ACTIVITY REPORT OF MOU



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



Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education Hyderabad, India

1. Introduction

The Memorandum of Understanding was agreed upon among the APIIP, through IIM Kolkata Innovation Park Diamond Harbour Road, Joka, Kolkata 700104 and Rajiv Gandhi University (A Central University), Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh on 31August 2022 at for encouraging innovation an investment park to promote entrepreneurship and the growth of the sculpture in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and to implement the policy of the Government of India has initiated recently on Arunachal Pradesh entrepreneurship development program which aims to catalyze the startup.

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 Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education

Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, in Government of India strives to promote resilient rural India through Higher Education interventions. MGNCRE designs, develops and promotes curriculum inputs for higher education programmes offered by Universities and Autonomous Institutions in India. The higher educational streams of focus for MGNCRE include: Rural Studies, Rural Development, Rural Management, Social Work and Education. The curriculum inputs are both theoretical and practical field-related relevant to rural India. The vision of the institute is to involve higher education curriculum in India in the process of building resilient rural India i.e., Uthkrisht Gram for Unaat Bharat. The institute has its mission to formulate and recognise curricular inputs and accredit courses and higher educational institutions, which enable development of sustainable, climate and disaster resilient rural livelihoods.

3. Programmes and Activities

The following activities were undertaken as per the mutually agreed provisions of the MoU:

- 1. In 2017-18, three Faculty Development Programmes (FDP) were organized at RGU.
- 2. One Phd scholar received NCRI fellowship.
- 3. Four students underwent internship under NCRI.
- 4. Two RGU faculty and officer underwent training at Hyderabad.
- One research scholar was engaged as research associate for Nai Talim programme.