



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
CONCERNING COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

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RECALLING the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada concerning Cooperation in Higher Education*, signed at Toronto on 27 June 2010 and the India-Canada Joint Statement of 17 November 2009 in which both sides recognized education as an area of new momentum and underlined the need to facilitate mutually beneficial linkages in science, technology and innovation, as well as build synergies between institutions of higher learning in India and Canada,

ACKNOWLEDGING the crucial contribution of higher education and training to the development of human resources capable of participating in the global knowledge-based economy,

RECOGNIZING that cooperation in higher education may complement other relevant cooperation initiatives between India and Canada,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the efforts of the Shastri Indo-Canadian institute to promote bilateral education linkages since 1968,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the institutional cooperation established in the Canadian International Development Agency-funded program (Canada-India Institutional Cooperation Project) in the area of higher education,

CONSIDERING the full respect for the legislative power of the Government of the Republic of India and the states and territories of India and the full respect for the legislative power of the provinces and territories of Canada in the field of education and training, and the autonomy of the higher education and training institutions,

EXPRESSING their intention to strengthen their relations through cooperative activities, information exchange and coordination of their respective programs,

HAVE COME to the following understanding:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) complements other bilateral instruments of cooperation, including the *Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada*, done at Toronto on 18 November 2005.
2. The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada will encourage the continued development of the contacts and cooperation between the higher education institutions of the two countries, based on their respective academic, scientific and education needs through this MOU and arrangements between educational institutions of both countries.
3. The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada understand that activities which may be carried out may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - (i) exchanges of undergraduate, graduate and vocational students, and post-doctoral fellows;
 - (ii) short-term awards for faculty and graduate student research and curriculum development;
 - (iii) doctoral studies at Indian and Canadian universities;
 - (iv) academic mobility in support of the objectives of this MOU;
 - (v) joint organization of work-shops, seminars or other meetings;
 - (vi) joint organization of special technical programs;
 - (vii) specialist training and professional and academic development activities;
 - (viii) exchange of research materials, publications, educational literature, teaching aids, demonstration material and information;
 - (ix) twinning arrangements between institutions of higher learning;
 - (x) setting up of educational and training programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
 - (xi) exploration of means to facilitate mutual recognition of educational qualifications;

- (xii) promotion of teaching and research in India about Canada and in Canada about India;
 - (xiii) mutual assistance in education in the fields of educational planning and management, social science, informational technology, computer science, mathematics, science nanotechnology and bio-technology;
 - (xiv) reciprocal internship programs in areas of mutual interest, such as in mathematical sciences research;
 - (xv) policy dialogue in areas of mutual interest; and
 - (xvi) any other activity as mutually determined by both the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada.
4. (a) The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada will establish a Joint Working Group to oversee this MOU and its implementation.
- (b) The Government of Canada will designate a representative of its Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada to co-chair the Joint Working Group and the Government of the Republic of India will designate a representative of its Ministry of Human Resource Development to co-chair the Joint Working Group, with participation by other government ministries, other levels of government and sector organizations as appropriate.
- (c) The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada understand that the Joint Working Group will meet alternately in Canada and India at least once every two years or as they may otherwise mutually determine.
5. The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada will implement this MOU according to relevant Indian and Canadian laws.
6. The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada will resolve any difference in the interpretation and application of this MOU through consultations.

7. (a) This MOU will take effect upon its signature by the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada and will remain effective for a period of five years.
- (b) This MOU will automatically be renewed for further period of 5 years at a time on its expiry date unless written notice otherwise given by a Government to the other.
- (c) The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada may modify this MOU upon their mutual consent.
- (d) Either the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Canada may terminate this MOU by giving a ninety day written notice to the other government. Any such termination will not affect projects and scholarships already underway, unless otherwise decided by both governments.

SIGNED in two originals at *Delhi* on this *23rd* day of *February* 2018, in the English, French and Hindi languages, each version being equally valid.



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