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Memorandum of Understanding

between

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata, West Bengal State,

and

National Institute of Technology, Agartala, Tripura State.

Contract Partners :

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kolkata, West Bengal State and National Institute of Technology Agartala (NITA), Tripura State

Principal Agreement :

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kolkata and National Institute of Technology Agartala (NITA), agree to enter into a bilateral agreement for a tie-up to facilitate academic and technical collaboration and therefore, the two Institutes, IISER and NITA, are signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on this the 7th day of December 2018, as per the articles set below.

Article-1.0: THE SCOPE OF MOU:

The scope of MOU covers collaborative R&D, academic interaction leading to reforms in curriculum, student exchange associated with transfer of credits, faculty exchange, sharing of resources, accessibility to sophisticated instruments, sharing of knowledge of best practices.

Article-2.0

The activities under the agreement will be as described below for collaboration and which form the schedule to this MOU. This schedule may

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be amended by mutual agreement agreeable for both the parties and such amendments will form part of this MOU.

Article-2.1

IISER and NITA will submit collaborative research projects to various funding agencies like DST, CSIR, etc. in the topics and areas of mutual interest. The sharing of fund and manpower will be case specific and depending on the detailing of the project concerned.

Article - 2.2

The instrumentation facilities, Laboratory and Library facilities of one of the institutes will be made available for the research scholars, UG/PG students doing their projects, faculty members working in the other institute. Wherever charges are to be paid, concessional charges as decided by the facility-providing institute will be paid from the funds of the joint-research projects or research projects/other funds of the other institute.

Article-2.3

The faculty members of each of the institutes may teach part of the courses or give expert lectures at the other institute through video-conferencing mode using NKN or possible media without prejudice to their work and responsibilities at their home institute.

Article – 2.4

The UG/PG students of each of the institutes can take courses or do project works/dissertation works in the other institute (host institute). The credits earned by the students in the host institute will be transferred to the home/ parent institute and will be considered for the purpose of grading by mapping to the courses and credits as per the curriculum of the home/ parent institute. Project guidance and its continuous evaluation will be done by the faculty member (external guide) at the host institute. One faculty member (internal guide) at the home institute will also be assigned to each of such projects. Dissertation/project report will be submitted to the home institute through the internal guide for final evaluation. Grading of the projects/dissertations will be done, based on continuous and final evaluation as per the grading procedure of the home institute.

Article – 2.5

IISER and NITA will organize National/ International Conferences/ Seminars/ Symposia/ workshops jointly in conformity to the rules and regulation of both the institutes.

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Article – 3.1

In addition, it is envisaged that each activity, in view of flexibility and effectiveness of implementation that the parties wish to pursue in accordance with the purpose of this MOU will be governed by terms and conditions to be separately negotiated and mutually agreed upon by the parties through the signing of one or more subsidiary agreements.

Article – 3.2

Any clause or article of the MOU may be modified or amended by mutual agreement of IISER and NITA.

Article-4.0

4.1 In case of joint research projects, the research findings, patents and all other intellectual property rights shall exclusively be owned by IISER and NITA.

4.2 The expenditure connected with securing and maintaining the Intellectual Property Rights shall be shared between the two institutes (IISER and NITA) proportionally, based on their respective intellectual, material and financial contributions and decided on a case-to-case basis.

Article – 5.0

5.1 This MOU shall be effective for an initial period of five years from the date of signing. Thereafter, this MOU may be extended for further periods of five years or for any other period of time as deemed appropriate by both the parties, subject to their mutual consent of any such extension to be made in writing.

5.2 Either party may terminate this MOU by giving a written notice of termination of at least three months in advance citing valid reason which is mutually agreeable. If agreed by both the parties, a third party negotiator may be entrusted and judge the veracity of reason/ factor / cause cited by the institute.

5.3 In the event of termination of MOU, for whatever reasons, both parties agree to fulfil their respective commitments in respect of the students, research scholars, faculty involved in the activities which are in vogue during such termination time and MOU will be considered to be in force till completion of such activities.

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Article – 6.0
Arbitration
In case of any dispute arising out of this agreement, the heads of the institutes shall endeavour to resolve such controversy or dispute by mutual discussions and in good faith.

This MoU between IISER, and the NITA, Tripura is now established by the signatures of the Directors of the two institutes.

For IISER Kolkata

(**Prof. Sourav Pal**)
Director
IISER Kolkata, West Bengal State

for NIT Agartala

(**Prof. H.K. Sharma**)
Director
NIT Agartala, Tripura State

Witnesses:

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IISER Kolkata

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NIT Agartala

Dr. Prasun Chakraborti
Chairman (IR & AA)
N.I.T., Agartala.

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(KUNAL CHAKMA)
Assistant Professor
CSE Department
N.I.T., Agartala.

NIT Agartala