

A BRIEF NOTE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SIGNED BETWEEN RFRI/FRCBR & MIZORAM UNIVERSITY (MZU), AIZAWL

On 20th October 2022, Thursday, a *Memorandum of Understanding* (MOU) was signed between First Party-Mizoram University (A Central University) and Second Party-Forest Research Centre for Bamboo & Rattan (FRCBR)/Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI).

Subject to the terms of this MOU and the laws both the parties shall endeavour to strengthen a common platform for Research and Innovation/ Scientist-faculty cooperation and/or Student Exchange Program/ Summer and Winter internship for the students / collaborative projects/ Joint consultancy/ Joint Training Programmes/other activities. Together these two parties shall work towards furthering cooperation in education, training & research and technical and expert support which will be beneficial for both organizations and community benefits at large.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by **Prof. Lalnundanga**, Registrar-Mizoram University and **Dr. Hans Raj**, Scientist E & Head, Forest Research Centre for Bamboo & Rattan (FRCBR) on behalf of Director, Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat.

Registrar Prof. Lalnundanga addressed the meeting and discussed how this MOU would play a vital and effective role for the benefits of students, researchers, faculty members of the university and local community. Dr Hans Raj, Head FRCBR, discussed and highlighted how FRCBR/RFRI works for the strengthening forest resources and community empowerment through research education and extension activities. On this occasion, Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism & Hospitality Management, MZU was also present and he elaborated about the scope of ongoing project “Alternate Housing (Bamboo Hut)-Cost effective and eco-friendly tourist accommodation” and how this MOU is going to be instrumental for it. Dr. Sachin Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of Planning & Architecture, MZU highlighted the various architectural aspects. The members from Mizoram University and FRCBR/RFRI witnessed the programme.



Fig.1. MOU SIGNED IN THE OFFICE OF REGISTRAR MZU, AIZAWL



Fig.2. NEWS PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL NEWS PAPER-VANGLAINI