

ACTIVITY REPORT OF MOU



Rajiv Gandhi University
(A Central University)
Rono Hills, Doimukh
Arunachal Pradesh, India



**National Institute of Food
Technology Entrepreneurship
and Management**
(NIFTEM)
Sonapat, Haryana, India

1. Introduction

The Memorandum of Understanding was agreed upon between National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Sonapat, Haryana and Rajiv Gandhi University (A Central University), Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh dated 14October2021 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. Cooperation in the field of Academics and Research

- i. Development of joint teaching activities and joint research projects on subject of mutual interest
- ii. Visits by, and exchange of, scholars, teachers and other staff/ trainers/ professionals along with exchange visits by officials and experts for sharing of experiences and knowledge on agreed academic fields
- iii. Implementation of education and training programs in institutions related to subjects of mutual interest
- iv. Organization of workshops, seminars and working groups
- v. Exchange of academic materials and academic publications
- vi. Participate in career fairs, on-campus career orientations, and diversity outreach efforts

2. Specific Co-operation Research Projects

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 10 (Ten) 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 National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)

National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) was conceptualized by Government of India on persistent demand of the food industry to have an apex body as a "One Stop Solution Provider" for the various problems of the sector. Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India has set up this institute with an initial investment of Rs. 500 crore (US \$100 million).

The institute is spread over an area of 100 acres. The institute intends to act as a centre of excellence and an apex world class centre of global standards in the area of food technology and management. It will cater to the needs of various stakeholders such as entrepreneurs, industries, exporters, policy makers, government and existing institutions. NIFTEM being an apex institution under Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) have developed strong linkages with industries.

3. Programmes and Activities

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

1. An International Webinar on Technologies for processing safe food Entrepreneurial Prospects and Ministry Support: Sufficing the Demands of the Food Industry.
2. National Webinar on the National Education Policy 2020, in Retrospect of Food Processing and Technology: Challenges and the Way Forward have been organised during the year