

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

NIAR

and

Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS)

Hyderabad

Whereas the National Institute of Administrative Research (NIAR) is an autonomous society constituted under the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie with a mandate to carry out research activities on major national policies and programmes with a view to disseminating knowledge and providing actionable policy inputs to the concerned Ministries in the Government of India.

Whereas the CIPS is established in May 2010, as an autonomous body and located at the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad with the primary mandate to identify, recognize and promote innovations in public systems in the area of management of people, process (cost and quality), systems (technology) and services, across various states to improve the well being of the common people. Its functions include:

- i) Scout, scan and track different innovations at the state as well as the national level that have positively impacted public service delivery, increased efficiency and led to cost reduction.
- ii) Act as a platform for sharing and disseminating knowledge of new ventures and best practices in administration.
- iii) Design relevant training programmes in partnership with the State Governments for developing an innovative mindset for creating new solutions on an on-going basis.

In recognition of the mutual interest in research and capacity building shared by the NIAR and the CIPS, both institutions agree to enter into a wide-ranging partnership for joint research, seminars, publications and exchange of faculty experts.

The objective of the agreement is to establish, maintain and enhance academic and intellectual interaction between the NIAR and CIPS through specific initiatives detailed in this Agreement with a view to promoting excellence in studies and practices relating to Public Policy and Good Governance.

1. The National Institute of Administrative Research, LBSNAA, Mussoorie (NIAR) and the CIPS, hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

In furtherance of their mutual interest in research, and as contribution to increased bilateral cooperation between them,

Hereby agree to implement, within the framework of the regulations applying in each of the institutions and subject to the availability of resources, the following programmes and activities;

a) Exchange of Faculty and Research Follows

NIAR and CIPS will promote the exchange of Faculty and Research Fellows for guest lectures, joint research projects and interaction on issues relating to Governance and Public Administration. NIAR will facilitate operation of its Sabbatical Scheme for CIPS Faculty and Fellows. CIPS will be able to host nominated civil servants as well as faculty members of LBSNAA and NIAR as Visiting Fellows at different units of CIPS. NIAR and CIPS will mutually agree upon the terms and conditions of these exchanges.

b) Hosting of Visiting Delegations

NIAR and CIPS will facilitate exchange and hosting of distinguished academics, civil servants and thinkers who will deliver public lectures and conduct seminars or any other suitable activity that relates to the issues of governance and public administration. These events may be held in the premises of NIAR or LBSNAA or CIPS as the case may be, with a view to promoting stronger links and interaction between academia, government and policy making.

