

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND SPORTS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Republic of India and the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter referred to as "the Signatories");

Desiring to strengthen bilateral relations in the field of education;

Recalling the profound impact of education on human resource, economic and social development;

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

Recalling the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of India on Cooperation in the field of Culture, Education, Science, Technology and sports concluded in New Delhi on 5th March 1999;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Signatories will 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. These may include all or some of the following activities:

- i) exchange of research materials, publications, educational literature, teaching aids, demonstration material and information;
- ii) organization of joint conferences, exhibitions and seminars;
- iii) organization of joint research programmes and publications;
- iv) organization of training programmes for educational administrators and teachers;

- v) exchange of academic and other administrative staff;
- vi) exchange of scholars, teachers, experts and students;
- vii) twinning arrangements between institutions of higher education;
- viii) setting up of educational/training institutions and to further develop bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- ix) examine the possibility of credit transfer and similar programmes between recognized institutions of higher education of both Signatories and mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
- x) setting up of chairs on contemporary studies;
- xi) providing scholarships for further education in recognized institutions of higher education;
- xii) providing mutual assistance in the fields of IT, Computer Science, Mathematics & Science;
- xiii) any other activity as agreed by both Signatories.

Article II

The substance, scope and implementation of activities or cooperation within the terms of this Educational Exchange Programme (EEP) may be the subject of more specific arrangements concluded between selected institutions in the two countries on the basis of and within the provisions of mutually agreed Educational Exchange Programme.

Article III

Nothing will diminish the full autonomy of either Signatory , nor will any constraints or financial obligations be imposed by either Signatory upon the other, in carrying out the Educational Exchange Programme.

Article IV

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

Article V

The Signatories will establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Programme. The Joint Working Group will be chaired, by a representative of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia with participation by other agencies as appropriate. The Joint Working Group will be chaired, by a representative of the Department of Secondary & Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Republic of India with the participation by other agencies as appropriate. The Joint Working Group will meet alternately in India and Croatia as the Signatories mutually determine to review the implementation of this Programme.

Article VI

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

Article VII

The Educational Exchange Programme will become effective on the day of its signing and will remain in force for a period of five years. Each Signatory reserves the right, for reasons of security, public order or health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this EEP. It shall be automatically renewed for a further period of five years, unless one of the Signatories declares its intention to terminate the Programme by a written declaration before six months of the expiry of the Programme.

Signed in New Delhi on this 19th day of April 2006 in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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