



MoU – Report of activities

Niche profile based ecorestoration of three threatened tree species in the low elevation habitats

Funding Agency : Prakriti Research Fellowship

Investigators : Devika M Anilkumar

Super visor: Dr. Amitha Bachan K.H.

A. Rationale

This is an individual research grant obtained for the ecorestoration of three threatened tree species for the period 2022-23. This was an individual national fellowship awarded to Ms. Devika M. Anilkumar, Ecorestoration Project Coordinator, through a competitive selection for action research by CARPE at the national level.



Centre for Ecology, Taxonomy Conservation and Climate Change (CEtC) Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and Research Department of Botany MES Asmabi College P Vemballur.

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Period

2022-23

AGENCY

CARPE

TYPE

INDIVIDUAL GRANT

Background to the project

The project is to supplement local community based ecological restoration of low elevation habitat of three threatened tree species. The targeted species are (i) *Diospyros crumenata* (EN) (ii) *Prioria pinnata* (EN) and (iii) *Hopea ponga* (VU). The niche profiled niche specific ecorestoration plan for the species were prepared by the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and incorporated into the DPR of local self-government to implement local women through BMC and MGNREGA scheme as a pilot ecorestoration initiative. This project support for the periodic monitoring, maintenance and transportation of the sapling and restoration of the species and their associates in the identified five different locations.

Objectives

- i. Ecorestoration of the targeted species at three habitats and five locations with the involvement of LSGs and local community.
- ii. Maintenance of the saplings, periodic monitoring and local transportation.
- iii. Publication of an ecorestoration manual for niche specific planning and restoration.

Methodology

i. Ecorestoration of the targeted species at three habitats and five locations with the involvement of LSGs and local community.

The Niche models and profiles have been developed for the targeted three threatened tree species (i) *Diospyros crumenata* (EN) (ii) *Prioria pinnata* (EN) and (iii) *Hopea ponga* (VU). Ecorestoration of niche profiled three coastal ecosystems 1. The Coastal Sacred groves, 2. Low elevation Riparian forests and 3. Low elevation rainforest patch. with involvement of local community. The potential habitats were identified and suitable partnership are being established with local self-governments to involve local community through MGNREGA or similar schemes.

ii. Maintenance of the saplings, periodic monitoring and local transportation.

Establishment of Nursery and maintenance of the sapling are the major requisite. The nursery was established at WGHF centre, MES Asmabi College campus targeting production and maintenance of 50 saplings each. The project support also used for

maintenance of the saplings for one year growth. The project also envisage production and maintenance of 200 saplings of the associated species based on the niche specific plan. These include seed collection, sapling collection, nursery bed, germination, stock development, maintenance and distribution. The planting will be done based on the niche profiles along with associated species and with regular distances. The planted trees will be periodically monitored empowering women involved in the process through trainings. Nutrient support, local travel of the research team and transportation of the saplings and required materials envisaged in the process of ecorestoration and periodic monitoring with support.

iii. Publication of an ecorestoration manual for niche specific planning and restoration.

An ecorestoration booklet based on niche specific planning suitable for the coastal and low elevation forests will be published at the end of the project.

Results & Discussion

Objectives 1:

Ecorestoration of the targeted species at three habitats and five locations with the involvement of LSGs and local community.

The project focusses on restoration at five locations based on niche specific ecological restoration plan of the low elevation habitats involving local self-governments and local community. The ecorestoration started at two locations for restoring degraded sacred groves. The first restoration site is at Nethajinagar within SN Puram grama panchayath, Thrissur district, Kerala in collaboration with BMC and MGNREGA of the Panchayath. The Second site is at Nambiyath Kadavu, Thalikulam Grama Panchayath, Thrissur, Kerala.

1. Restoration site 1: Nethajinagar, SN Puram

The restoration site is an abandoned sacred grove and associated pond maintained traditionally by a family Paraparambil House. The restoration sites come in the niche specific restoration area of three targeted species and the programme was implemented with the support of BMC and MGNREGA of SN Puram Grama Panchayath. The required sapling of the *Diospyros crumenata*, *Prioria pinnata* and *Hopea ponga* were provided with

the support of the Prakriti Research Fellowship. The program was established as per the ecorestoration plan and agreement between BMC and Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation.



