

**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS  
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius (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 the countries in the field of education would be mutually beneficial;

Recalling the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Culture between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius signed on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1973;

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) curriculum development, writing of textbooks, instructional design, evaluation of curriculum material, 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 and assistance in the field of teacher training in the context of special educational needs;
- v) exchange of academic and other administrative staff;
- vi) exchange of scholars, teachers, experts and students;
- vii) twinning arrangements between institutions of higher learning;
- viii) development of bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- ix) examination of the possibility of mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
- x) setting up of chairs on contemporary studies;
- xi) providing scholarships for further education in recognized institutions of higher learning;
- xii) providing mutual assistance in the fields of Information Technology, Computer Science, Mathematics & Science;
- xiii) any other activity as agreed by both the 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 EEP.

## **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 EEP.



#### **Article IV**

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

#### **Article V**

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this EEP. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of India by a representative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Mauritius by a representative of the Ministry of Education, 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 Mauritius as the Parties may mutually decide, to review the implementation of this EEP. The meeting may be replaced, if needed, by consultations through diplomatic channel.

#### **Article VI**

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

#### **Article VII**

This EEP shall come into force on the date of signature by both the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years. The Parties reserve the right, for reasons of national security, public order or public health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this EEP. Upon the expiry of the five-year period following the coming into force of this EEP, it shall automatically be renewed for further periods of five years at a time, unless one of the Parties declares its intention to terminate this EEP by a written declaration six months prior to the expiry of a given five-year period. Where one of the Parties declares its intention to terminate this EEP and this EEP is terminated in accordance with this Article, any ongoing project under this EEP shall be brought to full completion, as if this EEP were still in force.

Done at **New Delhi** on the **7<sup>th</sup> February 2012** in two original copies, each in English and Hindi languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.

For the Government of the  
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