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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Between

Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI), Itanagar, A.P.

And

Ramakrishna Mission Hospital (RKMH), Itanagar, A.P.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is executed on this 19 day of August, 2026.

BETWEEN

Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI), Itanagar, an institute under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of

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India, having its office at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as the **"First Party"**), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns;

AND

Ramakrishna Mission Hospital (RKMH), Itanagar, a charitable healthcare institution managed by Ramakrishna Mission, having its registered office at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as the **"Second Party"**), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns.

The First Party and the Second Party are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Parties**."

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to enable the Second Party to utilise the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) of the First Party for ethical review and approval of research proposals submitted by the faculty, consultants, residents, and students of Ramakrishna Mission Hospital during the interim period until the Second Party establishes and operationalises its own Institutional Ethics Committee.

2. Scope of Collaboration

The First Party agrees to:

a. Consider research proposals submitted by the Second Party before its Institutional Ethics Committee in accordance with applicable ethical guidelines and regulatory provisions.
b. Review such proposals and communicate its decisions to the Second Party.
c. Provide ethical oversight, including continuing review, amendments, and other IEC-related functions as required under applicable regulations.

3. Responsibilities of the Second Party

The Second Party shall:

a. Submit complete research proposals in the prescribed format along with all supporting documents required by the IEC.
b. Ensure that all investigators comply with the decisions, recommendations, and conditions stipulated by the IEC.
c. Promptly report protocol deviations, serious adverse events, amendments, and study completion reports, wherever applicable.
d. Extend full cooperation to the IEC in carrying out its ethical oversight responsibilities.
e. Bear any administrative or processing charges, if applicable, as mutually agreed by the Parties.

4. Responsibilities of the First Party

The First Party shall:

a. Conduct ethical review of research proposals in accordance with the applicable National Ethical Guidelines, ICMR guidelines, Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines, and other statutory requirements.

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b. Maintain confidentiality of all research documents and deliberations.
c. The First Party (RARI) agrees that for the evaluation of modern medicine postgraduate (DNB) thesis protocols submitted by the Second Party (RKMH), the Institutional Ethics Committee shall co-opt independent external subject-matter experts (holding recognized postgraduate degrees in MD/MS/DNB in General Medicine, General Surgery, Paediatrics, and Ophthalmology) as independent reviewers to ensure appropriate clinical and scientific evaluation of the protocols, in accordance with ICMR National Ethical Guidelines.

5. Financial Implications

Unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing, this MoU shall not create any financial obligation upon either Party. Any IEC processing fee or administrative expenses, if applicable, shall be borne by the Second Party.

6. Confidentiality

Both Parties shall maintain strict confidentiality regarding all research protocols, patient information, proprietary data, and documents exchanged under this MoU, except where disclosure is required under applicable law or by competent authority. In all other circumstances, any disclosure of confidential or sensitive information to a third party shall be made only with the prior written intimation to, and knowledge of, both Parties, to the extent permitted by law.

7. Duration

This MoU shall come into effect from the date of its signing and shall remain valid until the Institutional Ethics Committee of Ramakrishna Mission Hospital becomes fully constituted and operational, or for a **period of three (3) year**, whichever is earlier, unless extended by mutual written consent.

8. Termination

Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to the other Party. However, ethical oversight of studies already approved by the IEC shall continue until appropriate arrangements are mutually agreed upon or the studies are formally transferred or closed in accordance with applicable regulations.

9. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultation between the Parties. If unresolved, the matter shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

10. Miscellaneous

a. This MoU does not create any employer-employee, agency, partnership, or joint venture relationship between the Parties.
b. Any amendment or modification to this MoU shall be made only in writing and signed by the authorised representatives of both Parties.
c. This MoU is intended solely to facilitate ethical review of research proposals and does not transfer ownership, control, or management of either institution.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF

The authorised representatives of the Parties have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date first written above.

For Regional Ayurveda Research Institute

Signature: _____

Name: DR. GURUCHARAN BHUYAN

Designation: Director Asstt. Director (Ay.) Incharge

Regional Ayurveda Research Institute

Itanagar-791111, (A.P.)

Date: 19/08/26

For Ramakrishna Mission Hospital

Signature: _____

Name: **Swami Vedasaranandaji**

Designation: **Secretary**

Date: 19/08/2026.

Witness 1:

Name: Mr. Vinay Singh

Signature: _____

Designation: U.D.C.

Witness 2:

Name: Mr. Mrinal Das

Signature: _____

Designation: Web. Tech

Witness 1:

Name: Swami Pradiptananda

Signature: Pradiptananda

Designation: Monk, RKMH, Itanagar

Witness 2:

Name: Tanmay Mohanta

Signature: _____

Designation: Administrative Associate