

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDIA
AND THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
AFGHANISTAN ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

The Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Higher Education of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan; (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties");

Desiring to strengthen bilateral relations in the field of education;

Recognizing that linkages between the two countries in the field of education would be mutually beneficial;

Have reached the following understanding:

Article I

The Parties shall encourage, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between the educational institutions of the two Governments, based on their respective academic and educational needs.

Article II

The scope of the cooperation on educational and academic activities will extend to the following activities:

- i) exchange of research materials, publications, educational literature and teaching aids.
- ii) Organization of training programmes for educational administrators and teachers;
- iii) exchange of scholars, teachers, academic, experts and students;
- iv) twinning arrangements between institutions of higher learning;

- v) setting up of chairs on contemporary studies, or any other mutually agreed subject.
- vi) Provision of scholarship for Afghan students for studying in India.
- vii) Promoting and developing programmes between institutions of technical, vocational and higher education.
- viii) Providing mutual assistance in the fields of Information Technology and Computer Science.
- ix) any other activity as agreed by both Parties.

Article III

The costs of the co-operative activities under this MOU shall be funded on terms to be mutually determined and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article IV

Any proposals under this MOU shall be forwarded through diplomatic channels.

Article V

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this MOU. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired, on behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan by a representative of the Ministry of Higher Education, and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of India, by a representative of the Department of Secondary & Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, along with the participation of representatives of the other agencies of the parties, as appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall meet alternately in India and Afghanistan as the Parties may mutually decide to review the implementation of this MOU. The meeting can be replaced, if needed, by consultations through diplomatic channel.

Article VI

Either Party may request in writing for a revision of or amendment of this MOU. Any revision or amendment agreed to by both Parties shall be received in writing and shall form part of this MOU. Such revision or amendment shall come into effect on such date as may be determined by both Parties.

Article VII

The Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the date of its signing by both the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years. Each party reserves the right, for reasons of security, public order or health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this MOU. It shall be automatically renewed for a further period of five years at a time, unless one of the parties declares its intention to terminate the MOU by a written notice before six months of the expiry of the MOU.

Done at New Delhi on this 10th day of April 2006 in two originals each in Hindi, Dari and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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