

**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH,
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Education and Research, Government of the Republic of Estonia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

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 countries in the field of education would be mutually beneficial;

Recalling the Agreement on Cooperation in the spheres of Culture, Education, Science, Sports, Arts, Mass-Media, Tourism and Youth Affairs between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Estonia signed on 15th October, 1993 at New Delhi, India;

Have agreed as follows:

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. 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) development of bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- ix) preparing an agreement on mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
- x) setting up of chairs on contemporary studies;
- xi) provision of scholarships for further education in recognized institutions of higher education;
- xii) provision of mutual assistance in the fields of Information Technology, Computer Science, mathematics & science;
- xiii) any other activity agreed by both Parties.

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 the present Educational Exchange Programme.

Article III

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

Article IV

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

Article V

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Programme. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired on behalf of the Government of Estonia by a representative of the Ministry of Education and Research, and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of India, by a representative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, along with the participation of representatives of other agencies of the parties, as appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall meet alternately in India and Estonia as the Parties may mutually decide to review the

implementation of this Programme. The meeting can be replaced, if needed, by consultations through diplomatic channels.

Article VI

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

Article VII

The Educational Exchange Programme shall become operational on the date of signing by both 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 EEP. 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 Programme by a written declaration before six months of the expiry of the Programme.

Done at **New Delhi** on the **15th October 2013** in two original copies each in English, Hindi and Estonian languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.

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