MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between

Centre for Sustainable Ecology and Biodiversity Research
Graphic Era (Deemed to be University)
Dehradun, Uttarakhand

and

Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board (UBB)
Govt. of Uttarakhand

On
May 22nd, 2025
(International Day for Biodiversity)

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on this 22nd day of May 2025, by and between:

Centre for Sustainable Ecology and Biodiversity Research, established under the Department of Biotechnology, Graphic Era (Deemed to be University), Dehradun, Uttarakhand (hereinafter referred to as "CSEBR-GEU"), which is committed to the study and promotion of biodiversity conservation, ecological sustainability, and community-driven research and development;

and

Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board, a statutory body constituted under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Government of Uttarakhand (hereinafter referred to as "UBB"), responsible for promoting conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components, and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources in the state.

Whereas, both parties share a mutual interest in promoting biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, ecological research, and community outreach; Now therefore, the parties agree to collaborate under the following terms and conditions:

1. OBJECTIVES

* To promote joint research initiatives on biodiversity, ecological conservation, and sustainable development in Uttarakhand state.
* To facilitate the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and best practices in biodiversity documentation, monitoring, and conservation.
* To develop community-based programs and citizen science initiatives for biodiversity awareness and conservation.
* To support capacity building through training, internships, and workshops for students, researchers, and stakeholders.

2. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

* Joint identification, planning, and implementation of research and outreach projects.

* Sharing of data, reports, publications, and tools developed under collaborative projects, with appropriate attribution and mutual consent.

* Development of biodiversity-based strategies for forest fire mitigation, restoration ecology, and conservation planning.

* Co-hosting of seminars, conferences, training programs, and awareness campaigns.

* Support for fieldwork, documentation, and species monitoring in priority areas identified jointly.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

CSEBR-GEU shall:

- Provide research support and academic resources.
- Undertake field-based research and data analysis in collaboration with UBB.
- Facilitate student participation in research, training, and internships.

UBB shall:

- Offer technical support and guidance aligned with state biodiversity priorities.
- Facilitate access to Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs), People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs), and other resources as needed.
- Assist in obtaining necessary permissions and logistical support for field activities.

3. DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MoU shall be effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing and may be extended or modified by mutual agreement.

Either party may terminate the MoU by giving a written notice of three (3) months. All ongoing activities shall be concluded in a mutually agreed manner.

4. FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Each party shall bear its own costs unless otherwise agreed upon for specific projects supported by UBB or any other funding agency.

Joint proposals may be developed and submitted to national or international funding agencies for financial support.

5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PUBLICATIONS

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) arising from joint work shall be shared as per mutual agreement on a case-by-case basis.

Publications shall acknowledge contributions of both parties and may be co-authored as appropriate.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

Both parties agree to maintain confidentiality regarding unpublished data, sensitive ecological information, and other materials shared under this MoU unless otherwise agreed.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual discussion and negotiation.

SIGNATORIES

- **For Centre for Sustainable Ecology and Biodiversity Research Graphic Era (Deemed to be University, Dehradun**

Signature: _____
Name: **Dr. Narpinder Singh**
Designation: **Vice Chancellor**

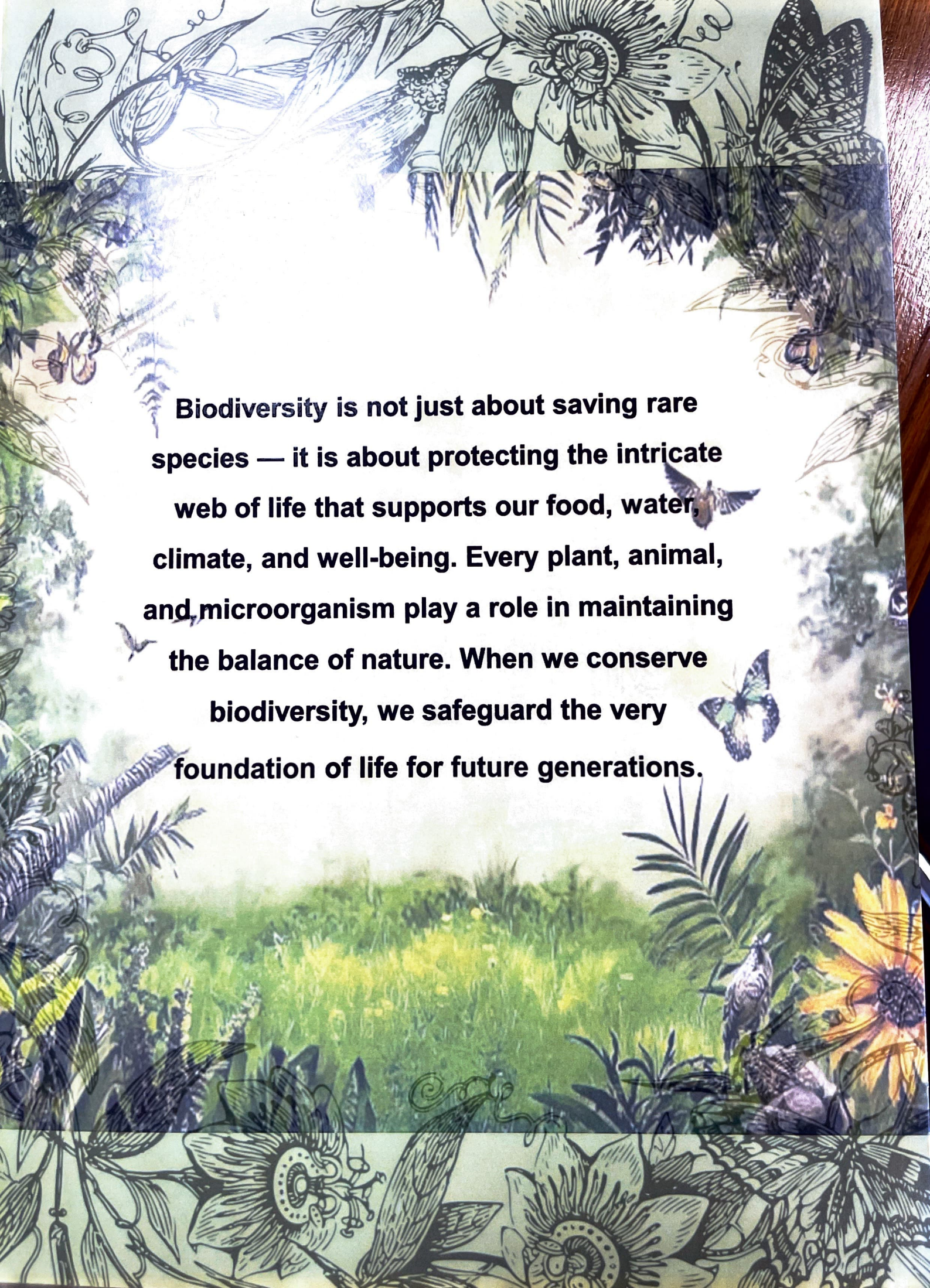
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Vice Chancellor
Graphic Era (Deemed to be University)
Dehradun, Uttarakhand

For Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board, Government of Uttarakhand

Signature: _____
Name: **Dr. S. P. Subudhi, IFS**
Designation: **Chairman**

Date: 22nd May 2025
Seal:



Biodiversity is not just about saving rare species — it is about protecting the intricate web of life that supports our food, water, climate, and well-being. Every plant, animal, and microorganism play a role in maintaining the balance of nature. When we conserve biodiversity, we safeguard the very foundation of life for future generations.