

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
between  
**Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU),**  
**Rono Hills, Doimukh – 791112, Arunachal Pradesh**  
and  
**Tezpur University, P.O. Napaam, Tezpur, Assam – 784 028**

This agreement is made on this **27 day of 2020** 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  
**Tezpur University**, P.O. Napaam, Tezpur, Assam, a Central University, public institution of  
higher education which is located at Napaam, P.O. Tezpur, Sonitpur District, Assam – 784 028

**I. SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL INTEREST**

In the spirit of friendship and with mutual interest in cooperation, Rajiv Gandhi University and Tezpur University enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote joint educational and research collaboration and agree as follows:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall include a commitment to explore potential for:
  - a. co-operation on new or existing academic programmes,
  - b. the development of joint research activities,
  - c. staff exchange or mutual visits to both institutions,
  - d. training and development of research students,
  - e. student exchange,
  - f. the exchange of information in the form of publications of journals, reference materials and other results of teaching and research, and / or
  - g. any other activities viewed to be potentially beneficial for both the institutions;
2. Subject to mutual consent, the areas of cooperation shall include any programme offered at either institution as thought desirable and feasible on either side; and that both sides shall contribute to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between them. Cooperation shall be carried out through such activities as:
  - a. exchange of faculty and/or staff,
  - b. exchange of students,
  - c. joint research activities and publications,
  - d. participation in seminars and academic meetings,
  - e. exchange of academic materials and other information,
  - f. special short-term academic programs and training;
3. This MoU shall include “a relation of mentor and mentee” between the developed and prominent academic achievers (departments / centres, whatever the nomenclature) with the prospective and / or impending academic endeavours, for both the institutions; where applicable.
4. The terms of cooperation for each specific activity to be implemented under this MoU for Cooperation shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon by both universities in the form of

MoA prior to the initiation of that activity. Any such MoAs entered into, as outlined above, shall form appendices to this MoU for Cooperation.

## **II. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES**

1. It is the desire and the wish of the aforementioned Parties to this MoU that this document should not and thus shall not establish nor create any form or manner of a formal agreement or indenture, but rather an agreement between the Parties to work together in such a manner that would promote a genuine atmosphere of collaboration and alliance in the support of an effective and efficient partnership and leadership meant to maintain, safeguard and sustain sound and optimal managerial, financial and administrative commitment with regards to all matters related to this MoU;
2. For the purposes of this MOU, the Agreement and the Activities, the core values of higher education including (i) equitable access, (ii) academic freedom, (iii) institutional autonomy, (iv) institutional accountability, and (v) professional and social responsibility shall be appositely reserved and maintained;
3. The Institutions shall agree on the importance of the core values to the success and quality of the activities, and pledge to make all reasonable efforts to uphold them within the context of the activities and the agreement with respect to setting their own institutional academic priorities with regard to the activities, without internal or external pressure or interference; and
4. The institutions shall remind themselves and all participants in the activities of their professional and social responsibilities, including that they should make clear when they act in an institutional, professional or personal capacity, and when acting in an institutional or professional capacity, that they shall be mindful of conduct which shall undermine, in fact or perception, the core values and the success and quality of the activities.

## **III. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

1. Both Parties understand that all financial arrangements between the Parties have to be further negotiated and mutually agreed, and shall depend on the availability of funds. Both parties may seek financing of joint activities from internal and external sources available to them.
2. Both universities shall try to seek external funding sources to facilitate these exchanges.
3. The two universities shall acknowledge that in the absence of an external funding agency, all expenses for travel, living and allied costs of cooperation and exchange activities shall be left to the discretion and the responsibility under "the mutually discussed and agreed upon agreement" for each specific cooperation and activity.

## **IV. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

1. The protection of intellectual property rights shall be in conformity with the national laws, rules and regulations.
  - a. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph above, intellectual property rights in respect of any technological development and any products and services development carried out:
    - i. Jointly by the both parties or research obtained through the joint activity effort by the parties, shall be jointly owned by the parties in accordance with the terms to be mutually agreed upon, and



- ii. Solely and separately by the party or the research results obtained through the sole and separate effort of the party, shall be solely owned by the party concerned,
- b. The terms and conditions in the execution of the research project shall be decided on case to case basis.
- c. The treatment of intellectual property rights developed through collaborations under this MoU shall be determined between the parties through mutual consultation and separately written agreements on a case-by-case basis.
2. Sharing of any confidential or proprietary information shall be restricted in any collaboration under this MOU. If either Party wish to disclose information it is considered to be confidential or proprietary to the other Party, the Parties shall enter into a written non-disclosure agreement.

**V. TERMS OF IMPLEMENTATION, RENEWAL, REVISION, CANCELLATION AND NOTICES**


1. Details of the implementation of any particular exchange resulting from this MoU shall be negotiated between the two universities.
2. This MoU becomes effective on the day it is signed and remains valid till any university's cancellation of the MoU by notifying the other University of its Intent to do so at least three (03) months in advance of its cancellation. Projects in progress at the time of termination shall remain unaffected.
3. Any amendment or modification to the present terms and conditions shall be submitted for review to the competent authorities, and shall not be binding unless reduced to writing and signed by both the universities.

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

Signed on behalf of their respective organizations:

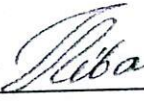
For Rajiv Gandhi University

For Tezpur University

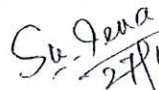
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 27.06.2020  
**Prof. Saket Kushwaha**  
Vice Chancellor  
 (Name, Designation with office Seal)  
 Vice - Chancellor  
 Rajiv Gandhi University  
 Rono Hills, Itanagar

1. **Prof. V.K Jain**  
Vice Chancellor  
 (Name, Designation with office Seal)

Witnessed by (Name, designation & address):

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 27-6-2020  
**Prof. Tomo Riba, Registrar, RGU**  
 Registrar  
 Rajiv Gandhi University  
 Rono Hill, Bolanagar (A.P.)

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 27/6/2020  
**Prof. Sanjeeb K Jena, Dept. of Com, RGU**

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