Memorandum of Understanding for Research Cooperation Between

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UN AUTONOMOUS COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ADASPUR, CUTTACK, ODISHA, 754011

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Research Forum of India (RF-INDIA), New Delhi and Udaya Nath Autonomous College of Science and Technology, Adaspur (UNAC) recognize their strengths in research in one or more disciplines of social science departments, management and humanities and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in academic and business research for innovative frameworks and wellness.

Cooperation:

RF-INDIA and UNAC therefore agree to establish a programme for academic and research cooperation in the areas of mutual interest, and in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this memorandum of understanding (MoU).

A. Objectives

The goal is to foster collaboration, provide opportunity for global experience, and to facilitate advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity, best effort, mutual benefit, and frequent interactions RF-INDIA and UNAC agree.

- a) To exchange information on research and academic programmes
- b) To exchange information on teaching, learning material and other literature relevant to their educational and research programmes
- c) To jointly organize short-term continuing education programmes on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate there in.
- d) To jointly organize seminars, conferences, or workshops on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate there in.
- e) To jointly propose and engage in research or training programmes and to engage faculty, scholars and students to participate there in.

RF-INDIA and UNAC further agree that detailed terms and conditions that guide each activity identified above will be separately determined and agreed upon by the two institutions. These terms shall include a technical description of the proposed activity, and person(s) responsible for its implementation, etc.

B. Joint Sponsored Research, Development and Consulting and orientation

RF-INDIA and UNAC agree to organize and to participate in research or development programmes, Seminars, Workshops, Conferences and FDP. The terms and conditions for such participation will be worked out by mutual agreement between RF-INDIA and UNAC.

C. Exchange of Resource Person, Social Scientists and Researchers

RF-INDIA and UNAC agree to encourage collaboration between faculty and Resource Person from the two institutions. Specifically, hosting institutions will cooperate to bear all types of trip expenses, accommodation and honorarium of the Resource Persons on events.

D. Student, Scholar and Faculty Participation.

RF-INDIA and UNAC agree that student and staff will be guided by principles listed below. Undertake a pre-determined programme of study or research.

- a) Programmes will be organized by mutual agreement between the home institution and the host institution.
- b) The host institution will evaluate student's performance in each course or module, award a letter grade or marks, and issue a letter to that effect.
- c) The host institution may award student credits earned on basing of student's performance in the research, and issue a letter to that effect, together with a technical "report" of the research carried out.
- d) If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the home institution will take a note of the performance evaluation and the technical report, and take steps in accordance with its own procedures.
- e) RF-INDIA and UNAC agree to provide suitable accommodation and living expenses for student exchange.

E. Exchange of Scientific and Technical Material

RF-INDIA and UNAC will exchange information on research and educational programmes and teaching/learning material and other literature relevant to their educational and research programmes. Further, RF-INDIA and UNAC agree to explore ways to share teaching/learning material, and other relevant literature, while respecting each other's intellectual property and other rights.

F. Joint Conferences, workshops and short-term courses

RF-INDIA and UNAC agree to help identify and invite faculty members from the other institution to participate in conferences, workshops and short-term courses. The terms and conditions for such participation will be worked out by mutual agreement between RF-INDIA and UNAC.

G. Intellectual Property

RF-INDIA and UNAC agree to respect each other's rights to intellectual property. Further, the intellectual property rights that arise as a result of any collaborative research or activity under this MoU will be worked out on a case-by-case basis, and will be consistent with the officially laid down IPR policies of the two institutions.

H. Co-ordination

Each institution shall appoint one member of its teaching/research faculty to coordinate the programme on its behalf. Further, a coordination committee, consisting of (a) National Coordinator, RF-INDIA, or his/her nominee, (b) President, UNAC, or his/her nominee, (c) Programme coordinator from the side of RF-INDIA, and (d) Programme Coordinator from the side of UNAC, will periodically review and Identify ways to strengthen cooperation between the two institutions.

I.Tenure and Termination

This MoU will take effect from the date it is signed by representatives of the two institutions. It will remain valid for five years, and may be continued thereafter after suitable review and agreement. Either institution may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the other institution six months in advance. Once terminated, neither RF-INDIA nor UNAC will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other institutions may suffer. However, RF-INDIA and UNAC will ensure that all activities in progress are allowed to complete successfully.

Arbitration Clause

Should there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic cooperation, National Coordinator RF- INDIA and Principal, UNAC will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

This MoU is signed subject to approval of the respective academic/administrative bodies.

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