred to as the **GIPARD** and **Goa University**, represented herein by its Registrar, Professor Sunder N. Dhuri, major age, herein after referred to as the *University* (Both the Institutes shall be *hereinafter referred to jointly as the 'parties'*);

Whereas, the parties having discussed the field of common interests for training, research, publications, faculty exchange and allied activities between the two institutions, have decided to enter into a mutual collaboration.;

Whereas, GIPARD, earlier known as Goa Institute of Rural Development & Administration (GIRDA), has been established by the Department of Personnel, Government of Goa *vide* Notification No. 10 / 1 / 2014 / PER (Part) published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 15 dated 10/07/2014. GIPARD is the State of Goa's Apex Autonomous Training Institute, catering to the training, capacity building, research and consultancy activities in the areas of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Public Administration, etc. The major target audience are the elected representatives of all local bodies, officials & functionaries of State and Central Government Departments, Non Government Organisations, Self Help Groups, Academicians, Students, etc.;

Whereas, Goa University, is a State University, established under the Goa University Act of 1984 in the State of Goa that provides for higher education and is actively involved in research, training and consultancy;

Whereas, there is a need for both parties to work jointly in order to efficiently achieve their goals through mutual sharing and cooperation and collaborate for mutual benefit.



Now, therefore, the parties agree to as follows:

Article – I

1. The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework of cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the parties to meet the broader goals of training and capacity building of Government employees, elected representatives and civil society in the State of Goa. This collaboration would enable GIPARD:
 - (a) to conduct a number of training programmes thereby trying to achieve the targets as mandated in the State Training Policy of Goa.
 - (b) to cater to the training programmes for the Elected Representatives at the block levels and district levels.

Article - II

2. The parties agree to cooperate in the following areas of activity:
 - (a) to conduct training programmes allotted by GIPARD.
 - (b) to provide faculty support in conducting the programmes at their premises.
 - (c) to collaborate in research and consultancy activities wherever the need arises.
 - (d) to provide student support wherever needed for minor data collection.
 - (e) to provide their infrastructure to conduct the training programmes, workshops, seminars, symposiums, etc.
 - (f) to promote collaborative academic exchange through faculty, students, lectures and publications.
 - (g) to provide internship opportunities to the students at GIPARD.
 - (h) for faculty collaboration to introduce new certificate / diploma programmes

Article – III

Implementation of Memorandum of Understanding

- 3.1 All activities mentioned herein will be conducted as stipulated in the MoU.
 - (a) GIPARD will prepare a training calendar every year and also allocate the number of training programmes which will be conducted off campus at different levels.



The institution will have to identify one faculty as the *Coordinator* for conducting the programmes and research activities. At GU the Directorate of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan shall oversee the implementation of the MoU.

(b) Budget for each programme will be prepared by GIPARD and allotted to the Institute concerned. *10% of the total programme cost as institutional charges will be provided to the concerned Institute, which will include payment of honorarium to Faculty/ Coordinator/Technical Assistant, etc., if any, or in lieu, rentals, establishment charges and honorarium to the Faculty / Coordinator / Staff concerned shall be paid as per actual; whichever is less.* Funds will be released on a quarterly basis to the Institute.

(c) The Institute concerned will adhere and provide the necessary arrangements required for conducting the programme as per details given in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be determined by the parties to this MoU from time to time.

(d) The Institute concerned will submit bills, vouchers and refund the unutilised funds to GIPARD, within 15 days after the programme is over.

(e) The evaluation report and the report of the programme, group photo is required to be submitted along with the bills.

- 3.2 Neither party shall be agent, representative, or joint partner of the other party. Neither party shall enter into any contract or commitment on behalf of the other party.
- 3.4 Neither party shall use the name, logo of the other party or any abbreviation thereof without the prior written approval of the other party.
- 3.5 Nothing in this MoU grants either party the permission to create a hyperlink to the other's website, without the written authorization of the other party.

Article – IV

Term, Termination and Amendment

- 4.1 The proposed MoU is non-exclusive and shall be in force for a period of *two years* w.e.f. the date commencing on ~~29/07/2025~~ and ending on ~~28/07/2027~~; unless terminated prior to the date of ending, upon mutual agreement by the parties. *31/03/2028* *01/10/2026*
- 4.2 The MoU may be amended mutually by written agreement of the parties.
- 4.3 GIPARD will reserve the right for weekly monitoring of the programmes and related activities assigned to the party.



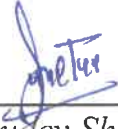
4.4 No rights of any kind whatsoever in any invention, copyright, trade secret, or any other form of Intellectual Property (collectively defined as IP) are granted or transferred under this MOU. Any IP exchanged pursuant to this MOU shall be governed by the terms of a separate written agreement by the Parties.

4.5 Normally it is expected that no dispute will arise in the assignment. Should any dispute arise, the same shall be amicably settled by the Dispute Resolution Committee constituted by both the parties to this MoU. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall consist of senior representatives of GU and GIPARD who shall be jointly nominated by the **Vice-Chancellor of GU and Director (Training) & Secretary of GIPARD**. The decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be final and binding on the parties.


This MoU is being signed on this Wednesday, 01st April, in the year 2026 and shall remain in force for a period of 2 years upto 31st March, 2028.

For and on behalf of
**Goa Institute of Public Administration
& Rural Development (GIPARD),
Ella Farm, Old Goa.**

For and on behalf of
**Directorate of Unnat Bharat
Abhiyan (D-UBA), Goa University,
Taleigao-Goa.**



Shri. Vassudev Shetye
**Director (Training) & Secretary,
GIPARD**
Date: 01st April, 2026



Professor Sunder N. Dhuri
**Registrar,
Goa University**
Date: 01st April, 2026

In the presence of:

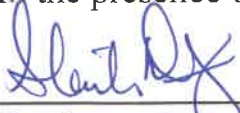


Dr. Seema Fernandes
**Assistant Director,
GIPARD, Goa**

Date: 01st April, 2026

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In the presence of:



*PROF. SHAILA
DESOUZA*
Professor ~~Dr.~~ Pavar
**Director, D-UBA,
Goa University**

Date: 01st April, 2026

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