MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Agreement is made on this day of 27th August, 2018 between Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore an Autonomous Government Aided Institution located at Urumandampalayam Village, G.N Mills Post, Coimbatore - 641 029 represented by its SECRETARY and DIRECTOR, Dr.C.A.VASUKI, (herein after referred to as the “FIRST PARTY”).

AND

The Tribal Research Centre works under the Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, M. Palada, Udhagamandalam - 643004, Nilgiri district represented by the Director, which expression shall, wherever the context so admits or permits deem to mean and include its successors and permitted assignees (herein after referred to as “SECOND PARTY”).

AND

WHEREAS both the parties hereto have decided to enter into an agreement with the following terms and conditions:

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL COVENANTS, THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this agreement is to (i) Survey and documentation of Ethnomedicinal Plant Diversity among the tribal communities in Nilgiri district (ii) Exsitu conservation of red listed Ethnomedicinal Plants through Plant tissue culture (iii) To screen the phytochemical constituents present in the ethnomedicinal plants (iv) Study on the social behaviour changes among the tribal community (v) Transfer of skill development in apiculture, handicrafts, etc., to the tribal people. (vi) Research on the folk lore of various tribal communities. The overall goal of this agreement is to take up research activities to improve the socio-economic status of the tribal communities in Nilgiri district.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRST PARTY:

a. There is an exclusive Research Centre in the name of ‘Dr.M.Aruchami Research Foundation’ in the college and this centre will be utilized for the above research activities.
b. The staff of various Science and Humanities departments will undertake the research works.

c. Proper documentation will be made on the input of the research activities.

d. The Research findings will be jointly published by both the parties.

e. Seminars/Conferences/Workshops will be organized jointly by both parties.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRC, DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU, UDHAGAMANDALAM:

a. The TRC, Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, Udhagamandalam shall function as a facilitator to provide space in their campus for sample collection, preliminary processing, storage, knowledge partner and implementation of the above mentioned Research Programme.

b. TRC, Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, Udhagamandalam shall support the research activities on the college staff.

c. The TRC, Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, Udhagamandalam will arrange to provide support during Field visits to the tribal areas in Nilgiri district.

DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT:

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of 3 years from the date of signing subject to renewal by the mutual consent of both parties.

RELATIONSHIP:

None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a partnership between the Parties hereto and neither Party shall have any authority to bind or shall be deemed to be the agent of the other in any way except as set out herein.

SURVIVAL:

In the event of termination, none of the Parties hereto shall have any rights, obligations or claim against the other Parties, except as set out herein.

ARBITRATION:

If any dispute and/ or difference whatsoever between the parties arises relating to the sharing of scientific data or effect of this agreement or the validity of the breach thereof, the same shall be settled through Arbitration and for this purpose the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 as amended from time to time shall apply. The venue of the Arbitration shall be at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE SET THEIR HANDS AND SEAL ON THIS AGREEMENT ON THE DAY, MONTH AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

FIRST PARTY

WITNESSES:

[Signature]

SECRETARY & DIRECTOR
Kongunadu Arts and Science College,
G.N.Mills post, Coimbatore-641 029.

SECOND PARTY

WITNESSES:

[Signature]

Director, Tribal Research Centre
M. Palada, Udhagamandalam -643004
The Nilgiris.