

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Dated the 12th day of May 2017

between

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOOD PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY, THANJAVUR

and

**VIGNAN'S FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY, VADLAMUDI, GUNTUR, ANDRAPRADESH**

This Memorandum of Agreement between the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT), Thanjavur and VFSTR University, Guntur, is intended to facilitate a collaborative program of research, training, curriculum, institutional development, information dissemination, and exchange of faculty, students and staff. The linkage hereby formed shall further strengthen each partner institution's objectives as well as the mutual relationship between the partners.

About Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT)

Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology is a reputed R&D and educational institution under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India. IIFPT offers B. Tech, M. Tech, and Ph. D programs in Food Process Engineering and M. Tech in Food Science and Technology. IIFPT has international standard laboratories including: NABL accredited Food Quality and Safety Testing Laboratory which is also FSSAI referral lab; ISO 9000, 14000 and 22000 Certified Food Processing Business Incubation cum Training Centre; AICTE approved Teaching Laboratories and State-of-Art Hi -Tech Food Processing Research Laboratories. The facilities available at IIFPT are effectively explored through offering hands-on trainings, consultancy services, incubation services, quality testing and R&D support for food industry stake holders. Tailor made programmes are offered for

promotion of cottage level food industries, especially for farmers and women self help groups.

In pursuance of its corporate goals, IIFPT has forged strong links with and between the scientific and industrial community in India and abroad. The Institute has formal agreements with major R&D organizations/Universities for collaborative research, student and faculty exchange programs.

About Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology & Research University (VFSTRU)

VFSTRU is an institute, which provides quality education in a diverse and intellectually stimulating environment. It imparts value addition training to students to make them competent and inspired engineers. The Institute celebrates the power of knowledge, cultivates vision and encourages new ideas, besides aiming to inculcate human values and build awareness about the self and society around.

The Institute is well known for its dedicated faculty, state-of-the-art infrastructure and excellent Placement Record. As a University, it is in the process of improving its standards to the level of a global technical institution. The latest curriculum has been prepared after consulting the institute's illustrious alumni working across the world, veterans from industry and distinguished academics possessing a rich teaching and research background.

The university has 11 departments offering 17 undergraduate programmes in technical education. It also offers 20 post graduate programmes including MCA and MBA. University acts in accordance to the societal needs and has come forward with starting emerging and innovative courses like Food Technology, Agricultural Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Biomedical Engineering etc. It has tied up with various reputed Academia and Industries for collaboration in Research and Development. It encourages students to undergo practice school in different industries and institutions for making them ready for job. It envisages the overall development of the student to become a true professional in the field of study.

The University also encourages its staff to involve in Research & Development. Faculties are motivated to do research works by own or in collaboration with other institutes.

In addition to internal funding, Institute has bagged many externally funded projects from DST, AICTE, DBT etc.

Educational and academic exchanges are considered here to include but not limited to:

1. Long-term and short-term exchanges of faculty, students, and staff for purposes of teaching and research;
2. Exchange of visiting faculty, students, and staff;
3. Coordination of joint research, lectures, and training;
4. Development of mutually beneficial academic programs, courses, and distance learning facilities;
5. Exchange of documentation and research materials in fields of mutual interest provided that, to the best knowledge of the respective institutions, there is no prohibition at law or otherwise against the exchange; and,
6. Exchange of students for study and research.

whereas

- A. Details of the implementation of any particular student exchange or faculty-related activity resulting from this Memorandum of Understanding shall be negotiated between the two institutions as such specific case may arise and will be outlined in a Supplementary Student Exchange Agreement or Faculty Exchange Agreement between the institutions. Supplementary Agreements are subject always to availability of sufficient funds to the respective institutions.
- B. This Memorandum of Understanding reflects the respective institutions' commitments to both educational and academic exchanges as of the date of the Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or terminated at any time by either party provided that notice of termination or amendment is provided by the notifying party to the other party within thirty (30) days of the date on which the termination or the amendment is intended to become effective. Any amendment or termination shall not have effect on any arrangement in place at the time that the notice is provided, where the arrangement arises from any Supplementary Agreements resulting from this Memorandum of Understanding.

Both institutions subscribe to the policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation.

This Memorandum of understanding will become effective immediately. It shall continue in effect for a period of five years and may be extended by mutual agreement. It may be terminated by either institution upon one-year written notification to the partner institution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed the **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** as of the date first written above.

For and on behalf of
VFSTR UNIVERSITY





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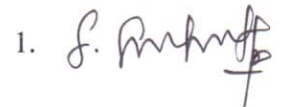


Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan
(Director)

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