

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Is made on this..... Day of APRIL 2020

BETWEEN

Rabindranath Tagore University formerly Known as AISECT University (AU), recognized under Section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act and also recognized by All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), located at Village Mendua, Bhojpur, Raisen-464993 (hereinafter referred to as AU) (which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include its successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns)

AND

Grand Academic Portal (GAP) is an initiative started by veteran academicians to provide a supplementary and complementary element to the existing formal higher education system in India. Of Postal address Grand Academic Portal 7th Floor, 718 Loha Bhavan, Opp. Civil Court, Ashram Road, Ahmadabad - 380058

RNTU & GAP are collectively referred to as “the Parties” and individually “the Party”.

Whereas

Rabindranath Tagore University formerly Known as AISECT University (AU), was established in December 2010 through Madhya Pradesh (MP) Government Gazette notification as the first Private University of Bhopal with a vision to promote a culture of research, innovation and entrepreneurial skills, amongst its students, in order to ensure effective application of knowledge for a secure career. With effective industry linkages, RNTU aims to transform its students into competent, inspired and *successful professionals*, *Research in emerging fields of engineering specially energy, material science smart lighting etc. is one of the focus areas of RNTU.*

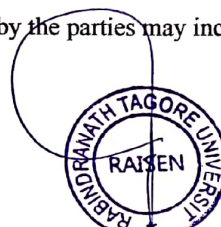
Whereas


Grand Academic Portal (GAP) is an initiative started by veteran academicians to provide a supplementary and complementary element to the existing formal higher education system in India. The founders have collectively envisioned a platform to provide an innovative, free, equal, equitable, collaborative, sustainable, and all-inclusive teaching-learning-pedagogy environment to all the stakeholders of the higher education in India. GAP has its presence in more than ten states of India growing its popularity very fast in foreign countries also. Grand Academic Portal (GAP) is a network group functioning in the field of Higher education in India. It is a platform, having more than one thousand direct and indirect stakeholders who are the professors, faculty members, researchers, industry patrons, lawyers and other highly esteemed professionals from India and abroad. GAP is operational in many areas of higher education like research, consultancy, the publication of books and journals, project management, resource mobilization, faculty development and training and mentoring. There are many sub-bodies under the umbrella of GAP like ISAC (International Society for Applied Commerce) which are catering to these individual verticals.

Now therefore, in mutual consideration as set out in the MoU, the sufficiency and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. RECITALS

1. The parties have mutual interests and intend to undertake cooperative activities to their mutual benefit within the fields of education, training, research and extension in different sectors of knowledge for sustainable development beneficial to both parties.
2. The cooperative activities to be undertaken by the parties may include facilitation of:
 - Education and training
 - Publication and symposia
 - Research and extension programmes





- Supervision of study/research and industry projects
 - Exchange of information for education and research purposes
 - Exchange of staff, students and interns
 - Research and development programmes
 - Education and training programmes
 - Other activities considered by the parties to be of benefit to each party,
3. Faculty Members and Students of RNTU Can participate in following initiatives as per the mutual guidelines decided by both the institutions.
- Can Publish Papers in International peer reviewed Journals of GAP without paying publication charges
 - One or two faculty members can become part of editorial board in GAP International Journals.
 - Can Design Online course which can be uploaded on GAP website.
 - Head of the institute will also be appointed as Advisor of Assessment and accreditation body of GAP which is known as Global Academic Assessment Consortium.
 - Faculty members can work in research projects announced by GAP.
 - Faculty members can take part in book project series of GAP.
 - Faculty members can go as peer member for GAAC Assessment.
 - Students and faculty members can participate in conference, seminar and workshops with 30% less fees.
 - GAP has more than 1000 experts' on board; RNTU can take benefit of their expertise whenever needed.
 - Assessment, Accreditation, online/offline Audit facilities can be provided by GAP without any administrative charges.

2. RELATIONSHIP

2.1 The Parties shall work with each other on a non-exclusive basis without any financial commitment to each other unless otherwise agreed upon between the two Parties for using each other's expertise and resources for any specific Project or Activity prior to its commencement.

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3.1 Nothing contained in this MoU is intended, nor shall it be construed as creating a partnership or joint venture between the Parties, nor as creating or requiring any on-going or continuing relationship or commitment between the Parties, beyond the relationship specially created by this MoU. Unless specifically provided otherwise herein, no Party, or its representative shall be deemed to be a representative, agent or employee of any other Party by contract, by employment or for any purpose whatsoever.

4. PERIOD OF MOU

4.1 This MoU will be effective from date of signature of the parties for a period of Ten years unless terminated prematurely by choice as per provision of termination clause. After the period of Ten years, the MoU may be renewed with mutual consent of both Parties.

5. TERMINATION

5.1 Any of the Parties may terminate this MoU by giving a 90 day notice to the other Party.