Inauguration of the ecorestoration-Planting by Mr. M.S. Mohanan, President Sree Narayana Puram

2. Restoration site 2: Nambiyath Kadavu, Thalikulam Grama Panchayath

The initial discussion on ecorestoration of sacred grove at Nambiyath Kadavu, Thalikulam (10°26'8"N, 76°4'46"E) was held during November 2022. It was finalised during March 2023. The partnership was established between Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and Research Department of Botany Sree Narayana College, Nattika and the local community member. The first phase planting was done on 3rd April 2023 and final planting is scheduled on 22nd June 2023. The planted species include *Diospyros crumenata*, *Prioria pinnata*, *Hopea ponga*, *Vateria indica*, *Hopea parviflora*, *Holigarna arnottiana* etc.



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Restoration site 2: Nambiyath Kadavu, Thalikulam Grama Panchayath



Handing over the sapling by Mr. Febin Francis, District Coordinator KSBB



First Phase planting at the degraded sacred grove, Thalikulam

Objectives 2:

Maintenance of the saplings, periodic monitoring and local transportation.

The saplings of three targeted low elevation species such as *Diospyros crumenata*, *Prioria pinnata* and *Hopea ponga* were raised in the nursery along with their various associated species (Fig. 1). 50 saplings of each targeted species and 200 saplings of associated species were nurtured (Fig. 2).

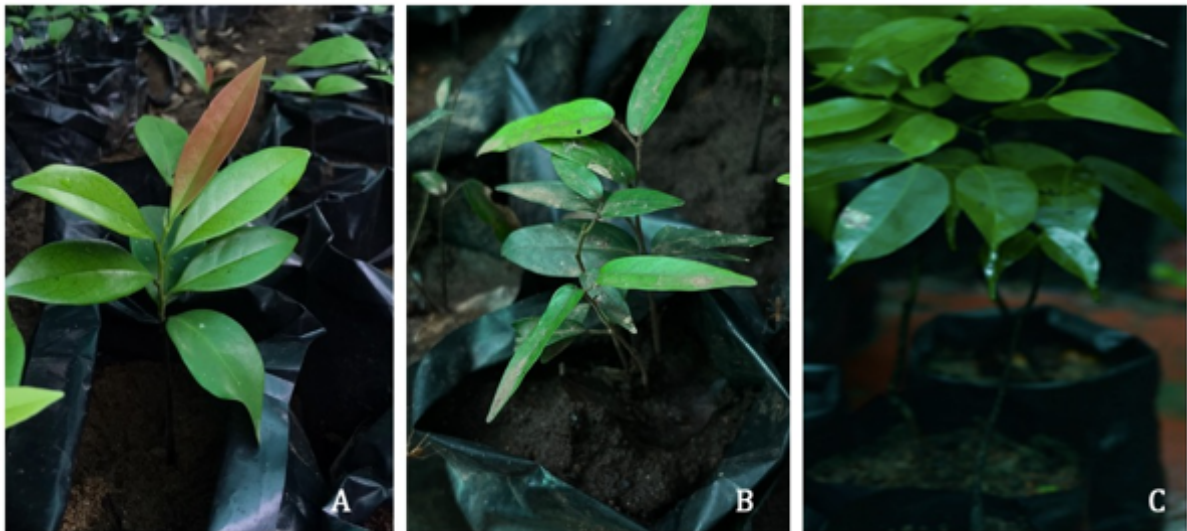


Fig. 1. A. *Diospyros crumenata* Thwaites, *Hopea ponga* (Dennst.) Mabb. and *Prioria pinnata* (Roxb. ex DC.) Breteler.



Fig. 2. Saplings maintained at the nursery for ecological restoration

Proper moisture conditions with some nutrients which are essential for their survival were provided. Maintained saplings of associated species includes *Hopea parviflora*, *Humboldtia vahliana*, *Aporosa bourdillonii*, *Baccaurea courtallensis*, *Syzygium occidentale*, *Holigarna arnottiana*, *Vateria indica*. Periodic monitoring at the nursery and two ecorestoration habitats is ongoing in collaboration with local community as per the proposal.

Objectives 3:

The third objective is the preparation of a manual of ecorestoration plan which will be completed in the final stage of project.

