

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

The Government of India and the Government of the Republic of Armenia (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 & Science between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Armenia signed on 14.12.1995;

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 learning;
- viii) setting up of educational/training institutions and to further develop bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- ix) examine 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 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 the Republic of India by a representative of the Department of Secondary & Higher Education, Ministry of Human

Resource Development with the participation by other agencies as appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Armenia by a representative of the Ministry of Education with participation by other agencies as appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall meet alternately in India and Armenia at least once annually or as the Parties may otherwise mutually determine to review the implementation of this Programme.

Article VI

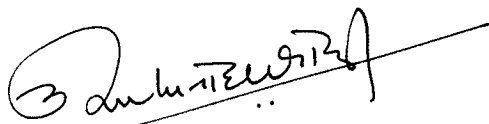
Either Party may request in writing for a revision of or amendment of this Programme. Any revision or amendment agreed to by both Parties shall be received in writing and shall form part of this programme. Such revision or amendment shall come into effect on such date as may be determined by both Parties.

Article VII

The Educational Exchange Programme shall become operational on the date of signing by both the 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 3rd October 2002 in two original copies in English language. Original copies in Armenian and Hindi language will be signed and exchanged through diplomatic channels.

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