



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
BETWEEN
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TIRUPATI
AND**

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF KNOWLEDGE TECHNOLOGIES, ANDHRA PRADESH

This MoU is entered into on the **31st day of October, 2020** by and between **Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati** (hereinafter called IIT Tirupati) situated at Merlapaka Village on Yerpedu to Venkatagiri highway, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh- 517619, an Institute of National importance established under Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 as amended from time to time.

And

Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT) (Andhra Pradesh) hereafter referred to as RGUKT established by an Act 18 of Government of Andhra Pradesh in the year 2008 with its registered Head Office located at RK Valley (Idupulapaya), Y S R District, Andhra Pradesh.

The aforesaid institutions are here in after referred to individually as institute and collectively as institutes.

1.0 : Introduction

In order to facilitate collaborative research work, to establish academic and scientific relationship, to promote joint research activities, to extent mutual support in Post Graduate and Doctorate programmes, IIT Tirupati and RGUKT agree to establish this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

2.0 : Preamble

IIT Tirupati situated at Merlapaka Village on Yerpedu to Venkatagiri highway, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh – 517619, an Institute of National importance established under Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 as amended from time to time. IIT Tirupati started its academic activities in 2015. Currently the Institute has nine departments. The academic programmes offered include B.Tech, M.Tech, MSc, MS (by Research) and PhD. The faculty members are very active in research with many sponsored research projects under implementation. The Institute has MoUs with many national research laboratories for research collaboration.

RGUKT is a State University founded by an Act of legislature by the then Andhra Pradesh Government in the year 2008. The primary objective of establishing RGUKT is to provide high quality education to the meritorious rural youth of Andhra Pradesh. Top 1% of rural S.S.C passed students are given opportunity to complete 6 years integrated programme which includes Pre-University Course(PUC) followed by 4 years B.Tech programme in six engineering disciplines(Chemical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communications Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Metallurgical & Materials Engineering).RGUKT, Andhra Pradesh has four constituent institutes (located at Nuzvid, R.K.Valley, Srikakulam and Ongole) with state of art infrastructure to support ICT based teaching and learning. Learning environment enriched with e-class rooms with state of art laboratories on par with national premier institutes. “Learning by Doing” is the principle behind the pedagogy followed by RGUKT,A.P. campuses. Majority of the faculty members are post graduates from national premier institutes such as IITs,NITs and Central Universities.

3.0 : The Scope of the MoU

The Scope of Collaboration in Academic and Research activities in the MoU include the following categories

- 3.1 Technical areas of collaborations
- 3.2 Academic interactions and support.
- 3.3 Exchange of students and faculty members
- 3.4 To promote Research/ Continuing education activities between institutions.

4.0 : Technical Areas of Collaboration

- a) A Continuing Quality improvement programme to improve quality of teaching staff at RGUKT through Doctoral programmes, short-term/long-term certificate courses at IIT Tirupati. Faculty members of IIT Tirupati may also visit RGUKT campus to provide necessary guidance.



- b) Provide academic interaction by delivering Special Lectures at RGUKT campuses on topics of relevance to modern Industry.
- c) Provide necessary advice in organizing Workshops/Conferences and Personality Development Programmes of IIT Tirupati for enhancement of skills in respect of Faculty, Staff and Students of RGUKT.
- d) Provide necessary advice for establishment of Single Board Computer Lab, establishment of video satellite link and assistance in development of E-classrooms, Laboratories, Curriculum, Training & Placement, and Library etc. at RGUKT campuses.
- e) Usage of academic infrastructure of IIT Tirupati for RGUKT students and faculty members.
- f) To facilitate the training for Teachers and Post Graduate students
- g) Guidance for enhancement in infrastructural development of RGUKT campuses.

