

Professional Collaborations 2019-'20

ASIET developed a strong bond and several collaborative projects with several major universities, industries and academic institutions.

Most significant Memorandum of Agreement signed in 2019-'20:

- v Agreement signed to organize the 10th **International Congress of Environmental Research (ICER-19)** at ASIET in December 2019.
- v Memorandum of Understanding **signed with Indian Navy on June 27, 2019:** for academic collaboration, placement, access to non-strategic naval equipment for study and related technical support.
- v **Cambridge University:** Progressed from the status of a preparatory centre to **Permanent Test Centre and Training Centre**. Currently 200 candidates appear for Cambridge Examination (OET) every month and from March 2020 onwards 400 candidates will take the test at ASIET. ASIET is moving towards the establishment of 2 test centres and one Training Centre.
- v MoUs to run courses offered by the Government of Kerala, ICT Academy and Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology were signed in 2019.
- v **University of Glasgow:** Sharing of resources, possibilities of conducting research and launch of Disaster Management Training Centre at ASIET were declared open by Dr Opira Gamliel (University of Glasgow) on 22 August 2019.
- v **Ui Path Robotic Automation Course (MoU with Government of Kerala) was launched on 30 October 2019.**
- v **IBM Innovation Centre for Education at ASIET:** An understanding was arrived at with IBM India to conduct 6 courses at ASIET with effect from January 2020. Successful candidates will be given placements in IBM and other sister companies. The courses are offered at a subsidized rate with Union Bank financial support which comes with deferred re-payment (for students—one and a half years after the completion of course).
- v **TCS iON B Tech Industry Honours programme for ASIET.** The programme helps the selected students to gain KTU-AICTE approved Industry B Tech Honours launched in Kerala for the first time.

- v **IBM India:** signed an MoA with Adi Shankara Trust to accommodate a Business Plan. As per the discussion which has moved towards an Agreement, 1000 Chinese students from 4 universities located in 4 provinces in China, will join ASIET platform to take 4 different IBM courses. Fees will be processed and paid through the Trust and ASIET (faculty) will run contact classes at an extension centre. 10,000 Chinese students are expected to join the programme in two years.
- v **University of Glasgow:** for various programmes listed in detail under the caption: expansion possibilities.
- v **Department of Higher Education and ASAP Secretariat for conducting CET course** that leads to the placement of successful candidates as Skill Development Executives and Soft-skill Trainers across Kerala.
- v **University of Cambridge Training Centre at ASIET:** to be launched by 2020.
- v **KPMG Courses at ASIET.** Discussion has been completed for the launch of new generation courses developed by KPMG at ASIET.

Major expansion possibility explored:

- v **IIT Bombay:** Dr Jacob George (as Adi Shankara Trust representative) presented a paper at Bombay IIT on 20 September 2019 and initiated a possible collaboration with **IIT Bombay-CEP**.
- v **University of Glasgow:** Dr Jacob George (as Adi Shankara Trust representative) presented a paper and progress report about ASIET Disaster Management Training Centre activities at University of Glasgow during an invited visit: September-October 2019.

Recognitions in 2019-'20:

- v Entrepreneurship Enabler Award of Government of Kerala.
- v Award for the Best IEDC given by the Government of Kerala, 2019.
- v Award for Kerala's Best NSS Unit given by Government of Kerala
- v Award for the Best Programme Officer given by the Government of Kerala (Recipient: Mr Sijo, Assistant Professor Electrical Engineering Department).

Activities with special focus on social development and resilience

- v ToastMasters Club launched in October-November 2019: For the development of self-confidence, enhancement of employability, and general personality development
- v Continuation of Cambridge University BEC programme for students at ASIET.
- v Student groups at ASIET completed the part re-construction of one of the flood affected houses in the region during the current semester and have taken up the complete construction of another of the flood affected houses in the region.
- v Disaster Management Training Centre under University of Glasgow plans to take up similar assignments in future.