Key outcomes

- **Identification, development and maintenance of nursery:** The nursery is established at the at WGHF centre, MES Asmabi College campus suitable for low elevation tree species as per the niche profiled conservation plan. The support from the project is used for maintenance of the targeted saplings. 50 saplings of the three targeted species along with 200 associated species were nurtured and maintained.

- **Local gene pool and biodiversity:** The saplings developed from local seed bank to ensure genetic diversity integrating to the concept of biodiversity conservation at genetic level.
- **Bench mark data generation:** The planting and monitoring of the saplings as per the ecorestoration plan completed for two out of the five targeted locations. An initial data on the planted species were recorded as bench mark information and this could be used for periodic monitoring.
- **Involvement of local community ensuring linkages with sustainability and livelihood:** 10 women representing their families were involved in the two ecorestoration sites through MGNREGA livelihood scheme of the Sree Narayanapuram Grama Panchayath.

Plan ahead

Niche specific ecorestoration of targeted species in the Low elevation Riparian forests and Low elevation rainforest patch.

Periodic monitoring of nursery and the restoration sites by the involvement of local community.

Preparation of an ecorestoration booklet based on niche specific planning suitable for the coastal and low elevation forests.

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PROJECT IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM (to be filled by the PRF fellow)

1) Kindly self-evaluate the project based on the level of completion of the original objectives of your project

SL. No.	Objective	Not completed	Partially completed	Fully achieved	Comments (justification for not being able to complete an objective. Kindly keep it short and concise)
1	Ecorestoration of the targeted species at three habitats and five locations with the involvement of LSGs and local community.		Completed as per the objective and work plan		Completed for one habitat and two locations even though this is envisaged in the Q2. This objective is to be completed Q2 and Q3 as per work plan.
2	i. Maintenance of the saplings and local transportation.			Completed	50 saplings of targeted species and 200 saplings of various associated species. (50x3 = 150; 150 + 200 = 350)
	ii. Periodic monitoring			Completed	Periodic monitoring at the nursery and two ecorestoration habitats is undergoing in collaboration with local community as per the proposal.
3	Publication of an ecorestoration manual for niche specific planning	Not completed			Envisaged in the Q3.

	and restoration.				
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2) Budget details

Budget head	Budgeted amount (INR)
Maintenance of the saplings	30,000
Local transportation of saplings	40,000
Involvement of local community	-
Periodic monitoring	64,000
Travel and logistics	37,000
Publication and review meeting	30,000
Total proposed	201,000
Total sanctioned	2,00,000
TDS (10%)	1,80,000

Note: Mention details of funding received from other sources (if applicable) in a separate table.

3) State the key outcomes of the project (in bulleted points)

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- Involvement of local community ensuring linkages with sustainability and livelihood: 10 women representing their families were involved in the two ecorestoration sites through MGNREGA livelihood scheme of the Sree Narayanapuram Grama Panchayath.

4) Have you disseminated your results to the relevant authorities, local communities, and any other relevant stakeholders? If yes, briefly mention how the results of the study were received by the respective stakeholders (in bulleted points). If not, please state how you plan to disseminate the results and provide a timeline for the same.

- The concept was presented before the biodiversity management committee of Sree Narayana puram Grama Panchayath at consecutive meetings since March 2023 and decision was taken and recorded in the minutes of BMC for ecorestoration at various sites.
- The concept was explained to MGNREGA women from the targeted community at three different sessions since March 2023.
- We organized an event on 5th June 2023 for plant count at ecorestoration sites involving the trained MGNREGA, BMC members of the Panchayath, students and teachers from the local region.
- The plan and progress of the ecorestoration involving Grama Panchayath, BMC and MGNREGA was presented before the entire stakeholder team in a one day workshop on 9th June 2023, organised by SN Puram Grama Panchayath with the support from Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB). Officials from KSBB, District Panchayath, Kerala Forest Department, Block Panchayath, District level officials from MGNREGA, Panchayath ward members, CDS members, Harithakarmasena members, MGNREGA women, local community members, teachers and students representing 17 educational institution of the region were present.

5) Did PRF receive any publicity during the project? Mention publications/events where the PRF logo and the Donor logo were used.

PRF support is mentioned in the collaborated ecorestoration program and is evident in the proposed and finalized work plan of the Biodiversity Management Committee for implementation. Logo were used in the presentation and brochure.

