

MoU

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
GUWAHATI, INDIA**

&



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MIZORAM, INDIA**

Date: 17th February 2020

Venue: IIT Guwahati



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BETWEEN

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI

AND

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MIZORAM

1. PREAMBLE

The **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati**, set up by an Act of Parliament of India and established in 1994 (hereinafter referred to as "**IITG**"). Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, the sixth member of the IIT fraternity, commenced its academic programmes in 1995. IIT Guwahati is officially recognized as an Institute of National Importance by the Government of India.

and

The **National Institute of Technology Mizoram**, established under Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India vide its Order No. F. 23-13-2009-TS-III Dated 30th of Oct. 2009 and 3rd March 2010 (hereinafter referred to as "**NIT Mizoram**"), commenced its academic programmes in 2010. NIT Mizoram is officially recognized as an Institute of National Importance by the Government of India.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI (IITG) and NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MIZORAM (NIT MIZORAM), hereinafter collectively referred to as 'the Parties' and individually as 'the Party' formally agree on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as follows:

The Director of Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG) and the Director of National Institute of Technology Mizoram (NIT Mizoram), for the purpose of furthering cooperation in education and R&D activities between these two

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institutions, hereby affirm their intent to promote such academic collaborations and to participate in various academic endeavors.

2. OBJECTIVES:

This MoU envisages the fulfilling of the following objectives:

- (a) **IITG administrative support to NIT Mizoram:** Cooperation between IITG and NIT Mizoram for revamping or initiating new Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral programmes at NIT Mizoram;
- (b) **Internship program at IITG:** Under this program, NIT Mizoram UG /PG/ PhD students will visit IITG for period of 2 to 8 weeks to attend a summer internship program either specifically designed and offered or as part of ongoing research at IITG. IITG may charge a fee per participant, on mutual agreeable terms, to cover the project related costs, if any;
- (c) **Joint Degree programs:** IITG and NIT Mizoram will explore possibilities of facilitating NIT Mizoram students (at UG, PG and PhD level) to attend, as visiting students, semester long courses offered at IITG, as per terms of IITG including a fee, where ever necessary, as fixed by norms of IITG. NIT Mizoram may work out its own mapping of credits for its own purpose of credit transfer.
- (d) **IITG Faculty support to NIT Mizoram:** IITG may permit its faculty to visit NIT Mizoram for short durations ranging from one week to one year to teach at NIT Mizoram, on mutually agreeable terms, for capacity enhancement at NIT Mizoram;
- (e) **NIT Mizoram Faculty support to IITG:** IITG may consider requests from NIT Mizoram Faculty to visit IITG as 'Visiting' Faculty members, as per their designations, for research and teaching activities at IITG for limited durations, on mutual agreeable terms.
- (f) **Short term training programs:** Development and organization of short-term training and certificate courses by IITG and enabling NIT Mizoram faculty / staff / students to take part in ongoing continuing education programs and courses of IITG;
- (g) Enabling NIT Mizoram faculty / students to explore possibilities of pursuing their Masters and Doctoral programs at IITG on a full-time basis, as per existing IITG norms;
- (h) Cooperation from IITG for development of new areas of R&D at NIT Mizoram;
- (i) **Guidance in infrastructure development:** Extension of technical cooperation in the form of knowhow from IITG for infrastructural

development, management and upgradation of library and teaching / research laboratories facilities at NIT Mizoram;

- (j) **Joint Twining Programmes:** Explore possibilities of joint twining programs interdisciplinary areas of specialization of high relevance to both the parties, as per existing norms.
- (k) **Centre of Excellence:** Creation of Centre of Excellence in specialized fields of mutual interest in different areas of science, engineering, technology, management and humanities for academic partnership and research center development.
- (l) **Joint short term programs and workshops:** To jointly organize short term continuation programs, seminars, conferences on topics of mutual interest and invite faculty members from both the institution to participate.
- (m) **Use of Logo and name:** Each of the institutions will maintain their independent identity, logo symbol, image and make no other claims in their publicity material, media, websites, which is termed to be beyond the scope and nature of activities as incorporated in this memorandum. Each party will consult with and concur with the other party to use the names of the officials'/faculty members, and the logo for the activities under this MoU including dissemination of results and outcome under this MOU, in public.

3. COORDINATORS:

The Director, IITG and the Director, NIT Mizoram shall be primarily responsible for this cooperation at IITG and NIT Mizoram, respectively. They may delegate their authority to coordinators whose responsibility will be to:

- (a) initiate action at their respective institutions to implement the provisions of this MoU
- (b) coordinate and monitor the activities initiated under this MoU
- (c) Undertake official visits to each other institutions to operate articles coming under this MOU.
- (d) National regulations and customs shall be mutually respected by all.

4. **Setting up of Outreach Collaboration Cell / office:** NIT Mizoram shall endower to earmark / identify a distinct room /space in their institution to operationalize this MOU by coordinators of either institution. The space shall be labeled as "NIT Mizoram - IIT Guwahati Collaboration Office".



5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (a) This MoU shall have an initial duration of FIVE years from the last date of signature, unless either party gives a six-month notice of termination. This MoU may be extended further, in five-year increments, after review and by mutual written agreement.
- (b) This MoU is a non-binding expression of the current intentions of the Parties, and neither Party will incur nor be bound to any legal obligations or expenses hereunder to the other Party until and unless definitive agreements have been negotiated and approved by the management levels of each Party.
6. **Financial Obligations:** There will be no financial obligations on both Parties under this agreement.
7. **Intellectual Property:** IITG and NIT Mizoram agree to respect each other's right to intellectual PROPERTY. Further, all rights linked to ideas, inventions and patents generated during the MoU, if any, 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. Any such research collaboration to be taken up during due course of time under the ambit of this present MoU shall be legitimized by signing an agreement.
8. **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.
9. **Liability:** Except for loss or damages caused through gross negligence or intent, the Parties shall have no liability to each hereunder.
10. **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. Details of specific cooperation will be determined on a case - by - case basis and by mutual agreement consistent with this memorandum of understanding. (MOU).

Signed at IIT Guwahati on this 17th day of February, 2020, in two originals in the English language, one for each Party.



In witness thereof, both the parties have caused this MoU to be signed by their duly authorized representatives.

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