

ACTIVITY REPORT OF MOU



Rajiv Gandhi University

(A Central University)

Rono Hills, Doimukh

Arunachal Pradesh, India



**G B Pant National Institute of Himalayan
Environment and Sustainable Development**

(An Autonomous Institute of Ministry of Environment,
Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)

Almora, Uttarakhand, India

1. About the Institutions

1.1 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.

1.2 G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development

G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (formerly known as G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development) was established in 1988-89, during the birth centenary year of Bharat Ratna Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant, as an autonomous Institute of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India, which has been identified as a focal agency to advance scientific knowledge, to evolve integrated management strategies, demonstrate their efficacy for conservation of natural resources, and to ensure

environmentally sound development in the entire Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). The Institute attempts to maintain a balance of intricate linkages between socio-cultural, ecological, economic and physical systems that could lead to sustainability in the IHR. To achieve this, the Institute follows a multidisciplinary and holistic approach in all its Research and Development programmes with emphasis on interlinking natural and social sciences. In this effort, particular attention is given to the preservation of fragile mountain ecosystems, indigenous knowledge systems and sustainable use of natural resources. A conscious effort is made to ensure participation of local inhabitants for long-term acceptance and success of various programmes. Training, environmental education and awareness to different stakeholders are essential components of all the R&D programmes of the Institute.

2. Programmes and Activities

A glimpse of programmes and activities organized under the MOU between RGU and G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment since inception is detailed below:

1. RGU has recognized and accepted GBP-NIHE Scientists for supervising research leading to the awards of M.Phil./D.Phil. /D.Sc. degree as per the provisions of ordinance for such programme of university.
2. 10 (ten) students accessed the laboratories, library and other facilities of the Institute.
3. The interest of the PhD candidates admitted under the MoU was taken care by the Institute as per the MoU.
4. To generate appropriately trained manpower, symposia, short term training courses etc. have been organised.