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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

AND

RESEARCH FOR RESURGENCE  
FOUNDATION

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(29<sup>th</sup> June 2020, आषाढ शुक्ल नवमी विक्रम संवत् २०७७)

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**This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and executed at (Place) on this date of 29<sup>th</sup> June, of the year 2020 which is (Bharatiya Calendar आषाढ शुक्ल नवमी विक्रम संवत् २०७७) by and between:**

All India Council for Technical Education (hereinafter called "AICTE"), a statutory body of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, established under the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987, having its registered office at Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110070 (which expression shall, where the context so admits, be deemed to include its executors, administrators and assigns) be the First Party.

And

**Research for Resurgence Foundation**, Sheshadri Sadan, Tulsibaug Marg, Mahal, Nagpur, Maharashtra-440032 (Bharat) (*Hereinafter referred as RFRF*) which is founded by voluntary organization Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Nagpur (which expression shall, where the context so admits, be deemed to include its executors, administrators and assigns) be the Second Party.

**RFRF** and AICTE are referred to individually as a "**Party**" and collectively as "**Parties**". Both Parties have reached the following intent to collaboration as per below described articles of this MOU.

**AICTE:**

All India Council For Technical Education Act 1987 (No 52 of 1987 as passed by both the Houses of Parliament) to provide for the establishment of an All India Council for Technical Education with a view to proper planning and co-ordinated development of a technical education system throughout the country, the promotion of qualitative improvements of such education in relation to planned quantitative growth, and regulation & proper maintenance of norms and standards in the technical education system and for the matters connected therewith.



**RFRF:**

RFRF is founded by voluntary organization Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal. The core objective of RFRF is to bring paradigm shift in research outcome, research methodology and innovation based technologies, ensuring Bharatiya prospective, philosophy and applicability.

- The RFRF has functional dimensions to strengthen and synchronize Research, Researchers, Resources and Reach.
- The RFRF is a multi-domain Research Institute and a network hub of research and allied activities in academics and industrial sector
- RFRF currently in engaged in active co-ordination with 75 Universities and Institutes for taking up Research Projects

**PURPOSE of MoU:**

RFRF and AICTE are interested in working together with mutual collaboration to give each other's strengths in faculty development programme, student development programme, institutional capacity building and research etc. Now therefore the parties hereto have agreed to enter into a memorandum of understanding considering the long term benefits of sharing the knowledge and resources and establish a strong collaboration, by undertaking joint responsibilities and activities in their respective field of excellence, research, resources, knowledge and expertise.



## 1. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The parties hereby agree to work collaboratively on following points for the effective and efficient engagement by fulfilling the purpose of this MoU. The mutually agreed **activities** by and between the parties are as under:

- a) RFRF to act as knowledge partner of AICTE and share its expertise in various activities of AICTE. AICTE to include RFRF into various programmes of AICTE related to faculty & student development, institutional capacity building, Research and Innovation development.
- b) To mutually develop specific projects such as (but not limited) to environmentally sustainable campuses, online teaching and evaluations etc.
- c) Some specific activities wherein RFRF can participate include but not limited to AICTE Quality Improvement Schemes (AQIS), Social/ Rural Internship, AICTE Activity point Programme under AICTE Internship Policy.
- d) To work together for implementing One Student One Tree, Jal Shakti Abhiyan and EBSB programmes of AICTE successfully across the country.
- e) To design and conduct jointly with RFRF, entrepreneurship development program for Institute students/faculties.
- f) To conduct capacity building programme for faculty members, International conclaves, National conclaves on issues of higher education for quality improvement and conferences, workshops on emerging field of technologies for stake holders.
- g) Actively participate in identifying research problem statement and sharing then with AICTE approved QIP (PhD) and NDF centres
- h) Any other activity mutually agreed between the parties.



## 2. A CO-ORDINATION AND NODAL OFFICER

Both entities shall mutually decide and designate a nodal officer. The nodal officer will have responsibility for fulfilling the objectives of this agreement and also will carry out all activities mutually agreed by the parties.

**Confidentiality:** RFRF and AICTE agree to hold in confidence all information/data designated as confidential, which is obtained/disclosed from the disclosing Party and will not disclose the same to any third party without written consent of the other Party except that provided for under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

**Steering Committee:** A Steering Committee comprising officials of both parties shall be created to review the progress of the collaborative projects on a periodical basis. The said Committee will handle only exceptional matters pertaining to the program. The composition and frequency of convening shall be decided mutually by both parties.

**Collaboration:** The parties acknowledge and agree that areas of collaboration as listed here in are not exhaustive in nature and the parties shall in good faith, negotiate to elaborate upon the areas of collaboration along with the rights, responsibilities and obligations of each party in relation to each of the areas of collaboration. The parties may, from time to time, execute addenda or modifications to this MoU to incorporate such additional scope of collaborations or discussions.

**Non-Exclusive:** The Parties acknowledge and agree that the areas of collaboration under this MoU are being undertaken on a non-exclusive basis and either Party shall be free to enter into or consummate transactions similar to the areas of collaboration with other parties in India or elsewhere maintaining the confidentiality of the parties.



**Term and Termination:** The term of this MoU shall be for a period of three years from the date of execution, unless terminated earlier by a written notice of thirty (30) days by a Party seeking such termination to the other Party, hereto. However, all commitments and obligations till the date of termination will be honoured by both the parties. The Parties may further extend the MOU with mutual written consent, in order to ensure continued inputs from AICTE in light of changing trends and environment in the area of collaboration for this MOU. As part of subsequent extensions, the Parties may agree to make amendment in the MOU.

**Changes:** Alterations or modifications to this MoU may arise during the course of the program and any such changes shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties. No changes or additions hereof to this MoU shall be binding on either party unless set forth in writing and executed by the respective duly authorised representative of both parties.

**Liability:** Both parties agree that they are not liable to each other, or any other party not entering into the said MoU, for any damages including any special, incidental, consequential, or indirect damages arising from any claims arising out of this MoU.

**Compliances:** Each Party agrees to perform its activities in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations that are in force at that time or as revised from time to time.

**Dispute Resolution:** Any and all disagreements / differences / disputes arising hereunder shall be resolved amicably by the designated senior executives / officers of the good offices of both Parties.

This MoU contains the entire understanding between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior arrangements, understandings and agreements, written



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MoU by their duly authorized representatives.

For,

Research for Resurgence Foundation,  
Nagpur

All India Council of Technical  
Education, New Delhi

Sign [Signature] 29/6/20  
Name Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi.  
Designation President

Sign [Signature]  
Name Rajive Kumar  
Designation Member Secretary

**Witnessed by:**

Sign [Signature]  
Name Prof. Unnat Pandit  
Designation Trustee, RFRF

Sign [Signature]  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Designation \_\_\_\_\_

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