



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

A Land Grant University and a leading Research institution of United States
(Virginia Tech)

AND

Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology, (CIPET)

A premier Academic and Research Institution for higher & technical education under the Ministry
of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India

This MOU is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging research scholars, students, academic information, and materials in the belief that the research and educational process at both institutions will be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective research scholars and students will be increased by the establishment of such exchange programs.

1. The institutions agree to encourage the development of the following Activities based on their respective academic and educational needs:
 - Organization of joint research and educational programs
 - Organization of other academic exchanges beneficial to both Institutions
 - Exchange of research faculty
 - Enriching student experience through Exchange of students (undergraduate and/or graduate)
 - Joint supervision of Masters. and Ph.D. students
 - Exchange of academic information and materials
 - Organization of joint conferences/Seminars

2. The parties recognize that the implementation of any exchange program will depend upon the academic interests and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of any activities as detailed in Section 1 above shall be separately negotiated by both Institutions and set forth in a separate written document.

3. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution or will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.
4. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both Institutions affix their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of 3 years and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, although it is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.
5. Virginia Tech India and CIPET Chennai will act as coordinators towards working on the various aspects mentioned in this MOU.



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