

EDUCATION COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF NEW ZEALAND

The Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Education of New Zealand (the Participants);

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 their countries in the field of education would be mutually beneficial;

Have reached the following Arrangement

1. The Participants may undertake all or some of the following activities.
 - i. exchange of information on education and training systems and policies in each country, including information relevant to interpretation and evaluation of qualifications;
 - ii. dialogue between officials on matters relevant to this Arrangement, as provided under Paragraph 6; and
 - iii. within the context of the respective education systems, facilitation of other forms of cooperation as may be mutually determined.

2. The Participants will encourage, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between the educational institutions of the two Countries , based on their respective academic research and educational needs. This cooperation 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 learning;
- viii) setting up of education/training programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- ix) setting up of chairs on contemporary studies;
- x) providing scholarships for further education in recognized institutions of higher learning;
- xi) providing mutual assistance in education in the fields of information technology, computer science, mathematics & science;
- xii) any other activity as mutually determined by the educational institutions of both countries.

3. The substance, scope and implementation of activities or cooperation within the terms of the Arrangement may be the subject of more specific arrangements concluded between institutions in the two countries on the basis of and within the provisions of the present Arrangement.

4. Nothing will diminish the full autonomy of either Participant, nor will any constraints or financial obligations be imposed by either Participant upon the other, in carrying out the Arrangement.

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

6. The Participants will establish a Joint Working Group to oversee the Arrangement. The Joint Working Group will be chaired, on behalf of the Ministry of Education of New Zealand by a representative of the Ministry of Education, and on behalf of the Ministry of Human Resources Development of the Republic of India by a representative of the Department of Secondary & Higher Education, with participation by other government ministries and sector organisations as appropriate. The Joint Working Group will meet alternately in India and New Zealand at least once biennially or as the Participants may otherwise mutually determine, to review the outcomes of the Arrangement.

7. Either Participant may request in writing for a revision or amendment of the Arrangement. Any revision or amendment agreed to by both Participants shall be received in writing and will form part of the Arrangement. Such revision or amendment will come into effect on such date as may be determined by both Participants

8. The Arrangement will come into effect on the date of signing by both the Participants and will remain in effect for a period of five years. Each participant reserves the right, for reasons of security, public order or health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Arrangement. It will be automatically renewed for a further period of five years at a time, unless one of the participants gives the other Participant six months' notice in writing of its wish to terminate the Arrangement.

Signed at New Delhi on 19th April 2005 in two original copies in English, and Hindi, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Human Resource
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