Memorandum of Understanding

between

Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, Maharashtra

and

National Institute of Technology, Agartala, Tripura State.

Contract Partners :

Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, (VNIT) Nagpur, Maharashtra and National Institute of Technology Agartala (NITA), Tripura State.

Principal Agreement :

Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, Maharashtra (VNIT) 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, VNIT and NITA, are signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on this the 29th day of Dec, 2019, as per the articles set below under the twinning program of TEQIP III. This particular MOU must be treated as an extended part of the original MOU signed between VNIT and NITA dated 20-06-2018.

Article-1.0: THE SCOPE OF MOU:

The scope of MOU additionally covers hosting of a joint collaborative M Tech program under Mechanical Engineering Department of NIT Agartala, namely Material Science and Engineering with the existing matters of 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 be amended by mutual agreement agreeable for both the parties and such amendments will form part of this MOU.

The schedules may be stated as follows -

a) Under this arrangement, the first semester of the said course will be taught at NIT Agartala and the second semester will be at the VNIT Nagpur.
b) The fee of second semester can be transferred to VNIT Nagpur with mutual agreement.
c) The project and thesis may be done at NIT Agartala or at VNIT Nagpur, but the evaluation will be followed as per the norms of NIT Agartala after submission of thesis at NIT Agartala.
d) The credit distribution of Project and Thesis is fifteen and twenty in the third and fourth or final semester respectively.
e) The thesis guidance may be taken jointly by taking a faculty each from NIT Agartala and VNIT Nagpur. The supervisor may be chosen from the institute where the student intends to do the thesis. The students, carrying out thesis made in the final year will be given opportunity to appear into the placement activities by both the institutes.
f) The credit awarded process for the project and thesis will be followed as per NIT Agartala i.e. fifteen credit in the third semester and twenty credit points for the fourth of final semester.
g) During the first semester, the students of NIT Agartala the total credit would be twenty as customarily followed at NIT Agartala.
h) Similarly, the students will be taking courses at par convenience of VNIT Nagpur.
i) A comprehensive viva bearing one credit each will be compensated towards the students during their second semester at VNIT Nagpur, thus the total credit points matches with first semester at NIT Agartala as twenty.
j) It is therefore, observed that the total credit point for the whole course is seventy five, thus matching with the academic requirement of NIT Agartala

Article 3.0
General Terms

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 VNIT 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 VNIT and NITA.

4.2 The expenditure connected with securing and maintaining the Intellectual **Property Rights shall be shared between the two institutes (VNIT 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 six years from the date of signing. Thereafter, this MOU may be extended for further periods of six 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 six 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.

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 VNIT, and the NITA, Tripura is now established by the signatures of the Directors of the two institutes.

For VNIT Nagpur	for NIT Agartala
(Prof. Prof Pramod M Padole) Director VNIT, Nagpur (MH)	(**Prof. Harish Kumar Sharma**) Director NIT Agartala, Tripura State

Witnesses:

1._____	1._____ Dr. Prasun Chakraborti Chairman (IR & AA) N.I.T., Agartala
VNIT, Nagpur	NIT Agartala
2._____	2._____
VNIT, Nagpur	NIT Agartala