

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(MOU)

Between



National Council of Rural Institutes

(MHRD, Govt. of India)

Hyderabad

and



Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies,

Basar

Nirmal, Telangana State - 504107



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This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on **22nd, December, 2017** between the **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL INSTITUTES**, Ministry of Human Resources Development Govt. of India Hyderabad represented by the Chairman here after to be called the '**FIRST PARTY**' and the **RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF KNOWLEDGE TECHNOLOGIES, BASAR** represented by the Vice-Chancellor, here-after to be called '**SECOND PARTY**'.

The National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI) aims at Human Resource Development and Capacity Building of Universities and Higher Educational Institutions in the country. Established in 1995 by the Government of India under the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, the NCRI seeks to usher in academic i.e., teaching-learning and research activity focused on issues of concern to rural India. Its HRD endeavors and instruments of development include curriculum development, curriculum transaction, curriculum standardization and curriculum accreditation with workshop, material development, teaching, research, action research, advocacy and hand-holding of academic activities focused on rural concerns.

The NCRI interfaces with Universities and institutes of higher learning even while collaborating and converging with the objectives of educational and academic infrastructure that can make a lasting difference to the life and living standards of the rural India. HRD is our operational framework and Human Development is the goal.

Development of backward areas and their representative institutions, boosting the flagship social and rural programmes with focus on education, employment, livelihoods and rural resilience building comprise the core initiatives. Developing a committed and competent cadre of Academic Professionals interested in rural issues is another major objective of NCRI. These Professionals are expected to streamline and deliver education effectively and efficiently with emphasis on inclusion and regional prosperity. The Council seeks to

empower the rural education and the academics manning them. Empowerment of the people will be a well designed corollary.

The NCRI aims at forging academic partnerships and networks with Central Universities and National Institutions as well as cutting edge public organizations. Emerging opportunities for strengthening Social Development and Economic Growth initiatives in the rural areas are identified with a view to promoting participatory development. Capacity building and professionalization of Rural Academic activity, entrepreneurship, livelihoods, community initiatives, creativity of local groups and proactive development action constitute the core content of NCRI's research and capacity building programmes and field interventions.

Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Basar

Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT) Basar is a unique University which actively uses Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in teaching. It is perhaps the first of its kind in the country with an educational model that is intensely ICT based. Established by the Government of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Under the Act 18 of 2008 by special act of legislation and it was adopted by TS Govt by G.O Ms. No. 29 HE(TE/A2) Department dated 17.12.2014 and later amended as act 8 of 2016 . This campus is located at the holy land of Basar (the abode of Gnyana Saraswathi, Goddess of knowledge) in Nirmal District (Telangana State). The campus is set in about 272.21 acres of salubrious and serene surroundings just a short distance from the banks of river Godavari.

The primary objective of establishing RGUKT is to provide high quality educational opportunities for the rural youth of the state. The selection process follows approved rules and has very high competition where only the top rural students after 10th standard get the opportunity to study at RGUKT.

Objective of MOU:

The objective of the partnership is to fulfill a common vision of collaborative academic activity. In addition to the above objectives, both the parties are desirous of establishing a working relationship to provide guidance and research towards building of a resilient rural India. The first and second parties will collaboratively conduct workshops with share faculty and materials resources as mutually agreed upon.



The Functions and Responsibilities of the First Party (NCRI) are as follows:

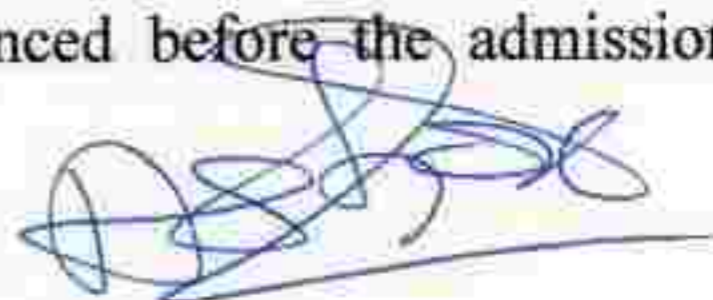
1. The first party will run a set of workshops collaboratively in line with the workshop framework and as per the instructions agreed upon.
2. The first party shall be responsible for all clearances related to workshops that may be required from time to time including programme content and cost.
3. The first party shall arrange Stationery, Participant badges, Workshop Participation Certificates and workshop related material to the participants.
4. The first party shall make payment of TA/DA to each participant, catering and other logistics on mutually agreed terms by the second party from the funds released by the first party.
5. The first party team expenses shall be borne by NCRI. The team will function under the overall supervision and guidance of the NCRI in all matters relating to workshop content management, communication and documentation.
6. The programme administration (design, communication and management) costs @Rs 40,000 for 2 day programme will be paid by the first party. This includes the cost of reporting the workshop proceedings in one hard and one soft copy.

