



# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

**BETWEEN**

**RAJIV GANDHI INSTITUTE OF PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY, INDIA**

**AND**

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI, INDIA**

**In the field of Research Collaboration, Student and Faculty Exchange**

## **1.0 Preamble**

**Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (RGPT)**, an Institute of National Importance, established through an Act of Parliament ("Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology Act 2007"), located at Jais, Uttar Pradesh, with two centers one at Bengaluru and one at Sivasagar, Assam. RGPT is a premier petroleum institute in India and providing world class education, training, and research to roll out efficient human resources to meet the growing requirements of the Petroleum & Energy sector.

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI (IITG)** is an autonomous body incorporated under the Institute of Technology Act 1961, as amended up-to-date and established in 1994, having its office at Guwahati, hereby represented by its Director. IIT Guwahati is the only academic institution in India that occupied a place among the top 100 world universities – under 50 years of age – in world ranking. It is one of the most dynamic institutions India, with one of the most beautiful educational campuses in the country that provides an ideal setting for learning and research. The institute is fully residential for the students, enriched with world-class facilities and is empowered with a young dynamic faculty and staff.

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI (IITG) and RAJIV GANDHI INSTITUTE OF PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY (RGIPT)**, hereinafter collectively referred to as 'the Parties' and individually as 'the Party'.

## **2.0 Purpose:**

Desiring to promote co-operation in academic education and research.

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

### **Article 1: Forms of Cooperation**

The Parties envisage the following cooperation within the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):

#### **Article 1.1: Exchange of Students**

Organization of study visits and training, participation in Bachelors', Masters' and Doctoral courses, recognition of academic credits, guidance and supervision of student's theses and project works. Towards this purpose, a few scholarships to meet their living expenses partly or wholly may be made available from both sides.

#### **Article 1.2: Exchange of Faculty members**

Planning and handling of academic programs and courses organization of seminars, workshops and conferences including the exchange of mutual experiences in teaching, research and industrial practice.

#### **Article 1.3: Exchange in Research**

Joint programmes in research and developments including exchange of publication and reports.

#### **Article 1.4: Twin Programmes**

Explore possibilities of joint twining programs interdisciplinary areas of specialization of high relevance to both Parties.

#### **Article 1.5: Centre of Excellence**

Creation of Centre of Excellence in specialized fields of mutual interest in science, engineering, technology, management and humanities.

#### **Article 1.6: Others**

To jointly organize short-term continuing education programmes, to organize seminars, conferences, or workshops on topics of mutual interest, and invite faculty members from both

the institutions to participate therein.

#### **Article 2: Specific Co-Operation Projects**

Specific co-operation projects shall be negotiated separately between the Parties and in each specific case shall be established as separate written agreements, stating the respective rights and obligations of the Parties. Such an agreement for collaboration or exchange programmes will be legitimised by the completion of a specific MoU. In case of any ambiguity or disagreement between the terms and conditions of this MoU and those of the separate agreement as mentioned above, the terms and conditions of such separate agreement shall prevail over the terms of this MoU.

#### **Article 3: Financial Obligations**

There will be no financial obligations on both the Parties under this agreement.

#### **Article 4: General Coordinators**

Each Party shall designate an administrative office to oversee, and facilitate the implementation of any agreements arising out of this MoU. National regulations and customs shall be mutually respected.

#### **Article 5: Intellectual Property Rights**

IITG and RGIPT agree to respect each other's right to intellectual property. Further, all rights linked to ideas, inventions and patents generated during the MoU, shall remain the common intellectual property of the Parties. The Parties shall not pass on or give usage rights of such property to any third party without the consent of the other party.

#### **Article 6: Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or in relation to this MoU, including the validity, invalidity, breach or termination thereof, shall be settled by the parties amicably through mutual consultations and negotiations.

#### **Article 7: Liability**

Except for loss or damages caused through gross negligence or intent, the Parties shall have no liability to each other hereunder.

#### **Article 8: Legal Relationship**

This MoU shall be construed as a statement of purpose to promote a genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration between the Parties. Nothing in this MoU shall be constructed to create any legal relationship between the Parties.

**Article 8: Coming into Force, Amendment and Termination**

This MoU shall come into force from the date of its signatures and shall remain valid for a period of 5 years. This MoU may be modified, renewed or extended with the mutual written consent of the Parties. Either party may terminate this MoU by giving six (6) months' notice in writing to the other Party.

Done at ..... on this..... day of ..... 2019, in two originals in the English language, one for each Party.

**IN WITNESS THEREOFF**, both the parties have caused this MoU to be signed by their duly authorized representatives.

Signed on behalf of IITG:

Signed on behalf of RGIPT:



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Place: Guwahati

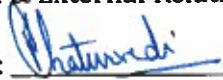
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