

**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA ON COOPERATION
IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

The Government of India and the Government of Australia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"); recalling the Agreement on cooperation in the field of culture and science between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Australia signed on 21st October 1971 have reached the following understandings.

1. The Parties will encourage, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between the educational institutions of the two countries, based on their respective academic and educational needs. This Educational Exchange Programme (hereinafter referred to as "the EEP") 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

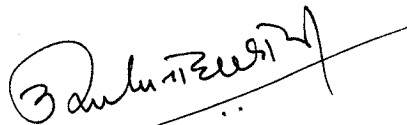
institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;

- 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 mutually determined by both Parties.
2. The substance, scope and implementation of activities or cooperation within the terms of the 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 EEP.
 3. 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.
 4. The costs of the co-operative activities under the EEP will be funded on terms to be mutually determined and will be subject to the availability of funds.
 5. The Parties will establish a Joint Working Group to implement the EEP. The Joint Working Group will be chaired, on behalf of the Government of Australia by a representative of the Department of Education, Science and Training, and 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 along with the participation of representatives of the other agencies of the parties as appropriate. The Joint Working Group will meet alternately in India and Australia at least once every two years or as the Parties may otherwise mutually determine, to review the implementation of the EEP.

6. Either Party may request in writing for a revision of or amendment of the EEP. Any revision or amendment mutually consented to by both Parties will be received in writing and will form part of the EEP. Such revision or amendment will come into effect on such date as may be determined by both Parties.
7. The EEP will become operational on the date of signing by both the Parties and will 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 the EEP. It will be automatically renewed for a further period of five years at a time, unless one of the parties declares its intention to terminate the EEP by a written declaration before six months of the expiry of the EEP.

Signed at New Delhi on 23 October 2003 in two original copies in English and Hindi languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

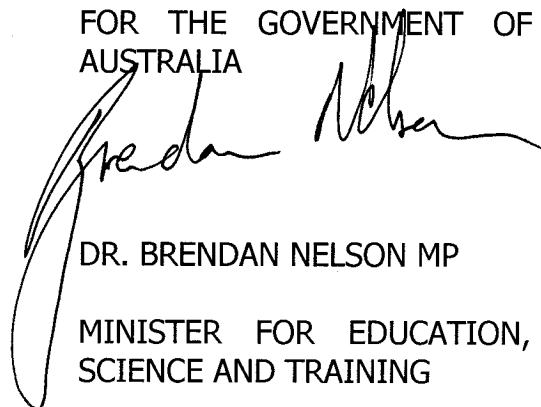
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