

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement is made on this day of 2022.

BETWEEN

ICAR - Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Matsyapuri P.O., Willingdon Island, Kochi, Kerala, a constituent of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi (hereinafter referred to as Institute or ICAR-CIFT), represented by its Director as the authorized signatory, as the FIRST PARTY

AND

Department of Mechanical Engineering, Muthoot Institute of Technology and Science (MITS), Kochi, hereinafter referred to as Institute or MITS), represented in this MoA by Dr. Neelakandan P. C, Principal, MITS as the authorized signatory, as the SECOND PARTY

2. GENERAL

WHEREAS, **ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology** is a technology Institute in India, under ICAR, which caters to the entire spectrum of fisheries from harvest to post-harvest operations. The Institute provides technologies and services to the fishing and fish processing industries in the areas of craft and gear, processing including products development, packaging, waste utilization, nutrition, microbiology and biotechnology, engineering, quality assurance and extension.

WHEREAS, **Muthoot Institute of Technology and Science (MITS)**, Varikoli, Kochi is a self-financing technical institution at Varikoli, Kochi owned by the prestigious Muthoot Group. MITS offers 7 undergraduate B. Tech programmes and 2 M.Tech programmes in various engineering streams. MITS also running MSc courses in collaborative mode with ESIGELEC, France. MITS courses are accredited by National Board of Accreditation (NBA). MITS is the only private engineering college in the state of Kerala ranked by National Institutional Ranking Framework, Ministry of Education, Government of India (in the bandwidth of 250-300). The Department of Mechanical Engineering focuses on latest developments in Mechanics, Dynamics, Thermo-fluid, Materials, Design and Manufacturing.

WHEREAS, ICAR-CIFT and MITS have mutual interest in fostering further collaboration among Indian research institutes and agree that there is a need to have MoA under which detailed work plans can be developed and implemented.

NOW THEREFORE, ICAR-CIFT and MITS inspired by their common objectives to further promote and accelerate research in the area of fisheries science and fisheries related technologies have entered into this Collaborative Research MoA under the terms and condition set forth in the following articles: