

# TWINNING AGREEMENT

2017 - 2020

Between

*National Institute of Technology Raipur*

And

*Vishwavidyalaya Engineering College Lakhanpur*

*National Institute of Technology, Raipur and Vishwavidyalaya Engineering College, Lakhanpur (hereafter the "Parties") have jointly agreed to enter this Twinning Agreement (hereafter the "Agreement") establishing the basis for their further cooperation and agree upon the following terms and conditions.*

## **PART I**

### Principles

1. The Agreement develops an institutional (or departmental) relationship whereby the Parties recognize each other as Twinning Partners and the Agreement as mutually beneficial.
2. The Agreement recognizes both Parties as independent institutions.
3. The success of the Agreement is based on well-defined shared expectations, flexibility in approach and regular monitoring and evaluation of performance.

## **PART II**

### **Areas of Cooperation**

4. The Agreement aims to facilitate and foster collaboration between the Parties.
5. The areas of cooperation can include, subject to mutual consent, knowledge transfer, exchange of experience and long-term strategic partnerships between the Parties' Board of Governors (BoG), leadership or management, faculty or students.
6. (FOR ATUs) This General Agreement creates formal linkages between the Parties and provides a broad framework for collaborative activities. All colleges and administrative units can negotiate activities with partner institutes in Supplemental Agreements.
7. Activities or programs undertaken as part of this Agreement can include:
  - a. Reciprocal faculty, staff and student exchange programs for training and academic development
  - b. Departmental partnerships for joint research activities emphasizing applied research and technological development
  - c. Seminars, academic meetings and conferences for students and faculty to share research, discuss technological advancements and employability of students in the dynamic industrial and business environment
  - d. Industry partnerships for joint R&D, internships and placement activities

- e. Seminars and learning forums on improving governance practices, institutional management and academic and non-academic reforms
  - f. Short-term advisory or consultancy services
  - g. Other activities as deemed mutually appropriate.
8. The Parties agree to make all reasonable efforts to promote the reputation of each other and, in particular, to promote the collaborative provisions and activities developed through the Agreement.

### PART III

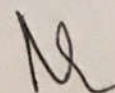
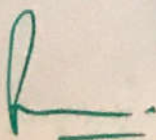
#### Implementation and Review

9. The budget, timeline and deliverables for activities and programs undertaken and the terms of mutual assistance shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of any particular activity or program.
10. Clear roles and responsibilities will be articulated and assigned for each activity/program along with expected outcomes and indicators used to evaluate the progress and outcome of each activity/program in both Parties. Indicators of successful accomplishment can include the following:
  - a. Increase in research output (in terms of publications and patents)
  - b. Improvement in faculty pedagogical practices
  - c. Increase in student graduation rates
  - d. Improved Placement Index (Quality of placement & placement package)
  - e. Joint activities with industry
  - f. Enhanced support to students need
  - g. Improvement in GATE Score
  - h. Development of institutional strategic plan reviewed by external experts
  - i. Published annual report on institutional performance
  - j. Other indicators as deemed mutually appropriate.
11. An annual report describing activities, accomplishments, outputs and outcomes, implementation challenges and corrective plans, will be prepared by both parties and presented to the BoG of both institutions and to MHRD.

### PART IV

#### Extension and Termination

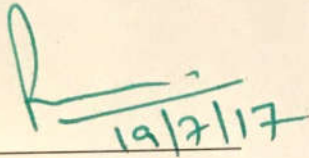
12. The Agreement will remain in force for a period of three years, and may be amended/modified at any time by the written mutual consent of the Parties and in discussion with the Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD) and the National Project Implementation Unit (NPIU).
13. Activities under this Agreement will be reviewed in YYYY by an external group of experts and a decision to extend, amend or terminate the Agreement will be made at that time.
14. Either party reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon the provision of written notice and after discussion with MHRD and NPIU. The Parties agree that termination action will be implemented in such a way as to avoid negatively affecting continuing and recently initiated activities.



15. In case of any dispute, the Parties shall seek to resolve these by negotiation. In the event that a dispute cannot be resolved, it shall be referred to an independent mediator on whom the Parties have mutually agreed (including NPIU and MHRD) and whose decision they agree to accept and carry out.

This Agreement shall take effect on the date of final signature indicated below and in witness whereof; the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

National Institute of Technology Raipur

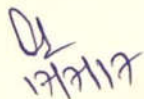
  
19/7/17

Name/Designation

Date

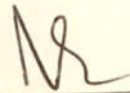


Draft Copy as received

  
19/7/17

Vishwavidyalaya Engineering

College Lakhanpur



Name/Designation

Date

Dr. R.N. Khare  
PRINCIPAL

19/7/2017

PRINCIPAL

Vishwavidyalaya Engineering College  
Sarguja University, Amikapur (C.C.)