

**PLAN OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF WATER UTILITY ON THE
INDIA-ISRAEL BUNDELKHAND WATER PROJECT
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

The Ministry of Water Resources of the State of Israel and the Government of Uttar Pradesh of the Republic of India, (Hereinafter referred to as the 'Sides');

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Israel on India-Israel Industrial R&D and technological Fund signed at Jerusalem on July 5th 2017, the Agreement on Technical Cooperation between India and Israel, Signed at New Delhi on December 30th 1996, and the Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of India for Cooperation in the field of Agriculture, Signed at New Delhi on December 24th 1993;

CONSIDERING their common interest in the economic and social development of their peoples, and desiring to promote and expand their bilateral technical Cooperation ;

RECALLING mutual discussions between both Sides with a view of enhancing cooperation in the field of state water utility.

RECOGNIZING that mutual cooperation between the Sides on water utility will be beneficial to future generations;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

ARTICLE 1

The Sides intend to promote a Flagship project **“INDIA-ISRAEL BUNDELKHAND WATER PROJECT”**. The project aims to demonstrate large-scale solutions addressing the water challenge of Bundelkhand, Uttar Pradesh through three key-components of the value chain: (1) Generating water, (2) Integrated Drip Irrigation Project, (3) Introducing Advanced Agriculture Solutions. The sides will work to enhance cooperation at the National, Regional and International levels to support the reform and the capacity building process of the Uttar Pradesh, Ground Water Department, the Nodal Department for Conservation and Management of Ground Water in the State of Uttar Pradesh of the Republic of India.

For that purpose, The Sides wish to promote a Joint project aims to demonstrate large-scale solutions, addressing the water challenge of Bundelkhand Uttar Pradesh through the following three key-components: (1) Generating water, (2) Integrated Drip Irrigation Project, (3) Introducing Advanced Agriculture Solutions.

1. Generating water and water transportation to farmer's fields:
 - 1.1 Harvesting rainwater in upper reservoir
 - 1.2 Reclamation of reservoirs
 - 1.3 Augmentation of recharge to aquifer.
2. Integrated Drip Irrigation Project- Pahuj Integrated Drip Irrigation
3. Introducing advanced & Comprehensive agriculture solutions

ARTICLE 2

The Sides shall encourage the exchange of experts, sharing of best practices, organization of training programs, study tours and other such activities including demonstrative pilot studies, in order to build capacities in the areas referred to in Article I.

The Sides shall promote cooperation within the framework of joint activities mentioned in Article I through a work plan to be drawn up by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 3

In order to set priorities and bring article I and II to fruition, a Steering Committee comprised of representatives of both contracting parties shall be set up. The Steering Committee will provide guidance, review the progress of activities facilitate bilateral cooperation & determine the financial aspect of the cooperation. It will meet once in every three months.

The steering Committee will appoint a joint working group to further schedule regular meetings and consultations in order to implement this Plan of Cooperation.

ARTICLE 4

Following Article 1 of the Umbrella Agreement between the State of Israel and the Republic of India on the Development of Cooperation in the field of Industrial and Technological Research and Development , and in order to implement the mutual aim to also integrate the private sector to the benefit of this cooperation, the Sides decide to promote and support several initiatives engaging Israeli companies' technologies and expertise in relevant areas.

The process of identification, examination, engagement and funding arrangements with the relevant Israeli companies will be at the sole discretion and under the exclusive authority of the Government of Uttar Pradesh of the Republic of India.

ARTICLE 5

The Sides agree to exert their best efforts to assist with the necessary arrangements and assurances, and to avoid obstructions as much as possible, in order to facilitate the engagement with the chosen companies.

ARTICLE 6

Any activities carried out pursuant to this Plan of Cooperation shall be done in accordance with the laws, regulations and procedures of the Sides.

ARTICLE 7

Any activities undertaken pursuant to this Plan of Cooperation shall be subject to the availability of funds. The Sides are under no obligation to allocate funds.

ARTICLE 8

Any differences concerning the interpretation of application of this Plan of Cooperation should be settled amicably through negotiations and consultations between the Sides.

ARTICLE 9

This Plan of Cooperation may be modified by mutual written consent of the Sides.

ARTICLE 10

- i. This Plan of Cooperation shall come into effect on the day of its signing and remain in effect for a period of two years; thereafter it shall automatically be extended for subsequent periods of two years at a time, subject to maximum period of six years, unless either of the sides gives to the other a written notice six months in advance of its intention to terminate it.

- ii. The termination of this Plan of Cooperation shall not affect any programs and activities undertaken prior to the termination of this Plan of Cooperation unless otherwise agreed to by Sides.

Signed in Aug..... on this.....20..... Day of August 2020, which correspond to21c..... day of 1, 5780, in the Hebrew calendar, in two original copies, each in the English language, both texts are equally authentic.



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