The Functions and Responsibilities of the Second Party (RGUKT-Basar) are as follows:

1. The second party owns the campus (buildings) at Basar. The second party shall make available their existing infrastructure i.e, Classrooms, Hostel and Guest House, Library, Computers, Printer, LCD Projectors, Wi-Fi, Chairs, Tables, etc., for the workshops to be conducted in collaboration with the first party.
2. Both parties also agree that the first party can bring and return relevant workshop material as and when required.

The second party will take care of the maintenance and upkeep of the building i.e. housekeeping, security, sanitation, fire extinguishers, water, electricity, furniture, any repairs and chairs, tables, almarah, white boards, fans, and light fittings and employee expenses for those involved in the above tasks.

3. The second party shall enable the first party to use the premises as agreed to and required library, computer labs and plan their workshops at the Head Quarters and the regional centre's for a nominal cost.
4. One Research Scholar who will be called as NCRI Fellow pursuing either M.Phil (2 year) or PhD (5 years) will be selected for scholarship/fellowship every year for financial support by NCRI. The aspects of research mutually identified by both parties in relevant aspects of rural studies will be announced before the admission and



selection process is initiated annually. The aspects of research mutually identified by both parties in relevant domains of rural studies covering various disciplines such as Social Work / Education / Mass Communication / Women Studies / Psychology / Management / Gandhian thought will be announced before the admission and selection process is initiated annually. The amount of fellowship and process of reporting will be on the lines of UGC Junior/Senior Research Fellowship. The scholar selected shall publish 2 (two) articles in every academic year, during the period of scholarship, in reputed journals focusing on rural issues.

5. The second party shall maintain the records of programmes undertaken like participant database which shall be shared with the first party.
6. The second party shall provide the necessary facilities to the participants available at the university campus.
7. The second party shall facilitate the first party to take the photographs and make films and documentaries of the workshops.
8. The second party shall procure the workshop resource materials and books in consultation with first party on the aspects found relevant by both parties for which funds will be provided by the first party.
9. The second party shall take the responsibility of the participant discipline during the workshop hours and in the hostels/guest house.
10. The second party shall arrange the display of workshop announcement/banner/poster and information in RGUKT-Basar Campus for the workshops (Name of both the parties will be mentioned).
11. The programme administration will be done by the second party such as design, communication and management. The NCRI would pay the University Rs 20,000 per day for any workshop or programme that is organized by it on behalf of NCRI or jointly with NCRI (Rs 10,000/ Administration Cost and Rs 10,000/- documentation and reporting the workshop proceedings in one hard and one soft copy).
12. The honorarium for resource persons, documentation, travel, food and accommodation expenses of the participants from outside RGUKT will be borne by the first party and arranged by the second party separately for each programme.

For effective implementation and monitoring of the scheme as envisaged in the MoU, **Chairman NCRI or his nominee** will be the **Nodal Officer** on behalf of the "**FIRST PARTY**" & **Vice-Chancellor, RGUKT-Basar or Nominee** will be the **Nodal Officer** on behalf of the "**SECOND PARTY**".



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Unless otherwise terminated by written Agreement between the parties, or in terms of this agreement, this agreement will remain in force till the *end of the academic year 2019-20* and may be *renewed by mutual consent*.

Notwithstanding the provision of above clause, either party shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement immediately and without further notice in the event of the other party committing a material breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and failing to remedy such breach within 60 (Sixty) days after receipt of written notice calling upon such party to remedy the breach complaint. In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be made in English and executed by their respective duly authorized representatives of the day and the year first written.

Both the parties will facilitate wider dissemination of this collaborative initiative and its impacts. The Certification, all signage, press releases and communication will include the names of both the parties. All disputes are subject to jurisdiction of the court at Hyderabad/Nirmal.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be effective from **22nd, December 2017** to **end of academic year 2019-20** and renewable with the mutual consent of both the parties for a similar period.

For,



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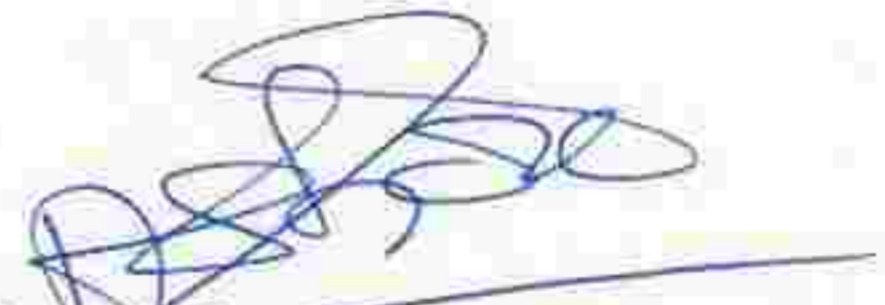
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Designation: **Chairman, NCRI**

Date with seal: **22nd December 2017**

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