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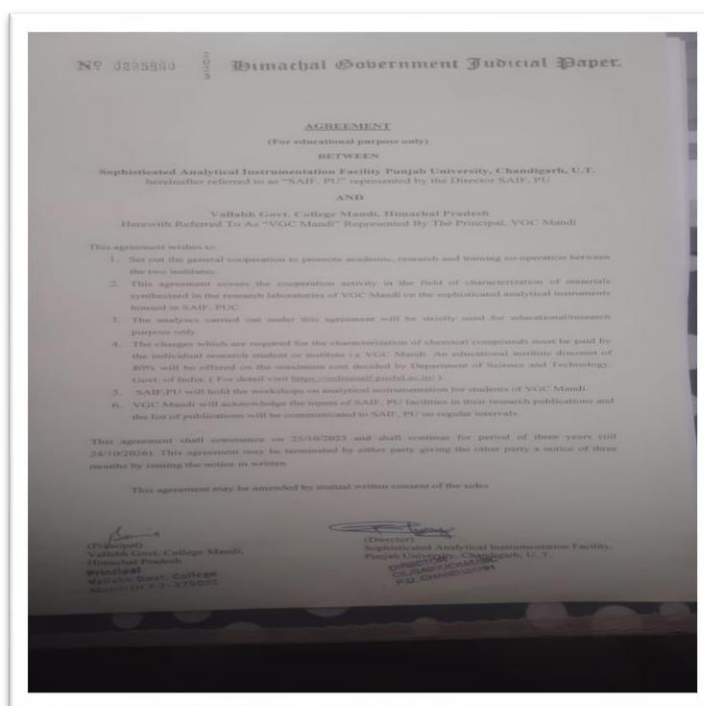
Best Practices, Innovation, and Institution Distinctiveness

5.5 Collaborations:

(i) With peer Educational/Research Institutions

MoU between Vallabh Government College (VGC) Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, and the Sophisticated Analytical Instrumentation Facility (SAIF), Punjab University (PU)

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Vallabh Government College (VGC) Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, and the Sophisticated Analytical Instrumentation Facility (SAIF), Punjab University (PU), Chandigarh, is an educational and research-focused agreement. This partnership aims to promote academic, research, and training cooperation between the two institutions, primarily focusing on the characterization of materials synthesized in the research laboratories of VGC Mandi using the advanced analytical instruments available at SAIF, PU.



Key aspects of the agreement include:

- An 80% discount on analytical services offered by SAIF, PU, to VGC Mandi, with charges to be paid by the students or the institute.
- The analyses will be strictly for educational and research purposes.
- SAIF, PU, will conduct workshops for VGC Mandi students on analytical instrumentation.
- VGC Mandi will acknowledge the use of SAIF, PU's facilities in research publications and will share a list of publications with SAIF regularly.

The agreement will be valid for three years, starting from October 25, 2023, and can be terminated with a three-month written notice by either party. Amendments to the agreement can be made through mutual written consent.

ii) Other Government Bodies/Industry

MOU between Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF) for Research and Training, Sundernagar, and Vallabh Government Degree College (VGC) Mandi, Himachal Pradesh

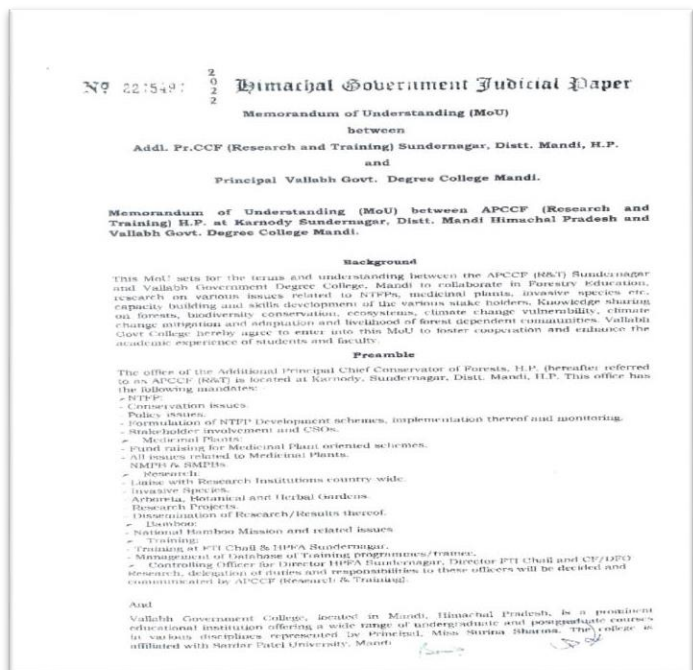
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF) for Research and Training, Sundernagar, and Vallabh Government Degree College (VGC) Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, outlines a collaborative framework to foster research, education, and capacity-building efforts in forestry and environmental studies.

Key objectives include cooperation in research on non-timber forest products (NTFPs), medicinal plants, invasive species, and climate change vulnerability.

The MoU encourages joint research projects, skill development, and knowledge-sharing among students and faculty. Both parties will collaborate in training programs, workshops, and seminars to enhance forestry and environmental knowledge.

The agreement also covers the exchange of academic resources and herbarium specimens to support research and education. Additionally, the MoU emphasizes intellectual property rights, confidentiality, and dispute settlement mechanisms. It is valid for two years, starting from the date of signing, and can be extended or terminated with mutual consent.

Through this partnership, both institutions aim to promote academic growth, scientific



research, and sustainable forest management practices while enhancing the overall academic experience for students and faculty.

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**Principal
Vallabh Govt. College Mandi H.P.**