5.0 : Exchange of Students and Faculty members

- a) Students of RGUKT campuses can visit IIT Tirupati for long term and short-term internships under the guidance of IIT Tirupati faculty based on the availability.
- b) Students of RGUKT can do 4th year project work based on the mutual interest under the joint guidance of the faculty members from RGUKT and IIT Tirupati.
- c) Faculty members from IIT Tirupati can visit RGUKT campuses to teach portion/modules of any course of B.Tech programme with prior permission from IIT Tirupati. Emoluments shall be paid to the faculty as per the RGUKT norms.

6.0 : Proposed Modes of Collaboration

IIT Tirupati and RGUKT propose to collaborate through the following:

- a) Cooperation and promotion of education, training and research in areas of mutual interest.
- b) Any other appropriate mode of interaction agreed upon between IIT Tirupati and RGUKT.

A specific plan will be worked out by the institutes depending upon availability of resources. A specific agreement will be entered into for each activity.

7.0 : Terms and Conditions

- a) The cost of establishment of any Research lab at any of RGUKT campuses should be borne by itself.
- b) For the visits related to advice and consultancy, travel and other expenses of IIT Tirupati faculty members & staff shall be reimbursed by RGUKT on mutually agreed terms.
- c) The faculty members and students of RGUKT may use the library facility of IIT Tirupati for short visits.



- d) Usage of IIT Tirupati academic infrastructure may be allowed for limited period subject to its availability and with approval from the Head of the facility/ department and Institute norms. The applicable charges towards equipment utilization and consumables shall be borne by RGUKT.
- e) Both institutes agree to help, identify and invite the faculty members and researchers from the other institutes to participate in conferences, workshops and short-term courses.
- f) This MoU may be amended, renewed and terminated by mutual written agreement of both the institutes at any time
- g) Either Institute shall have the right to terminate this MoU upon 60 days prior written notice to the other Institute.

8.0 : Confidentiality

- a) The IIT Tirupati and the RGUKT agree to hold in confidence all information/data designated by the institutes as being confidential which is obtained from either institute or created during the performance of the MoU and will not disclose the same at any third party without written consent of the other institute.
- b) The above confidential clause under this MoU excludes the information/date possessed by either institute before entering into this MoU or independently developed and/or information already available through public domain.

9.0 : Duration of MoU

- a) This MoU may be amended, renewed and terminated by mutual written agreement of the institutes at any time.
- b) Either Institute shall have the right to terminate this MoU upon 60 days prior written notice to the other Institute.
- c) This MoU, unless extended by mutual written consent of the institutes, shall expire in THREE years after the effective date specified in the opening paragraph. However, on review, the MoU shall be extended for another three years by mutual consent.

10.0 : Coordinators

Both the organizations will designate persons who will have responsibility for coordination and implementation of this agreement.

11.0 : Intellectual Property Rights

The intellectual property rights (IPR) that arise as a result of joint research and collaborative activity under the agreement will be worked out on a case to case basis and will be consistent with officially laid down IPR policies of the two organizations.



12.0 : Signed in Duplicate



This MoU is executed in duplicate with each copy being an official version and having equal legal validity. By signing below, the institutes, acting by their duly authorized officers, have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed, effective from day and year first above written.

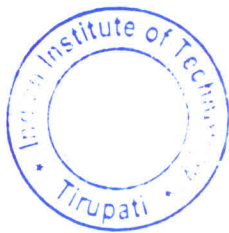
Signed for and on behalf of IIT Tirupati


(Prof. K. N. Satyanarayana)
Director

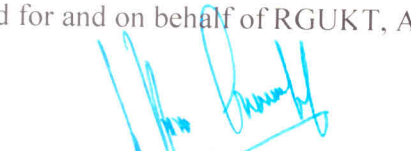
Prof. K.N. Satyanarayana
Director
I.I.T. TIRUPATI

Witness

1. 
(C.K.C. REDDY)
2. 
A-V-V. PRASAD





Signed for and on behalf of RGUKT, AP


(Prof. K. Hemachandra Reddy)
Vice-Chancellor

VICE CHANCELLOR
RGUKT
Andhra Pradesh

Witness

1. 
(Suresh Jain)
2. 
(SSSV Gopala Raju)