



ACTIVITY REPORT OF MOU



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

**KIIT Technology Business
Incubator (KIIT-TBI)**
Kaliga Institute of Industrial
Technology (KIIT)
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1. Introduction

The Memorandum of Understanding was agreed upon between KIIT Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI), Kaliga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Bhubaneswar, Odisha and Rajiv Gandhi University (A Central University), Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh dated 20 November 2020 for the effective cooperation and experimental participations in the field of academic, training and research. The mutual agreed activities by and between the parties are as under:

1. Engage in enhancing the academic interactions for translational activities
2. Assist in institutionalization of new incubators by public and private organizations
3. Mining of techno-commercial resource pool of East and North East region
4. Providing support in creating partnership framework between complementary institutes and incubators
5. Develop joint capacity building workshops to create awareness of different funding start up schemes
6. Develop joint translational research projects of common interest
7. Facilitate and encourage complementary exchange/ seeding of startups from local region and mature ecosystem
8. Provide physical and virtual incubation services for entrepreneurship development
9. Exchanges of scientists, technologists, research personnel

This MOU is effective from the date on which it was signed by the competent authorities of both the participating institutions. This MOU has been signed for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of signing.

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 2nd 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 Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology – Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI)

Started in 2009 as an initiative of KIIT with the humble support of Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India, KIIT-TBI has always strived to boost the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country. In those days, the recipe for an ideal incubation model was yet unwritten. With a passionate young team and inspiring leadership, today we stand strong and deliver what is in best interest of our stakeholders. Today we are the epicenter for technology startups and entrepreneurs in the east and northeast region.

3. Programmes and Activities

A glimpse of programmes and activities organized under the MOU between RGU and KIIT-TBI since inception is detailed below:

1. Effort to promote bio-entrepreneurship and building a strong innovation ecosystem in the North East region is currently being actively perused.
2. Both the institutes assisted in institutionalization of new incubators by public and private organizations while capacity building of existing technology business incubators in East and North East region.
3. Joint capacity building workshops were organized to create awareness of different funding start-up schemes for first generation technopreneurs.
4. Both the Institutions are sharing their academic knowledge and resources as per the need and requirement.
5. Both the institutes provide physical and virtual incubation service for entrepreneurship development.