



## **ACTIVITY REPORT OF MOU**

**Rajiv Gandhi University**  
(A Central University)  
**Rono Hills, Doimukh**  
**Arunachal Pradesh**  
**INDIA – 791112**

**AND**

**Defence Research Laboratory**  
**Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**  
(Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India)  
**Tezpur, Assam, India**

## 1. Introduction

The Memorandum of Understanding was agreed upon between Defence Research Laboratory under the aegis of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India located at Tezpur, Assam and Rajiv Gandhi University (A Central University), Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh dated 12 January 2021 for symbiotic enrichment of scientific research and mutual benefits.

## 2. About the Institutions

### 2.1 Rajiv Gandhi University

Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University), the premier institute of higher learning in Arunachal Pradesh, has completed thirty-seven years of its existence. Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, laid the foundation stone of the University on February 4, 1984. Subsequently, it started postgraduate courses from the Academic session 1988-89 in the sprawling and picturesque Rono Hills. The University was converted into a Central University on April 9, 2007 by a notification of Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education), Government of India. The RGU was ranked as 2<sup>nd</sup> in the country amongst the other central universities of India by the UGC (Ministry of Education), New Delhi based on the performances in 17 parameters.

The only affiliating University in the state, has, its jurisdiction encompassing whole of the state. In total, there are 45 colleges affiliated to this university. The University offers academic programmes from certificate to doctoral degree through its different departments with its motto "Vidhyaamritshnute" i.e. "Excellence and Immortality through nectar of Education". In a span of around four decades, the Rajiv Gandhi University has grown into an institution with proven academic excellence, social commitment and cultural interest with a clear vision for its future growth.

## 2.2 Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

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 vehicle. Defence Research Laboratory (DRL), Tezpur under the aegis of DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India had its humble beginning as “Field Laboratory”, (Material), Kanpur on 21 November 1962. In October, it became a full-fledged R&D laboratory.

## 3. Programmes and Activities

A glimpse of programmes and activities under the MOU between RGU and DRL, DRDO, Tezpur since inception is detailed below:

1. In 2020-21, five (5) collaborative research projects have been initiated.
2. In 2021-22, two (2) collaborative research projects have been sanctioned in 2021-22