



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BILATERAL RESEARCH CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (ICSSR), NEW DELHI
AND
THE DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGSGEMEINSCHAFT (DFG) BONN

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), - hereinafter referred to as "ICSSR" and "DFG" or simply as "The PARTIES" - recognising the importance of the mutual benefit to be derived from bilateral collaboration and with the desire to strengthen the research cooperation on the basis of equality between the researchers and academics from the universities and the research institutions in both the countries in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences, herewith have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Within the framework of their responsibilities and in accordance with their respective funding position, ICSSR and DFG will support co-operation between researchers at academic and research institutions / universities of both countries in fundamental research in Humanities and Social Sciences.

Article 2

Considering that fully integrated German-Indian research projects are an ambitious goal and that they will require careful preparation DFG and ICSSR in a **PHASE I** of their cooperation aim at developing and strengthening direct contacts, exchanges and collaboration between researchers based in German and Indian universities or research institutions.

Article 3

For this "PHASE - I" DFG invites to use its "Grants to Support the Initiation of International Collaboration" in a pro-active and strategic way. (The ICSSR may use its applicable scheme for co-funding, wherever required.)

Within the provisions of the above-mentioned scheme, support will be provided for

3.1. Indo-German Bilateral Workshops

3.2. Research visits of German based researchers to India (up to three months)

3.3. Research visits of Indian based researchers to Germany (up to three months)

Article 4

Proposals have to be submitted to DFG by the German researcher collaborating with Indian partners. For details of application and funding, the regulations of the above named grants scheme will be applicable. DFG will inform ICSSR about proposals that are presented and about DFG's review assessment.

Article 5

ICSSR and DFG will co-fund joint workshops. ICSSR and DFG will inform each other within four weeks if a specific proposal does not meet their funding criteria and the bilateral funding will not be made available for such a proposal. Co-funded bilateral workshops will be funded on the basis of the principle of cost-sharing. Each party bears the international travel costs of the participants coming from its constituency and local costs for all participants in the workshop

Article 6

Funding of the working visits can, for both sides, be provided by DFG under its scheme "**Grants to Support the Initiation of International Collaboration**" named above in "Article 3". ICSSR will consider co-funding for each individual case on the basis of the above specified principle of cost sharing.

Article 7

Funding under the above named grants scheme aims at

7.1. Exploring possibilities for bilateral collaboration on defined and limited topics.

7.2. At facilitating and preparing the ground for specific research projects.

Therefore, proposals for fully integrated bilateral research projects may result from funding under **PHASE I**.

As soon as such proposals are presented or announced, both the parties will consider details for a **PHASE II** of their institutional cooperation, which will aim at jointly funding bilateral research projects.



Article 8

This MoU may be modified or amended by mutual consent and by written Agreement of the **PARTIES** for expanding the co-operative activities mutually agreed upon on a case-to-case basis.

Article 9

As far as possible, ICSSR and DFG shall assist researchers from both countries in obtaining research permits and other official documents necessary for timely conduct of collaborative or individual activities, whenever such assistance is requested by either side.

Article 10

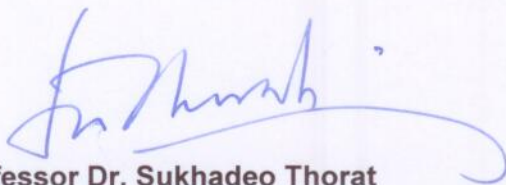
This Agreement shall remain valid for a period of **5 (FIVE)** years and shall subsequently extend thereafter annually, unless a written notice of termination has been given by either organisation six months in advance. Termination of this Agreement will not affect activities jointly approved already or ones' in progress under the terms of this Agreement.

Article 11

This MoU shall come into force on the date of the signature by the representatives of the two organizations. It may be amended by mutual agreement of both the **PARTIES**.

This MoU is documented in two originals in English and both the texts are equally valid.

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