

**Educational Exchange Programme  
between the  
Ministry of Human Resource Development of the  
Republic of India  
and the  
Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation**

The Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Taking into account the mutual interest in promoting the cooperation in the field of education;

Convinced that strengthening of educational ties of both states will contribute to better mutual understanding between the two peoples;

Pursuant to the national laws and regulations, as well as the procedures and policies concerning educational cooperation in their respective states;

Recalling the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of India on Cultural and Scientific Cooperation concluded on January 28, 1993;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

The objective of this Educational Exchange Programme (EEP) is to develop educational cooperation on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit, and to promote relations and mutual understanding between the Parties in this field.

**Article 2**

The Parties shall consider the following educational programmes as priority spheres of cooperation:

- a. General education, secondary vocational education;
- b. Higher education, post-graduate education.

The Parties shall cooperate in the following areas:

- a. the development of direct contacts between the Russian and Indian educational institutions concerned;
- b. the exchange of experiences and cooperation in the sphere of teaching of pure sciences at the basic educational level as well as exchanges of personnel to conduct teaching in this field;
- c. the exchange of positive experiences on raising quality of education of specialists;
- d. the exchange of students, teachers and administrative staffs for learning and sharing experiences;
- e. the exchange of information about the educational programmes and educational standards of all levels of education in both states;
- f. the mutual recognition of documents related to academic degrees, qualification and accreditation, issued by the educational institutions of both states;
- g. the exchange of information and the organization of seminars, conferences and exhibitions on the development of science, educational systems, improvement of pedagogical technologies, teaching and methodical work in the educational institutions of both states;
- h. the participation of students in international contests on basic subjects organized by each state;
- i. the encouragement of the studying and teaching of the national languages of the respective states and literature in educational establishments of the Russian Federation and the Republic of India;
- j. other areas and study programmes as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

### Article 3

The cooperation under this EEP may be implemented by specific arrangements concluded by educational institutions and subject to the

availability of funds.

In the course of exchange of delegations within the framework of this EEP, the sending Party shall bear the travel expenses, accommodation and other expenses of the delegation in the state of the receiving Party, unless specifically agreed upon by the Parties.

The expenses covering cooperative activities within the framework of this EEP shall be borne as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

#### Article 4

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to facilitate, monitor and review the implementation of this EEP regularly.

The Joint Working Group shall be co-chaired by the representatives of the Parties with participation of other interested agencies of the states of the Parties as appropriate, and shall ordinarily meet biennially or when required in the Russian Federation or the Republic of India alternately. Matters related to agriculture, medical and para-medical education will be coordinated on the Indian side respectively by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

#### Article 5

Each Party shall not publish or transfer to a third party information received or created within the framework of this EEP and concerning which the requirement of confidentiality is established by the other Party without prior written consent of the other Party.

#### Article 6

This EEP may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties. Such amendment shall enter into force on a date as may be determined by the Parties and shall form an integral part of this EEP.

#### Article 7

Any disputes arising out concerning the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this EEP shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Article 8

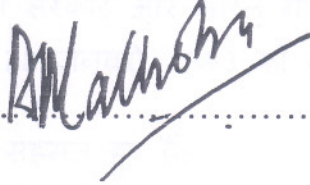
This EEP shall enter into force on the date of its signing.

This EEP shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically extended for further five year periods unless either Party has notified the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate it at least six months prior to the expiry of a consecutive five year period.

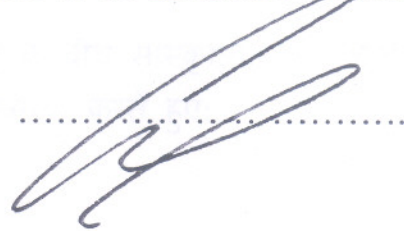
The termination of this EEP shall not affect the validity and duration of any on-going arrangements and programmes made under this EEP and not finished by the date of this termination.

Done in Moscow on December 16, 2011, in two originals each, in Hindi, Russian, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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Resource Development of the  
Republic of India

  
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