6) PRF team is constantly striving towards improving the fellowship. We would appreciate a feedback on the fellowship and areas for improvement. Please give your feedback below.

We appreciate the consideration for threatened plant species, local community partnership and the fund support given for filling the gap and strengthening the scientific integrity of an ecological restoration process.

7) I give my consent to publishing the final report on the PRF/ CARPE website

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Devika M Anilkumar', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Name and signature: Devika M Anilkumar

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Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and signed on the 26th Jan 2023 by and between Devika M Anilkumar (hereinafter known as fellow) residing at Madathil House, Moorkanad P.O. Karuvannur, Kerala, India And The Centre for Applied Research and People Engagement, a company registered under Sec 8 of the Companies Act 2013, having its registered office at Plot no. 2, Gate no. 46, Nakshatra PA, Behind St. John English School, Vitkheda, Aurangabad (hereinafter known as CARPE)

Whereas CARPE invited applications for Prakriti Research Fellowship for the year 2023-2024.

Whereas Fellow applied for the Prakriti Research Fellowship.

Whereas after a process of scrutiny of various applications the fellow was selected and awarded the Prakriti Research Fellowship **for the project titled – “Niche profile based Eco restoration of three threatened tree species in the low elevation habitats”**

Project Duration: January 2023 to December 2023 (Extension might be provided, in case required)

Whereas by signing this MoU Fellow and CARPE both agree on the following terms and conditions of the Prakriti Research Fellowship:

1. Terms of agreement

Prakriti Research Fellowship is for a period of one year starting from the date of receiving the first instalment.

2. Disbursement of funds

The fellow will be awarded a total of Rs. 2 Lakh only for the entire duration of this fellowship. This amount will be disbursed based on the below mentioned break up:

<i>Sr no.</i>	<i>Portion of fund that will be disbursed</i>	<i>Criteria</i>
1	30%	Advance upon signing of MoU
2	30%	after the end of Q1 review (online presentation to the donor & PRF team)

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3	40%	after the Final report (2) is submitted and approved post review
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Kindly note: 10% TDS will be deducted at every disbursement. This can be claimed by the applicant at the end of the financial year upon filing of his/her income tax returns.

At any time if the project progress is found unsatisfactory, the disbursement of future installments will be held back till the problems are resolved.

CARPE reserves the right to change or alter the fund disbursement upon its sole discretion.

3. Use of fellowship funds

The Fellow may spend the allocated budget strictly adhering to the budget submitted by them at the time of project/ application submission. In case of any deviation in the expenditure from the planned budget the fellow must inform CARPE in advance.

All payments will need to be supported by a fund utilization certificate for the funds already disbursed and a provisional utilization certificate for upcoming disbursement. Format for these certificates will be shared by CARPE.

Fellows will be required to send letters of acknowledgement against all payments received. The fellows will also be required to keep CARPE informed about additional sources of funding for the project.

Any uninformed discrepancy in budget expenditure will be subject to scrutiny and appropriate action at the discretion of CARPE. This could also lead to termination of the fellowship.

4. Submission of reports

The Fellow needs to submit 1 report and 1 PPT to CARPE during the fellowship period, i.e.,

1. First Quarter Review Presentation: At three months from Signing of MoU
2. Final Report: At six months from Signing of MoU

CARPE will study the report and provide feedback on these reports.

Fellow will be expected to make any changes/ provide additional information as required. The revised reports must be submitted within two weeks from the date of request/ feedback.

CARPE will share formats for the reports with the fellows. These formats will serve as a guideline for the fellows and the report will be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned in the formats.

Since fellow will have access to the formats from the start of the fellowship, it is recommended that the fellow studies the formats and ensures that the appropriate data, photographs and information are collected on a regular basis to avoid any last-minute problems. Fellow is welcome to send us any additional reports, videos, etc. about the project that may not fit within the format.

There will be an online meeting towards the end of the fellowship period, wherein the fellow should deliver the final presentation on the entire project.

CARPE team may visit the project site for monitoring purposes. Fellow is expected to coordinate with the team to arrange such visits.

Short videos

Along with the update reports, the fellow is expected to share a short video of the project which can be shared with our funding partners and on social media to draw attention to ecological conservation and support researchers like the fellow. The fellow should share minimum three such videos with each written report. The video may not be of professional standards but should be of sharable quality.

