

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
TECHNICAL TEACHERS TRAINING AND RESEARCH (NITTTR), CHANDIGARH
AND
RAJASTHAN GRAMEEN AJEEVIKA VIKAS PARISHAD (RAJEEVIKA),
"RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT", GOVT. OF RAJASTHAN
FOR ESTABLISHING EXTENSION CENTRE AT RAJASTHAN

1. PREAMBLE

National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chandigarh (hereinafter referred to as NITTTR, Chandigarh) was established in the year 1967 by Ministry of Education (Erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource and Development), Government of India with several objectives viz. training teachers of polytechnics (and Engineering Colleges, as added later on) through different types of courses, fostering and promoting research in improving classroom and laboratory instruction, preparing and supplying teaching aids and instructional materials, associating with other academic bodies of technical education to achieve quality improvement in academic programmes, collaborating with institutions and organizations in India and abroad having similar objectives and functions, and interacting with industries in formulating training programmes of mutual interest. NITTTR Chandigarh has Rural development Department which specifically works for community development and conduct activities for the development of rural areas.

Rajasthan Grameen Ajeevika Vikas Parishad (Rajeevika), Rural Development Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, Rajasthan (hereinafter referred to as Rajeevika, Rural Development Department, Rajasthan) was registered under Rajasthan Societies Act-1958 in 2011. Hon'ble Chief Minister is the Chairman of the Society, Chief Secretary, GoR is the Chairman of the Empowered Committee and State Mission Director (LPs & SHGs) is the Member Secretary of the Society. All rural livelihood programmes in the State are implemented under the aegis of the Rajeevika. Main activities of Rajeevika, Rajasthan is Conceiving effective poverty alleviation schemes and getting them funded from the State Government, Government of India, and other Funding Agencies and bringing about effective convergence amongst government and non government initiatives being undertaken for rural development. Also Rajeevika helps to facilitate formation and strengthening of SHGs, producers organization, community development organizations, federations of SHGs and facilitate promotion of small and micro enterprises in the areas of farm and non-farm sectors for income enhancement of the poor.

Recognizing the importance of integrated development initiatives for rural women and the need for collaboration between NITTTR, Chandigarh, and Rajeevika, Rural Development Department of the Government of Rajasthan have come together to foster comprehensive development opportunities for rural women in Rajasthan.

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The said contract is being made only so that the members of self help groups formed in large numbers by Rajeevika can be benefited by giving them general orientation and orientation in specific skills.

NITTTR, Chandigarh and Rajeevika, Rural Development Department, Rajasthan accordingly enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as given below.

2. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

The primary objective of this MoU is to facilitate collaborative efforts between NITTIR and the Rural Development Department of Rajasthan for the integrated development of rural women. This partnership aims to empower rural women through various initiatives focusing on skill development, entrepreneurship, education, and financial assistance.

- 2.1 **Technical Support:** NITTTR will provide technical expertise and support for the development of rural areas, focusing on Sustainable Agriculture related R&D, innovation, and technology adoption to enhance the livelihood opportunities for rural women. NITTTR also will provide technical support for organizing training programmes on Sustainable Development, Environmental Sustainability, Moral Values and Universal Human Values, Awareness programs for youth to prevent drug addiction, etc.
- 2.2 **Financial Assistance:** The Rural Development Department, Govt. of Rajasthan will extend financial support to empower rural women through initiatives such as self-employment schemes, education incentives, and access to credit facilities.
- 2.3 **Training and Capacity Building:** Both parties will facilitate training programs aimed at enhancing the skills and capabilities of rural women in areas such as entrepreneurship, vocational skills, and sustainable agricultural practices.
- 2.4 **Product Development and Marketing:** Support will be provided to rural women in developing and marketing their products, thereby improving their market access and income generation opportunities.
- 2.5 **Awareness about Government Scheme:** Efforts will be made to raise awareness among rural women about various government schemes and programs, and assist them in availing the benefits thereof.
- 2.6 **Entrepreneurship Development:** Training programs focused on fostering entrepreneurial skills among rural women, including business planning, financial management, and marketing strategies.
- 2.7 **Vocational Skills Training:** Skill development programs to equip rural women with market-relevant skills in sectors such as handicrafts, agriculture, healthcare and nutrition, animal husbandry, and food processing.

