

Assam down town University (AdtU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rotary Club of Guwahati on 18th December 2018



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Assam down town University (AdtU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rotary Club of Guwahati in an auspicious function held at the Rotary Club of Guwahati on 18th December, 2018. The Rotary Club of Guwahati was established in the year 1955 (R.I.Dist. 3240). **Dr. N.N. Dutta** (Chancellor) from Assam down town University side and **Rtn. A.N.N.I. Laskar**, President, Rotary Club of Guwahati inked the MoU. The agreement will be in effect for five years from 18th December 2018. The signing ceremony was started with a warm welcome address by the President, Rotary Club of Guwahati who also presented an overview of the mission of the Rotary Foundation that is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. He also urged the faculty members/ officials of the two institutions to facilitate continued collaboration and partnerships on various projects that can benefit humanity. The two Institutes/ Universities agreed to enhance the collaborative agreement through conducting joint training programs, joint organization of International Workshops, Conferences, Seminars and Symposia focusing on Medical Technology development, development of teaching-learning and training materials for literacy programmes / adult literacy programme etc, Production and dissemination (including translation) of literature for adult education, Training literacy functionaries, undertaking motivational and environment

building activities for adult education, conducting multimedia works, street play, street drama etc, Conducting health camps for the poor population who earns a lower income and cannot afford expensive healthcare services offered by hospitals or clinics, counseling adolescent and screening program, evaluating and monitoring of literacy projects and mathematical literacy etc and undertaking innovative projects to identify future need of literacy programmes.

Dr. B G Unni, Director Research gave away brief appraisal about the overview of research activities undertaken by the University, and also spoke about the purpose of Memorandum of Understanding with Rotary Club of Guwahati. He also mentioned that it will establish strong and collaborative relations between the two organizations to promote friendship and to co-operate in a mutually beneficial association that promotes the interests of the poor, protect the environment, provide basic social services or undertake community development in a society. Dr. Unni talked about his contributions in the area of environmental pollution associated with human population as a part of the government aided projects undertaken during his research career at CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat.

Dr. N.N Dutta, Chancellor, Assam down town University in his speech mentioned that the knowledge, expertise and capabilities of both the organisation can improve the social and environmental performance and find new market opportunities through partnerships with new societal NGO's/ Organisations. **Dr. Amarjyoti Choudhury**, Vice Chancellor, Assam down town University in his remarks thanked Rotary Club of Guwahati for their keen interest to have collaboration with Assam down town University and urged the faculties/ employees of both the organizations to play an instrumental role in coalitions for global health research. He also mentioned about conducting more joint programs for promoting the interests of the poor, protect the environment, provide basic social services, or undertake community development. **Prof. Bandana Dutta**, Dean of Studies, Assam down town University in her remarks mentioned that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formalizes the mutual interaction and strengthens the existing relationship between the Assam down town University and Rotary Club of Guwahati, and urged the two institutions to provide a routine forum for regular cooperation to develop trust, growth and long term stability of serving the public interest in the society.

Other Rotarians namely Dr. Anil Kumar Goswami, Dr. N.N. Das, Dr. Sushant Sharma, Mr.. B.L. Sharma and others attended the function and talked about number of activities which can be undertaken jointly with Assam down town University and Rotary Club of Guwahati. Rtn. Dr. Misbahur Rahman, Secretary, Rotary Club of Guwahati in his vote of thanks said that it will felicitate the real life applications of the societal outcomes of the various groups from both the institutions and it would enhance the academic/ research skills of both students and faculties/ employees of both the institutes/ University and will foster strong collaboration with Assam down town University for the economic and community development of this region.

Assam down town University has already signed quite a number of MOU's with reputed R&D institutions and Universities like CSIR- North East Institute of Science and Technology, Jorhat, Assam, Tribhuvan University of Nepal, Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati, Guwahati Biotech Park, Dr. B Borooah Cancer institute, National Research Development Corporation

(NRDC), DSIR, under Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati and North East Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Assam respectively. The objectives of the MOU's/ academic collaboration are to make effective research-education and other linkages created by the synergies between the institutions for the benefits of students, academics, communities and social activities etc.

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