5. Acknowledgement

All publications, including research publications, press releases, any other publications, documents, or presentations about the research that is funded by this fellowship must include the following:

1. A specific acknowledgment of fellowship support from CARPE and the Funders, such as: "Research reported in this [publication/press release/presentation] was supported by the Centre for Applied Research and People's Engagement and Funders:

1. Grind Master
2. AITG
3. Mayuri Kerr
4. Kedar Shah

under the Prakriti Research Fellowship"

2. The PRF logo and funders logo in all the outreach materials, workshop banners, reports and talks given by the fellow. Not adhering to this would send a message of disregard for funders and

supporters of the Fellowship. We believe that adding the PRF logo will add value to the reputation of the fellow's work.

3. A disclaimer that states: "The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of Centre for Applied Research and People's Engagement and the Funders"

4. Fellow is required to disclose at the beginning of the fellowship details of other funders and partners whose branding may need to be used in any part or whole of the project.

6. Intellectual Property

The copyrights in all written materials, photographs, drawings, software, and other works subject to copyright protection created or generated under this fellowship shall be owned by the Fellow. With respect to such copyrighted works, CARPE shall have a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use this data. All such copyrighted works shall include a formal acknowledgement of CARPE and the funder under this fellowship agreement. Fellow shall provide at least one hard copy and an electronic copy of each such copyrighted work to CARPE. CARPE expects the fellow to have at least one publication in the form of a popular article (newspapers, magazines, blogs)/ research papers in scientific journals, for wider dissemination of the results.

With respect to research data, which shall include the recorded factual material commonly accepted in the scientific community as necessary to validate research findings (but not any preliminary analyses, drafts of scientific papers, plans for future research, peer reviews, or communications with colleagues), the fellow shall retain all rights in said data but shall provide timely and unrestricted access to the data to CARPE. Without limitation of the foregoing, CARPE shall have the right to (1) obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the research data first produced under this fellowship, and (2) authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for other research and implementation purposes.

7. Respect for all associated persons and organizations

The Prakriti Research Fellowship brings together diverse stakeholders - fellows, funders, jury members, administrators etc. Each stakeholder has been strategically brought on board on the basis of a shared vision of ecological and environmental conservation. Fellow is expected to keep a high level of integrity and respect for all stakeholders of the Fellowship.

8. Termination of Contract

This Fellowship Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part, in accordance with the following:

1. If the fellow's work doesn't live up to the PRF standards, the decision on termination of the contract in part or full shall lie solely at the discretion of CARPE.

2. 2a. If Fellow materially fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this fellowship Agreement, or 2b. Any change in legal status of fellow/ licenses/ permissions secured for the project and 2c. CARPE may terminate this fellowship Agreement without cause upon 30 business day's written notice of the intent to do so, and such action shall in no event be deemed a breach of contract. In the event that this fellowship Agreement is so terminated, CARPE shall not be liable to pay any cost incurred by the fellow before or after the termination of the contract.

3. If the contract was terminated on the basis of submission of unsatisfactory work by the fellow, CARPE will expect the fellow to return the funds.

4. If the fellow decides to end the contract due to any reason, the fellow should inform CARPE 30 days in advance in writing. The return of the funds will be taken up on a case by case basis.

5. The focus of the fellowship is research and conservation action, hence, if during the course of the fellowship the focus shifts to activism, then the fellowship might result in termination.

9. Grievance Policy

Any grievances of the fellows should be communicated to CARPE through email at research@carpeindia.org . The fellow must file a grievance within 90 calendar days after the fellow knew or should have known of the act or omission upon which the grievance is based, whichever time period is longer. Grievances shall be resolved in a proper and time bound manner with detailed advice to the fellow.

10. Limitation of Liability

Fellow agrees to assume the sole responsibility for the research, including taking any necessary precautions for the protection of persons and property. CARPE and its officers, directors, employees, and agents shall not be responsible for any claims, damages, or liability arising out of the Fellow's research performed using funds under this fellowship Agreement. As between the Parties to this fellowship Agreement, Fellow is solely responsible for any liabilities that may arise in connection with performance under the fellowship Agreement.