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- 2.8 **Sustainable Agriculture Practices:** Workshops and demonstrations on sustainable farming techniques, organic farming practices, and water conservation methods to enhance agricultural productivity and income generation.
- 2.9 **Technology Adoption:** Training sessions on the use of modern technologies and tools relevant to rural livelihoods, such as digital literacy, e-commerce platforms, and agri-tech solutions.
- 2.10 **Leadership and Empowerment:** Capacity-building workshops aimed at enhancing leadership skills, self-confidence, and decision-making abilities among rural women, enabling them to take active roles in community development initiatives.
- 2.11 **Social entrepreneurship:** Social entrepreneurship is all about using entrepreneurial principles to create positive change in society. It's about identifying social problems and coming up with innovative solutions that are sustainable and impactful. Whether it's addressing poverty, education, healthcare, or environmental issues, social entrepreneurs aim to make a difference while also generating revenue to sustain their initiatives.

Both the Institutions shall extend mutual support as detailed under section 3 and 4.

3. COMMITMENT BY NITTTR, CHANDIGARH

- 3.1 NITTTR Chandigarh will be responsible for arrangement of resource faculty for the training programmes for women led development programmes as well as programmes on Sustainable Development, Environmental Sustainability, Moral Values and Universal Human Values etc., dissemination of instructional material and general conduct of the programmes which would be jointly identified from time to time.
- 3.2 NITTTR Chandigarh will ensure the empowerment of women towards digital and social media.
- 3.3 NITTTR, Chandigarh will create small video films on various schemes for women empowerment and development in rural areas.
- 3.4 NITTTR Chandigarh shall provide necessary technical support for improvement in infrastructure facilities e.g. classroom, conference hall, laboratories, library etc. that may be necessary for smooth conduct of the programmes.
- 3.5 NITTTR Chandigarh will offer free lodging and boarding in its guest house to the officials from Rajeevika, Rural Development Department, Rajasthan coming to Chandigarh for any discussion regarding Rural women development
- 3.6 NITTTR Chandigarh will bear the travelling expenses of its own faculty/experts and staffs going to conduct the mutually agreed programmes at Rajeevika, Rajasthan.

4. COMMITMENT BY RAJEEVIKA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, GOVT. OF RAJASTHAN

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- 4.1 Rajeevika will be able to benefit from the said training programme by sending its participants to the centre identified by NITTTR.
- 4.2 Rajeevika, Rajasthan will bear the cost of TA/DA of their own officials.
- 4.3 Rajeevika, Rajasthan will ensure at least 30 participants in each course. Minimum 3-5 courses will be conducted per year
- 4.4 Rajeevika, Rajasthan will bear the boarding and lodging expenses of the faculty and experts from NITTTR Chandigarh as well as for the participants of each course
- 4.5 Rajeevika will provide financial support for creating small video films for the rural women.
- 4.6 Rajeevika, Rajasthan will take up joint projects for women empowerment and rural development.

5. TENURE OF THE MOU:

The said MoU shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of agreement and can be further extended on mutual consent. In case of any difference of opinion that may arise during the execution of this MoU in its true spirit, both parties shall make genuine efforts to resolve the same by mutual talks. In case the same persists, either of the party can terminate the MoU by giving a notice of 30 days.

6. FORCE MAJEURE

Notwithstanding any item contained in this MoU, neither party shall be held responsible for actions beyond their control (e.g. natural calamities, law & order situation and so on) and compensation shall not be claimed by either party from other nor shall it be paid. Either party may terminate this MoU in the event a force majeure event subsists for more than thirty (30) days.

7. OPERATIONAL MECHANISM

7.1 Advisory Committee

Decisions regarding collaborative programmes and activities will be taken by the Advisory Committee. The Advisory committee shall have the following constitution.

- i) Dean (Academics and Students), NITTTR Chandigarh
- ii) Professor and Head, IMEE, NITTTR Chandigarh
- iii) Professor and Head, Rural Development Department, NITTTR Chandigarh
- iv) State Project Manager (SI & Gender) Rajeevika
- v) State Project Manager or Project Manager (Non farm), Rajeevika,

Advisory Committee will meet once in 6 months to review and finalize the targets to be achieved in a year as an extension center of NITTTR Chandigarh

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- 7.2 Head of the respective institutions shall be authorized to make decision on behalf of their institutions unless otherwise the execution powers are delegated to any senior official(s).
- 7.3 Both parties will appoint designated representatives to oversee the implementation of activities outlined in this MoU

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each party undertakes to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from, or supplied to the other party during the period of implementation of the MOU or any other agreements made pursuant to this MOU. However, in case of any such circumstances such as R.T.I. or any other legal requirement, each party may do so with intimation to other party

This memorandum shall be deemed as pledge and a statement of intent to foster genuine, workable and mutually beneficial professional collaboration for the socio-economic development of the country.

This MoU is being signed today, the 03rd day of MAY 2024, in the presence of the witnesses

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 Prof. and Head,
 Civil Engineering Department
 NITTTR Chandigarh

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 Dr. Vikram Meena
 (SPM, SI-Gender)
 Rajeevika

Witnesses:

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