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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL INSTITUTES (NCRI) AND RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (RGNIYD)

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“In order to encourage participation of 32 lakh University Student Youth belonging of National Service Scheme (NSS) along with 200 lakh non student youth from Nehru Yuvak Kendras in India in academic activities like teaching learning and research on aspects of rural concerns and to link them up, the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development an institution of national importance by the Act of Parliament in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in Government of India located at Sriperumbudur and the National Council of Rural Institutes in the Department of Higher Education in Ministry of Human Resources Development in Government of India have entered into Memorandum of Understanding from today said Madan Mohan Goel Director Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development.

With this memorandum of understanding, the University NSS Coordinators, NSS Programme Officers and NSS Volunteer Team Leaders from the Colleges and Universities in the Country will have academic support for a structured NSS Rural Camping based learning which will be credited by the respective universities. Both institutions have committed to involvement of universities through academic courses, research and camping and teaching – learning for focusing on issues of concern to rural India said WG Prasanna Kumar Chairman National Council of Rural Institutes.

This process will be ensured through instruments of curriculum which include curriculum development, curriculum transaction, curriculum standardization and curriculum accreditation through workshops, course material development, teaching, research, action research, advocacy and hand-holding of academic activities focused on rural concerns he added. Both of them were speaking while signing of MOU today at Hyderabad.

With this MoU entered between RGNIYD and NCRI today, there will be close collaboration with the Higher Education Institutions in India towards University – Rural Community Engagement and facilitating the association of academia for mutual benefit. Further, both organizations would get involved in faculty Development Programmes, Resource Material Development, Publications, Case Studies, Round Tables, Workshops, Seminars, Training Programs, Design and Development of Curriculum on various facets of Rural Engagement and organize Rural Immersion Programs offering fellowships, internships and sponsors minor research projects and Doctoral (PhD) fellowships. With this there will be involvement of state agencies and the officials of youth organisations, besides the extension and outreach initiatives across the rural India.

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