

ACTIVITY REPORT OF MOU



Rajiv Gandhi University

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



Tezpur University

(A Central University)
Tezpur, Assam, India

1. Introduction

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh and Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam on 27 June 2020. The objective of this agreement was to promote joint educational and research collaboration. The mutually agreed areas include the following:

1. Co-operation on new and existing academic programmes
2. Development of joint research activities
3. Staff/faculty/student exchange and mutual visits to both institutions
4. Training and research activities
5. Sharing information in the form of publication of journals, reference materials and other areas of teaching and research
6. Participation in seminars and academic meetings

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 Tezpur University

Tezpur University was established on January 21, 1994, by an Act of the Parliament of India, The Tezpur University Act, 1993 (Act No. 45), as a non-affiliating and residential Central University. The University is located at Napaam, about 15 km east of Tezpur town in the Sonitpur District of Assam. The serene and green University campus of about 262 acres provides the best ambience including modern infrastructure conducive to learning and dedicated research.

The academic programmes offered in the University have a distinct focus on science, technology, management, humanities, and social sciences, reflecting the objective of the University. At present, the University offers several programmes on under-graduate degrees/diploma/certificate, integrated programmes, post-graduate degree/diploma and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in various disciplines. The University offers add-on courses on yoga and violin too. During the last twenty-seven years of its existence, the University has engaged itself in the process of capacity building, both in terms of infrastructure and human resource development. The University has mounted tremendous efforts in developing it into a modern University incorporating all elements from the contemporary scientific and socio-cultural milieu.

The University has already developed several state-of-the-art laboratories, computing facilities, internet connectivity, a dedicated power supply system with DG backup and a rich library having connectivity to several digital libraries. Other basic amenities like central water supply, campus security, guest house, canteen, gymnasium, outdoor and indoor sports facilities, post office, banks with ATMs, schools, swimming pool etc., are also available to cater to the needs of the University community. Being a central University, it is privileged to receive funds

from the Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Government of India, through the University Grants Commission. The University promotes industry academy alliance.

3. Programmes and Activities

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

1. RGU administrative staff received training at Tezpur University on roster preparation.
2. Cooperation in terms of extending help for research and other academic activities is continued with great consistency.
3. Research activities are given determined attention and efforts were put in to conduct them with unceasing regularity.
4. Exchange programmes between the two institutions were conducted to facilitate sharing of research expertise.
5. Conducting seminars in collaboration was taken up with remarkable frequency.
6. Building a healthy academic and research environment was given the top priority and therefore, the sharing of research outputs and arrivals in the form of journals and other modes happened in a consistent fashion.