

JOINT DECLARATION BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS OF CZECH REPUBLIC
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

The Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Czech Republic (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 between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Czech Republic on cooperation in the Sphere of Culture, Education and Science, signed in Prague on October 11, 1996;

Whereas as follows:

Article 1

The Parties express their intention to encourage, according to their resources, the development of contacts and cooperation between the educational institutions of the two countries, based on their respective academic and educational needs. These may include all or some of the following activities:

- a) exchange of research materials, publications, educational literature, teaching aids, demonstration material and information;
- b) organization of joint conferences, exhibitions and seminars;
- c) organization of joint research projects at the institutions of higher education;
- d) organization of training programmes for educational administrators and teachers;

- e) exchange of academic and other administrative staff;
- f) exchange of teachers, experts and students;
- g) twinning arrangements between institutions of higher learning;
- h) develop bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- i) examine the possibility of mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
- j) setting up of chairs on contemporary studies;
- k) providing scholarships for further education in recognized institutions of higher learning;
- l) providing mutual assistance in the fields of Information Technology, Computer Science, Mathematics & science;
- m) any other activity as agreed by both the Parties.

Article 2

The Parties acknowledge that the substance, scope and implementation of activities or cooperation within the terms of this Joint Declaration may be the subject of more specific arrangements to be agreed between selected institutions in the two countries on the basis of and within the provisions of the present Joint Declaration.

Article 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 Joint Declaration.

Article 4

The costs of the co-operative activities under this Declaration shall be funded on terms to be mutually determined and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article 5

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Declaration. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired by a representative of the Ministry of Human

Resource Development of the Republic of India and by a representative of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, along with the participation of representatives of the other agencies of the parties, as appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall meet alternately in the Republic of India and the Czech Republic as the Parties may mutually decide to review the implementation of this Declaration. The meeting can be conducted – if needed – by consultations through diplomatic channel.

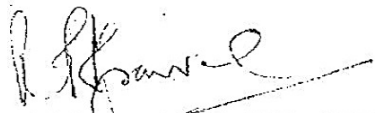
Article 6

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

Article 7

The Joint Declaration 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 Declaration. 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 Declaration by a written declaration before six months of the expiry of the Declaration.

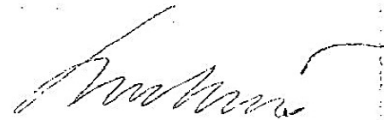
Done at Prague on 28th April 2009 in two original copies each in English, Hindi and Czech languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.



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