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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 at RGU, Rono-Hills, Arunachal Pradesh, India,

BETWEEN

**Rajiv Gandhi University**, Rono Hills Doimukh, Papum Pare District Arunachal Pradesh - 791112 (India) [hereafter referred to as an RGU or First Party]

AND

**Apex Professional University (APU)**, Pasighat Smart City, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh - 791102 (India) [hereafter referred to as an APU or Second Party]

### PREAMBLE

**WHEREAS**, this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") will establish a mechanism for the Parties to plan and collaborate academic and research activities, and

**WHEREAS**, each Party to this MOU recognises the areas of cooperation which may include, subject to mutual consent, any desirable and feasible activities that would further achieve the goals of each University.

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Apex Professional University  
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**WHEREAS**, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills Doimukh, Papum Pare District Arunachal Pradesh, is the premier Central University in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and has completed thirty eight years of its existence. The teaching and research programmes of the Rajiv Gandhi University are designed to play a positive role in the socio-economic and cultural development of the State. The University offers Undergraduate, Post-Graduate M. Phil and Ph.D programmes. The University has been extending educational facilities to students from the neighbouring States, particularly Assam. The Faculty members have been actively engaged in research activities with financial support from UGC and other funding agencies.

Rajiv Gandhi University has carved a niche for itself in the educational scenario of the country following its selection as a University with potential for excellence by a high-level expert committee of the University Grants Commission from among universities in India.

**WHEREAS**, Apex Professional University (APU) is a Statutory University established by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh vide Act 07 of 2013 and recognised by the UGC, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi u/s 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956 as *State Private University*. Apex Professional University is empowered to award degrees specified by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. APU is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi and is also approved by regulatory bodies, i.e. Council of Architecture (CoA), Bar Council of India (BCI), Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) and National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE).

Apex Professional University (APU) is **World's First Indian Metaphysics University disseminating the Indian Knowledge System** and is committed to blending Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Contemporary Knowledge Systems (CKS) to produce applicable research with significant relevance to modern life.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Both Parties wishing to promote cooperation between the two institutions in education and academic research and agree to implement the below-mentioned scope of MoU in their own Universities, and the first party would advise its affiliated institutions accordingly.

**HEREBY** agrees to encourage collaboration according to the terms and conditions outlined in the following articles:

#### **ARTICLE 1: SCOPE OF MoU**

Both institutions shall encourage interaction between affiliated colleges of RGU, faculty members, students and research scholars through the following arrangements:

  
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- a. Joint guidance of Research Scholars in areas of mutual interest as per the prevailing rules and norms in the respective institutions.
- b. Enhance the capacity of the two Universities to carry out relevant research or educational programmes and secure required external funding for the same.
- c. As feasible and contingent upon cognizant parent organisation or departmental approval, the administrations of the two institutions agree to extend their respective faculty members in developing scholarly exchanges that may include a range of interactions such as research collaboration, specialised lectures, seminars and teaching or submission of joint research proposals.
- d. Plan collaborative research, education, and training activities in mutual interest and exchange information on teaching and learning material relevant to their educational & research programmes concerning the Indian Knowledge System.
- e. To make available to the public, other researchers, affiliated colleges of RGU and faculty those facts, methods and new findings that are discovered through that research, and to share specialised scientific equipment, physical facilities, and support services in ways that will expand and provide more cost-effective research and education for the Parties.
- f. Jointly organise seminars, conferences, and workshops on topics of mutual interest and invite each other's faculty, students, and Affiliated Colleges to participate therein.
- g. Exchange programme of students, research scholars and faculty for a limited period as mutually agreed upon.
- h. To generate Funding / Sponsorship for collaborative research, seminars, workshops and conference from external funding agencies.
- i. Provide access to the Library to faculty members, Students of each other institutions as per the prevailing rules and norms in the respective institutions.
- j. The area of cooperation can be extended through mutual consent.

## ARTICLE 2: IMPLEMENTATION

- a. Each University shall designate a Nodal Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programmes. The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this MoU for Cooperation shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both universities prior to the initiation of that activity. Any such MoUs entered into, as outlined above, will form appendices to this MoU.
- b. Each host institution, in the pre-visit agreement correspondence, will also coordinate support with the visiting institution for office space, library,

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laboratory and other privileges appropriate to the level and purpose of the visit, subject to the availability of resources.

- c. Both parties must agree upon the specific terms of any inter-institution initiative relative to this agreement in written or electronically recorded correspondence at least one month before the initiation of a particular program or activity for the said initiative to proceed.
- d. Interested faculty of either institution may initiate joint research projects. Subject to available funding, the Parties will encourage research centres of their respective institutions to initiate and conduct collaborative projects consistent with the other terms and specifications of this agreement. Such joint research projects are the subject of definitive agreements specific to each project and separate from this MOU.
- e. Each party shall remain the sole owner of all materials it contributes to in any joint project. The parties will work together to negotiate appropriate licensing terms.
- f. Results from collaborative research may be used by either or both parties with due recognition of each party's contribution.
- g. Financial arrangements for each activity will be decided on a case-to-case basis, subject to approval by each institution.
- h. Rights regarding publications, patents, royalty, ownership etc., under the scope of this MoU shall be decided on a case-to-case basis.
- i. Any dispute arising from this MoU will be resolved amicably by mutual consultation. If such a resolution is not possible, then the unresolved dispute will be referred jointly to the Vice Chancellor of both universities. Both will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect and shared responsibility. The outcome of the joint decisions of the Vice Chancellor of the Universities shall be binding upon both parties.

### **ARTICLE 3: MOU IS NON-BINDING**

- a. Despite the statements and obligations expressed herein, this MoU is a nonbinding expression of the current intentions of the Parties, and neither Party will incur nor be bound to any legal obligations or expense hereunder to the other Party until and unless definitive agreements have been negotiated, approved by the necessary management levels of each Party and executed and delivered by authorised representatives of both Parties.

  
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#### ARTICLE 4: TERM AND TERMINATION

- a. This MoU becomes effective from the day the representatives of both institutions affix their signatures below and will continue for an initial period of five years. This MoU may be extended further, in five-year increments, by mutual written consent.
- b. This MoU may be revised through the mutual agreement of both institutions and may be terminated by either party upon giving three months' written notice signed by the presiding officer of the notifying party. However, termination of MoU will not, in any manner, affect the progress of any ongoing mutual activity that has been initiated formally with the approval of both parties.

#### ARTICLE 5: CONFIDENTIALITY

During the term of this MoU, both parties shall maintain the confidentiality of unpublished research outcomes and shall not disclose to any person the terms of this MoU or any information or materials supplied or made available in connection therewith without the prior written consent of the other party provided, however, the party may disclose such information as required by law or to its professional advisers. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of this MoU.

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In witness to this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the following individuals append their signatures:

Witness:

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Dr. P. Anithkumar  
Vice-Chancellor

*[Signature]*  
Mr. HARJI SINGH  
Apex Professional University.  
Pasighat, A.P.

Witness:

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Dr. Nani Tamang Jor, JRE

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Mr. KURIAN THOMAS, JRFBJR(R)/L