MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

ANDHRA PRadesh HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (AP HRDi)

AND

SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE
Vijayawada (SPAV)

1. Government of Andhra Pradesh has established AP Human Resource Development Institute (AP HRDI) in the Capital Region vide G.O. Ms. No 112 GAD dated: 18-08-2015. The aim of this Institute is to develop domain and service specific competencies for enhancing public service delivery of govt. employees. It is also proposed to inculcate a human touch in them for aligning attitudes and interests with the duties performed by them. The outcome of these efforts is expected to denote orientation, skill development, physical and mental fitness and ownership of the programmes of the Government.

2. School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada, (SPAV), was established on July 7, 2008 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India as a premier Centrally Funded Technical Institution (CFTI) directly under the MHRD, for excellence in the fields of Planning and Architecture. Under the School of Planning and Architecture Act, 2014, (an Act of the Parliament of India) SPAV has been declared as an autonomous institution of national importance.

Recognizing the importance of research, consultancy, capacity building in the field of Architecture and Planning and aligning to the need for creation of pool of highly qualified resource persons for the newly formed state of Andhra Pradesh, both AP HRDI and SPAV envision to support each other in identifying and providing experts and professionals in the field of Planning, Architecture and Human Resource Development, on need basis, through this agreement,

These two institutions intend to form a nucleus for promoting excellence and quality in their respective areas, with special emphasis on Research, Consultancy and Capacity Building programmes.
OBJECTIVE OF THE MoU

The objective of this MoU is to get into an agreement to conduct capacity building programmes and research on various initiatives of GoI, GoAP with particular emphasis in the domains of expertise of the two institutions, i.e., Architecture, Planning and Human Resource Development. It is also proposed to bring out publications jointly, on common areas of research, with mutual consent.

SCOPE OF THE MoU

This MoU details the modalities and general conditions regarding collaboration between AP HRDI & SPAV for research and capacity building activities, related to Architecture and Planning in general and particularly in and around Andhra Pradesh, without any disregard to any mechanism evolved and approved by the competent authorities under AP HRDI & SPAV. The areas of cooperation can be extended through mutual consent.

Both AP HRDI & SPAV shall encourage interaction between the Research Fellows and Faculty Members of both the organizations through the following arrangements:

a) Collaborating Research activities and Training Programs without affecting core duties of the Faculty Members and Research Scholars of respective institutions as per the rules of the respective institutes, for a limited period(s) as mutually agreed upon, keeping in view non-disruption of academic calendar and time table requirements of SPAV.

b) Organization of joint conferences and seminars on mutually agreeable terms keeping in view non-disruption of academic calendar and time table requirements of SPAV.

c) The Research Scholars may carry out part of their Ph.D research work or project work at AP HRDI and SPAV depending on the nature of work assigned by the institutions, keeping aligned to the core research objectives as decided by the parent institution where they are registered.

d) Neither of the Institutions will publish the work carried out jointly under this MoU without consent of the other.

SHARING OF FACILITIES

a) AP HRDI & SPAV shall share accommodation and conference halls while conducting programmes as per mutual consent keeping in view non-disruption of academic calendar, students' basic requirements, availability of resources, and time table requirements of SPAV and HRDI.

b) AP HRDI & SPAV shall share the library facilities, research fellows and faculty as per the norms of the respective institutions.

c) AP HRDI & SPAV shall share the VC facility to conduct video conferences with
national/international institutions/organizations.

d) The collaborative programmes between AP HRDI & SPAV shall be coordinated by a Committee appointed by DG & Director of both the Institutes.

c) Financial arrangements for each collaborative programme will be decided on a case-to-case basis and brought on record in each case after due approval from the DG of AP HRDI & Director of SPAV.

This MoU shall be effective from the date of its approval by competent authorities at both ends. The MoU can be modified in interim period on mutual information, considering infrastructure changes or need in either institution, if any.

The duration of the MoU shall be for a period of 02 years from the effective date of entering into the MoU.

The MoU may be extended or terminated by a prior notice of not less than two months by either party. However, termination of the MoU will not in any manner affect the interests of the ongoing activities under the MoU.

Sri D Chakrapani, IAS (Retd.)
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