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DECLARATION OF COLLABORATION



Botanical Survey of India (BSI), hereinafter referred to as BSI and having its head office at CGO Complex, 3rd MSO Building, DF Block, Sector 1, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700064, established on 13th Feb 1890 with the basic objective to explore the plant resources of the country and to identify the plant species with economic virtues. The goals of BSI are: (i) to undertake intensive floristic surveys of different geographical regions of the country and collect accurate and detailed information on the occurrence, distribution, ecology and economic utility of plants in the country, (ii) to collect, identify and distribute materials which may be of use to educational and research institutions and (iii) to act as the plant resources in the form of local, district, state and national flora. (iv) inventorying of endemic, rare and threatened plant species. (v) evolving conservation strategies, studies on fragile ecosystems and protected areas like Sanctuaries, National Parks and Biosphere Reserves. (vi) Conservation, multiplication and maintenance of germplasm of endemic and threatened species, wild ornamentals and other plant genetic resources, in

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botanic gardens and orchidaria and (vii) ethno-botanical and geo-botanical studies and development of a national database on herbarium specimens and live plant collections, Plant genetic resources, plant distribution and nomenclature.

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National Digital Library of India (NDLI), a project established under the Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India, under its National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), and carried out by the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, located at Kharagpur - 721302, West Bengal have a shared vision to facilitate and encourage creation, collaboration and dissemination of knowledge among people, especially but not limited to the student community, youth and life-long learners of the country, and have identified synergies between the two that can help meet common objectives and help nurture literary thoughts, creativity across the country and world.

The two parties on 07.03.2023 agree to collaborate in the long term to complement activities of each other to realize their shared vision. Hence, a Declaration of Collaboration is being signed.

The activities that may be undertaken as part of this collaboration are:

- 1) BSI will seek to promote reading, research, and the spirit of enquiry among the students, academic teams and management of the institutions, in collaboration with NDLI, to bring the best reading and research resources to its team.
- 2) BSI and NDLI will work together to promote literacy, reading and research among the underserved population of India, with a special focus on the girl child.
- 3) NDLI as a digital library uses metadata of contents to search, identify and render contents of the library to its user.
- 4) BSI will announce the collaboration with NDLI on its website.
- 5) NDLI will host the CMS part of the application https://efloraindia.bsi.gov.in on their storage and migrate the database once in a month (only if the BSI provides any update). However, the execution of this task will depend on the POC (Proof of Concept) result to be arranged collaboratively by both parties.

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- 6) NDLI will install SSL periodically. The \$SL DV license will be purchased by BSI.
- 7) Digital resource available on 4 websites (https://bsi.gov.in, https://archive.bsi.gov.in, https://efloraindia.bsi.gov.in, https://ivh.bsi.gov.in) will be integrated with the NDLI portal. The paid services provided by the BSI and copyrighted content will not be integrated within the NDLI.

The scope of this Collaboration may be extended/modified by mutual consent of both the parties.

In general, the cost involved, if any, to undertake activities covered by this collaboration on the BSI end will be borne by BSI and that on the NDLI end will be borne by NDLI, unless otherwise decided jointly. The activities shall not create any sort of contractual or financial obligation between the two parties.

This is a voluntary collaboration and does not legally bind any of the parties to each other in any manner. The collaboration may be ceased by either party by way of an e-mail or letter addressed to the other party, with advance notice of at least one month. However, all content shared between the two entities will remain shared even after termination. Any disputes shall be mutually resolved.

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