

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU),**

Rono Hills, Doimukh – 791112, Arunachal Pradesh

and

**Defence Research Laboratory**

**Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**

**Ministry of Defence, Govt of India, Tezpur**

This agreement is made this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 between Rajiv Gandhi University, a central university, a public institution of higher education which is located at Rono Hills, PS.: Doimukh, Dist.: Papumpare, Arunachal Pradesh 791112, and Defence Research Laboratory under the aegis of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence, Govt of India which is located at Tezpur, Dist.: Sonitpur, Assam 784028.

## **1. Parties**

- a. Rajiv Gandhi University, formerly known as Arunachal University, was set up under Arunachal University Act 1984 as a State University; and afterwards converted into a Central University following the enactment of Rajiv Gandhi University Act, 2006 by the Parliament. The Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) being a representative educational establishment in this underserved frontier as well as tribal state of the country possesses the competence to serve as the bridge between existing community knowledge base and the prevalent advanced techno-cultural ecosystem addressing the academic need of society. At present the University offers 83 (eighty-three) Post-graduate / Graduate / PG Diploma / Certificate and research programmes in 32 Departments/ Centers. The university has expanded vertically and horizontally by creating and augmenting departments and facilities to cater the demands of the native communities of the state and the society at large. Being the first University of the State, it has always

pursued to fulfil its commitment to reach out to the unreachable, as well as serving the needs of the state.

- b. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is having a network of more than 50 laboratories which are deeply engaged in developing defence technologies covering various disciplines, like aeronautics, armaments, electronics, combat vehicles, engineering systems, instrumentation, missiles, advanced computing and simulation, special materials, naval systems, life sciences, training, and information systems. Defence Research Laboratory (DRL), Tezpur under the aegis of DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Govt of India had its humble beginning as "Field Laboratory", a small research cell of the then Defence Research Laboratory (Material), Kanpur on 21 November 1962. In October 1980, it became a full-fledged R&D laboratory and was given its present name as Defence Research Laboratory. At present, this laboratory has focused its research and development studies on vector borne disease, improving the quality of drinking water, waste biodegradation & management, high altitude horticulture and protective cultivation for hilly and border areas, and development of products for defence use. Various research establishments and academic institutes of national and international repute are in close interaction for sharing knowledge, expertise and laboratory facilities to achieve the focused objectives.

## **2. Terms of Agreement**

In spirit of symbiotic enrichment of scientific research and mutual benefits, collaboration between Defence Research Laboratory (DRDO) and Rajiv Gandhi University (a Central University), Itanagar, is required. DRL proposes the following points for consideration to Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) for future collaborations.

- I. Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, may recognize Defence Research Laboratory (DRL), Tezpur as research centre for the mutual benefit for both institutions.
- II. Both DRL and RGU with mutual agreement, may take up academic, research and outreach activities, conducting vocational, certificate,

diploma courses and trials & testing of the products etc. Joint identification of specific research projects may be pursued for submission of the proposals to different funding agencies like DRDO, DBT, DST etc.

- III. Identification of research topics of mutual interest especially for armed forces and spin off.
- IV. Recognition of DRL Scientists as Ph.D supervisors for respective / interdisciplinary branches/ subject in different research programmes conducted by Rajiv Gandhi University.
- V. Registration of DRL scholars for different Ph.D programmes at Rajiv Gandhi University and Ph.D course work (as per UGC norms) and extended flexibility as per mutual agreements.
- VI. Sharing of Scientific journals/ books / magazines/ latest scientific findings as well as of scientific equipment and other relevant scientific infrastructures.
- VII. Organizing of exchange visits of academic nature between students and teachers of RGU and the scientific & technical personals of DRL, Tezpur to the laboratories and libraries of both the collaborating parties.
- VIII. Organizing of short term/ long term courses of mutual interest from the point of view of human resource development.
- IX. Jointly holding of scientific talks/ seminars/ conferences upon mutual agreement.
- X. Any intellectual Property arising out of the joint intellectual inputs under collaborative projects will be shared jointly, filling and maintenance cost if any shall also be shared equally. All other financial arrangements shall be further negotiated and mutually agreed upon, and shall depend on the availability of funds.

### **3. Terms of Implementation, Renewal, Revision, Cancellation and Notices**

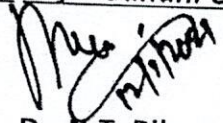
- I. Details of the implementation of any particular exchange resulting from this MoU shall be negotiated between the two institutions.
- II. This MoU becomes effective on the day it is signed and remains valid till any institution cancel the MoU by notifying the other institution of its intent to do so at least six months in advance of its withdrawal. Projects in progress at the time of termination shall remain unaffected.

- III. Any amendment or modification to the present text shall be submitted for review to the competent authorities, and shall not binding unless reduced to writing and signed by both the universities.


In witness whereof, the institutes hereto have offered their signatures.

Signed on behalf of their respective organizations:

For Rajiv Gandhi University

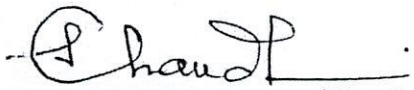
  
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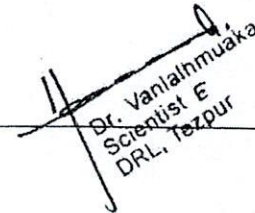
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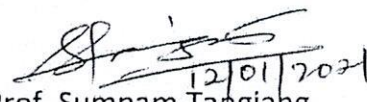
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