11. Compliance with Laws

Fellow shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, orders or requirements and any governmental authority relating to the project activities. Fellow shall neither discriminate nor permit discrimination in its operations or employment practices against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, colour, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or disability in any manner prohibited by law, nor shall Fellow engage in or permit sexual harassment of any person in any manner prohibited by law.

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12. Necessary permits

The responsibility of taking necessary permits to carry out the study from the concerned authorities lies fully with the fellow. CARPE and the funders cannot be held responsible for issues/problems arising thereof.

13. Records and Audit Requirements

Fellow shall retain all financial records and other pertinent evidence pertaining to costs incurred and reimbursed hereunder for a period of one year after the termination date. Fellow agrees to give CARPE or its authorized representatives access to these records and other pertinent books, documents, papers or other records in order to conduct audits. Fellowship closeout does not alter these requirements.

14. Sub-granting the fellowship

No portion of this fellowship may be sub-granted, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, unless specifically authorized in writing by CARPE.

15. Endorsement

It is expressly agreed and understood by the Parties hereto that this fellowship Agreement shall not constitute an endorsement by CARPE or any of the fellowship funders of any entity, organization, company, or individual, nor the products, actions, behaviour, or conduct of any entity, organization, company, or individual, and any negligent or intentional misrepresentation by Fellow to the contrary, in any context and in any forum, shall constitute a material breach of this fellowship Agreement, and the same shall be grounds for immediate termination of this fellowship Agreement by CARPE.

16. Disputes

The Parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes arising out of or related to this fellowship Agreement by mutual agreement. The Parties agree that in any disputes that are not resolved CARPE's decision will be final. In case of non-resolution, the parties may go in for arbitration or approach the courts in Aurangabad under whose jurisdiction this agreement shall lie.

17. Entire agreement

This fellowship Agreement supersedes any prior oral or written understanding or communications between the Parties and constitutes the only agreement between CARPE and Fellow relating to the subject matter hereof, and no representations, promises, understandings, or agreements, oral or otherwise, not herein will be of any force or effect. The nature of this fellowship Agreement is a funding agreement, and no employment, partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship is created herewith.

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Please sign below to indicate that you intend to comply with this MoU and accept this fellowship.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT, ACCEPT THE PRAKRITI RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP MoU, AND AGREE TO BE FULLY COMPLIANT TO THE SAME.

Name:

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Signature

Date:

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MEDIA POLICY

Photo/Video Release

I hereby consent and agree that CARPE, its employees, or its agents have the right to use the photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of my project I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary. I do hereby release to CARPE, its employees, and agents all rights to exhibit this work in print and electronic form publicly or privately. I waive any rights, claims, or interest I may have to control the use of my identity or likeness in whatever media used. I understand that there will be no financial or other remuneration for the photographs/videos/digital recordings/any other media files I will submit. I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.

Media Interaction

In addition, I acknowledge that during my participation in and association with the Prakriti Research Fellowship, my activities – whether intentionally or unintentionally – may reflect upon CARPE and its funders. While myself and my project may receive exposure through this Fellowship, I understand that I am also expected to provide adequate mention to the fellowship and funders. I am also expected to participate in media interviews related to the Prakriti Research Fellowship. Whether via exposure through this Fellowship, or otherwise by virtue of my personal or professional activities. I resolve to act respectfully and with integrity, and when in situations where audacity is desired, I will understand the difference between provocation, disrespect and illegality, and will thus act appropriately.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT, ACCEPT THE PRAKRITI RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP MEDIA POLICY, AND AGREE TO BE FULLY BOUND BY THE SAME.

Name: *Devika M Anilkumar*

Date: *11 - 02 - 2023*

Signature



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Annexure 1

The following list of documents are to be submitted with one soft copy of the signed MoU:

Applications from Individuals:

1. Copy of PAN Card
2. Copy of Aadhar card or Passport
3. 2 Passport Size Photographs
4. Cancelled Cheque / Bank details

Applications from organisations:

1. Copy of Registration Certificate
2. Cancelled Cheque / Bank details
3. Copy of PAN Card
4. Passport Photo
5. Logos of the organisation
6. No Objection Certificate from the organisation stating that the applicant can participate as a fellow in an individual capacity
7. GST Number (if applicable)

Other documents:

Permit letters from the forest department/ other government authorities for conducting the project (if applicable)