# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**For**

**Certificate Course in Organic Products**

***(In compliance to NPOP third party certification for Empowerment & Entrepreneurship Development )***

## BETWEEN

## ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN ORGANIC INDUSTRY(AIOI), BANGALORE, KARNATAKA

## AND

## KAVERI UNIVERSITY, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA STATE, INDIA

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is renewed on this the ____ day in the month of September, 2024 between Association of Indian Organic Industry (AIOI) represented by its authorized signatory, Dr P V S M Gouri, CEO & Executive (hereinafter referred to as "AIOI"), was incorporated as a not for Profit organization registered under section 25 of Companies Act, 2013 with registered office and Head office at New Delhi which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include the successors and permitted assigns of the **FIRST PARTY.**

**AND**

Kaveri University, Hyderabad (Established as per the Telangana Private Universities – Establishment & Regulation Act, 2018 under Section 3) represented by Dr.V. Praveen Rao (hereinafter referred to as KU"), which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include the successors and permitted assigns of the **SECOND PARTY.**

Collective the above parties shall be referred as "The Parties" and individually as "AIOI" & "KU".

For and on behalf of AIOI
Authorized Signatory

For and on behalf of Kaveri University
Authorized Signatory

## Preamble and Institutional Capabilities

**First Party Expertise (AIOI):** A membership-driven non-profit organization whose members includes the exporters, importers, traders, and others in the organic sector. AIOI aims at building the capacity of stakeholders, creating valuable resources through skill development to enhance employment opportunities, and engaging in advocacy with policymakers, market development, and research.

**Second Party Expertise (KU):** A statewide University that works towards the education of rural people in agriculture in its broadest sense. It promotes research, field, and extension programmes in agriculture and agricultural production, while also working on technologies to improve farm production and farmers' incomes.

**General Intent:** The Parties have amicably decided to carry out various activities to achieve the targets of the Project and have reduced these agreements in writing.

## Terms and Conditions (Articles of the MoU)

### Article 1: Objectives of this short-term Certificate course

- This course will impart knowledge, guidance, and practical training to participants regarding industry opportunities.
- It aims to prepare candidates for roles such as assessment of organic programs, opportunities for organic certifications, quality assurance executives, quality managers in organic foods and the farm industry, organic food managers, positions in new product development, and organic agriculture consultants.

### Article 2: Scope of Engagement

**Responsibilities of Kaveri University (KU):**

- Collaborate with AIOI in finalizing the course contents.
- Provide the Guidelines for preparing communication material (Pamphlets / Banner etc.) and Curriculum.
- Provide faculty support for sessions from KU.
- Disseminate information regarding this course among the students of KU.
- Represent as a member of the Expert Committee to review the implementation of the course.

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**Responsibilities of Association of Indian Organic Industry (AIOI):**

- Finalize the Syllabus for the Organic Certification Course with KU Professors and experts in the field.
- Responsible for the mode of delivery of the teaching (organizing lectures/delivery of course material).
- Assign projects and facilitate group discussions.
- Maintain a database of qualified students to share with companies in the organic sector.
- Conduct campus interviews with short-listed candidates.
- Provide placement cell efforts, including help with professional resume writing, interview skills, and conducting mock interviews.
- Utilize the fee collected from students for maintaining and running the online teaching module (LMS) developed on the AIOI website and for other course-related work.

**Joint Responsibilities:**

A joint certificate will be issued to the qualified stakeholders duly signed by AIOI and KU.

## Article 3: Term / Duration

- This MoU is valid for a period of Three years with effect from the date of signing.

## Article 4: Termination

- This MoU may be terminated by either party with one month's written notice.

## Article 5: Confidentiality

- Definitions: "Confidential Information" means non-public information designated as confidential by the Discloser, excluding information that becomes part of the public domain, was previously known without obligation, is independently developed, or is rightfully obtained from third parties. Services and Work Product are considered Confidential Information of Coromandel and its affiliates.
- Restrictions on Use: The Recipient must hold the Discloser's information in confidence, not disclose it to unauthorized third parties, and use it solely to carry out this MoU. The Recipient is responsible for breaches by its Affiliates or Representatives.
- Exceptions: Confidential Information may be disclosed if required by law, court order, regulatory bodies, or audits, provided prompt written notice is given to the Discloser to obtain a protective order.
- Survival: This confidentiality clause shall survive for 3 years from the date of expiry or early termination of this MoU.

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## Article 6: Resolution, Governing Law and Jurisdiction

- The provisions of this MoU shall be governed by the laws of India.
- Disputes shall be resolved amicably. Unresolved disputes shall be referred to a sole Arbitrator appointed in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
- The venue of Arbitration shall be Hyderabad, and the language shall be English. The Arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding.

## Article 7: Changes/Amendments

- No modification or amendment to this MoU shall be binding unless made specifically in writing, by the mutual consent of the Parties.

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Authorized Signatory

For and on behalf of Kaveri University
Authorized Signatory

## Execution and Signatures

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have executed this MoU through their authorized representatives on the day, month and year first above mentioned, in duplicate, in the presence of:

## Signature with seal and date

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| For and on behalf of AIOI<br>Authorized Signatory<br>First Party | For and on behalf of Kaveri University<br>Authorized Signatory<br>Second Party |
| Signature: | Signature: |
| Name: **P.V S .M. Gouri**<br>Designation: Executive Director & CEO | Name: **Dr.V. Praveen Rao**<br>Designation: Vice Chancellor |
| Stamp:<br>For Association of Indian Organic Industry<br>Authorised Signatory | Stamp:<br>Kaveri University<br>Gowraram |
| Date: 5th October 2026 | Date: 5th October, 2026 |
| Signature of Witness | Signature of Witness |
| Name: SACHIN KUMAR | Name: SATHISH CHANDRA V |