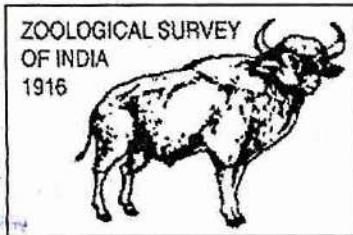




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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN, BURDWAN

Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), since its establishment on 1st July, 1916, has been pioneering on taxonomic research on animals, focusing on exploring, collecting, identifying, describing, classifying the animal taxa for inventorying, documentation and digitization of the Indian fauna. It has maintained its primary objectives of taxonomic research, survey and

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documentation of Indian fauna. The scope and functions of ZSI have been considerably expanded, particularly in the light of the Convention on Biological Diversity, ratified by the Govt. of India in 1994. To meet the challenges of biodiversity conservation, sustainable utilization and dissemination of knowledge on faunal diversity to all stake holders, ZSI acquired modern tools and techniques such as scanning electron microscopes, stereo zoom microscopes, GIS tools, Data basing tools and the DNA barcoding technology, augmenting the research infrastructure of ZSI.

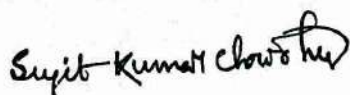
The **University of Burdwan (BU)** with a motto *Learning Leads to Emancipations*, was established on 15th June, 1960, a premier university of eastern India. Since inception it has reached several milestones such as: university NIRF ranking is 86 (2023), and the university has been accredited with Grade 'A' by NAAC in the year 2016 and India Today rank for the year 2021 is 16.

Presently it has 22 Post-graduate departments of faculty of Arts & Humanities and 17 Post Graduate departments, faculty of Science. An engineering college, named as University Institute of Technology, has been established with the approval from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Other Academic Depts: UGC-HRDC, SVARC, NSS, RTC, Sports Board, Life long Learning etc.

Academically, **The University Burdwan** has affiliated colleges: Burdwan district: 26; Hooghly district: 27 and Birbhum district: 19. Its territorial jurisdiction extends over three districts -Purba Burdwan, Hooghly, Birbhum. These constitute the greater part of Rarh Bengal, the cradle of ancient civilization of India. The university now offers courses on diverse disciplines. These include physical education, B.Ed., foreign languages, computer applications, population education, etc. There are also an Adult Continuing Education Center and the Academic Staff College. The university has a museum and art gallery at Rajbati that displays even the pottery of



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prehistoric age. The university has its Distance Education wing imparting Post-graduate education in different subjects as well as in some professional courses at Under-graduate level.

With social responsibilities in mind, the university actively patronized the construction of a Science Centre and a Planetarium, named as Meghnad Saha Planetarium. The University has established a Rural Technology Centre to impart vocational training and to create scope of self-employment for the rural youth.

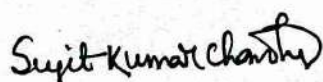
The **Zoological Survey of India** and **The University of Burdwan**, Burdwan, agree that for encouragement and development of cooperation and exchange in areas of mutual academic interest, it is desirable to enhance research and academic processes at both ZSI and the **University of Burdwan** to strengthen mutual understanding between their respective staff, scholars and students. **The Zoological Survey of India**, represented by the **Director, ZSI** and **The University of Burdwan, Burdwan**, represented by the **Vice Chancellor, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan**, hereby, enter into an agreement for academic and educational cooperation and have set forth the following Articles of Mutual Agreement:

Article 1

The **University of Burdwan, Burdwan** and the **Zoological Survey of India** agree on, but is not limited to, the following based on their academic and educational needs:

1. For collaborative research work with the **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** or the students intending to pursue research works at ZSI, enrolment to Ph.D programme under the University of Burdwan (BU) will be carried out through the Common Research Eligibility Test (RET) conducted by the BU only.


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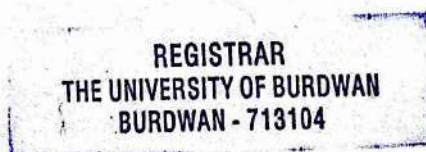
2. The bonafide students and research scholars of both the Institutions will have access to research facilities at **The University of Burdwan**, Burdwan and **Zoological Survey of India**.
3. The scientists of **Zoological Survey of India** conducting research shall be recognised as **Supervisors/Co-supervisors** for Doctoral under **The University of Burdwan**, as per the extant Ph.D regulations of the BU and UGC as adopted by the BU to be amended time to time.
4. In the research publications published from the thesis work of the candidate registered with the **University of Burdwan**, the affiliation of the concerned student should appear as **The University of Burdwan** and **Zoological Survey of India**.
5. Joint Research activities, developing research projects, funding, organising and participating in conferences, academic meetings, courses, seminars, symposia and lectures will be undertaken with due acknowledgement to both institutions.
6. Exchange of biological materials will be subjected to provisions under the Biodiversity Act (2002) and or any other such legal bindings by the Govt. of India.
7. Under this agreement, there will be no financial liability on **The University of Burdwan** or on the **Zoological Survey of India** from either side.

Article 2

The exchange programmes and/or projects are not intended to be legally binding documents. They are meant to describe the nature and suggest the guidelines of the programme or project. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either university/ institution, nor will any constraint be imposed by either upon the other carrying out the agreement.

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Article 3

In order to carry out and fulfil the goals of this agreement both **The University of Burdwan** and **Zoological Survey of India** shall designate a programme coordinator to develop and co-ordinate the specific programmes and projects agreed upon. The programme coordinators will be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this agreement. Letters of agreement will be approved by both sides according to the normal procedures adopted by the signatory parties.

Article 4

This MoU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the both organizations and will remain in effect for five (5) years. This MoU will be renewed upon its expiry, as per mutual agreement of both organizations. If either organization wishes to terminate the MoU at the end of the five years period or in between the period of five years, it must notify the other organization not less than six months prior to the expiry of the MoU. The event of termination will not affect participants from completing their activities at the host institution already initiated or ongoing unless otherwise mutually agreed. Modifications to MoU will be made by mutual consent and any amendment or extension to the MoU will be formalized by the exchange of letters and or emails between the two institutions.

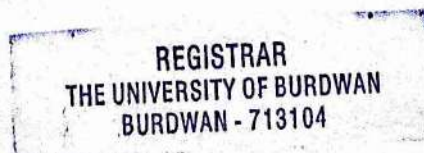
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In the event of any unforeseen issues or matters not covered herein or any controversy, dispute or difference arising out of or in connection with this MoU, the same shall be resolved amicably by both the organizations. This MoU and further agreements will in all respect be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Govt. of India. This MoU shall be signed in counterpart. Each counterpart will constitute an original document

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and these counterparts taken together, shall constitute *one and the same* MoU.

As witness to their consent to this agreement, the *appropriate authorities* here unto provide their signatures.

For the Zoological Survey of India,
Kolkata, India

For The University of Burdwan,
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