

# The first MoU of SRM University, Sonapat, Haryana with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, U.K. (LSHTM) on Saturday, 1st February, 2014 at 9:30 hrs. at Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi-110067.

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The University Grants Commission (UGC), the apex body of Indian Higher Education System celebrated its 60th Anniversary recently. Post independent era of this country has registered a phenomenal growth of higher education institutions/universities/ colleges. Of late, a number of private universities are established under section 3 of UGC Act 1956 as well as through state private university Act of different State Governments. In all, about 800 Universities are playing their role in imparting higher education in the country.

SRM Group of Institutions have developed a strong network of Higher Education and Research on many frontiers of Science & Technology and Humanities and earned a special niche over the three decades in India. SRM University, Sonapat, Haryana (SRMUH) situated in Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Sonapat was established under the Haryana Private Universities Act, 2006 as amended by Act No.8 of 2013 started in August, 2013 with the special focus to impart quality education and research and at present has offered B.Tech in Engineering Technology, MBA (Integrated) and Bachelor of Commerce degree programmes. The University is expanding the courses offered for 2014-15 by opening the Faculty of Law (LLB, BA/LLB, BBA/LLB), Bachelor of Architecture, M.Lib.Sciences, M.Tech. in Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering etc. SRMUH is also creating the infrastructure for Doctoral (Ph.D.) programmes on several areas of Science and Engineering & Technology to position itself with the global standards. Further, this University has planned for a Centre on Drug Discovery, Design & Development (CD4) for Tropical Diseases (bacterial, viral & parasitic diseases) with institutional/industrial and international collaborations for Research & Development. Establishing a state-of-the-art PR Institute of Medical Sciences & Research in a span of one year and offer admissions for M.B.B.S./M.D./M.S. and other allied medical disciplines and a 300 bedded super specialty hospital are in pipeline.

SRM University, Sonapat, Haryana has given high priority in the present campus in order to attain excellence in the education indicators like scientific publications, technology development, protection of intellectual property, translational research, societal & industrial linkages as well as to enable the students coming out of this University to meet the expectations of the job market etc. National and International collaborations are vital for achieving such dreams.

The tropical nation like India needs to develop safe, effective & affordable new drugs to manage the neglected diseases like malaria, T.B., KalaAzar, Dengue, Chikungunya & other parasitic diseases etc. The Centre on Drug Discovery, Design & Development will be working on these areas. The today's MoU is a humble beginning towards fulfilling this goal.

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) has taken up several collaborations with many institutions in India and SRM University, Sonapat, Haryana is happy to sign today's MoU with LSHTM on research collaboration, students exchange, academic staff exchange, joint consultancies and exchange of academic property.

We are pleased to inform that this is the first MoU this University is signing with an internationally highly acclaimed institution like LSHTM in its first year of its inception and we are proud of it. We hope that this agreement will go a long way to help both the institutions to contribute for minimizing the agony of common man suffering from tropical diseases and save millions of lives, not only in this country but also in many developing and under developed nations around the globe through collaborative research contributions and academic exchanges.

Dr. G.J. Samathanam, Director (Research) welcomed the dignitaries and the guests. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SRM University, Prof. Dr. S. Rajarajan spoke on the importance of MoU with LSHTM and the vision and research priorities set by the University. Dr. Simon L. Croft, Dean of Faculty of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, LSHTM conveyed his satisfaction on the initiatives of the SRM University identifying the drug development for infectious neglected diseases of bacterial, viral and parasitic diseases in their research agenda. Dr. Manish Bhalla, Registrar, SRM University proposed a Vote of Thanks. Dr. Manoj Pandey, Director, SRM University, Modinagar, Dr. S. Vishwanathan, Administrative Officer and many other senior faculties and student community attended the function.