RASHTRIYA RAKSHA UNIVERSITY

(An Institution of National Importance)
Under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

Sushil Goswami
Registrar (IC)

Ref: SG/18/Reg/2023
01/03/2023

Letter of Intent to obtain UArctic Membership

On behalf of Rashtriya Rakhsa University, I am pleased to write this letter of intent and express our interest in becoming a member of UArctic.

Rashtriya Raksha University, an Institution of National Importance of India, Pioneering National Security and Police University of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is established by the Parliament of India, Act No. 31 of 2020. At Rashtriya Raksha University, we are committed to providing our students with an exceptional education that prepares them to become global leaders and innovators in their respective fields. Our faculty members are recognized experts in their fields, and our research initiatives are focused on addressing some of the world's most pressing challenges.

We believe that joining UArctic would provide us with valuable opportunities to collaborate with other leading institutions in higher education. We are particularly interested in the opportunity to share best practices, collaborate on research initiatives, and provide our students with access to new academic and professional development opportunities.

We understand that UArctic membership requires a significant commitment of time, resources, and effort. However, we believe that the benefits of joining UArctic would far outweigh my challenges that we may face. We are committed to actively participating in the group's initiatives and contributing to its success.

We would be honoured to be considered for membership in the group of UArctic. Thank you for considering our application. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss it in detail.

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Director of Governance and Finance Support
UArctic International Secretariat
University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland

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2023 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

Applicant: Rashtriya Raksha University

Country: India

Membership Category: Non-Arctic

Membership Type: HEI

Profile Description:

The University aims to become an academic-research-training ecosystem for security and police. Its endeavours focus on highly professional security, police education, research, and training through its qualified civilian and security faculty, committed human resources, motivated participants and students, intellectually stimulating and professional disciplined environment, and world-wide network, sharing, and exchange. It aims at providing security and strategic education in the contemporary and futuristic security and strategic studies and interdisciplinary areas. The University contributes to the vision of India of Peace, Prosperous and Stable World in alliance with grand strategic cooperation between like-minded nations and promoting greater understanding between senior security, police officers, diplomats, civil servants and civilians to promote the cause of the Nation. It adopts a two-tier approach, at the national and international levels, in its education, research and training, and extension in order to achieve capabilities to respond to the needs, expectations, and aspirations of the security and strategic institutions and forces as well as law-making, governance, judiciary, economy (agriculture-manufacturing-service sectors) and the civil society organizations.

Vision

Emerge as a Premier Center of Knowledge – University of National Importance, for International and National Stakeholders Seeking Peaceful, Prosperous and Stable World Order.

- **Mission:** To identify, prepare and sustain statecraft of national strategic and security culture through continuous enhancement and development of educational, research and training cadres from the security, police and civilian society.
- **Purpose:** Holistic Security and Strategic Education is important for the Overall National Security. National Security is an Enabling Driver for Nation's Peace, Prosperity and Stability. A Peaceful, Prosperous and Stable Nation is Essential for a Similar World Order. To contribute towards the creation of Indian Defense Force Culture.
- **Functional Motto:** Visionary, Committed and Enlightened Faculty from Civilian and Security and Police Organisations to Provide Best Public and Private Strategic Security and Police Services to the Nation and the World Peace, Prosperity and Stability in general.

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

- National security, defense and strategy
- International maritime law, security and governance
- Information technology, artificial intelligence and cyber security
- Forensic, criminology and behavioural science
- Law enforcement and criminal justice
- International cooperation and language

Rashtriya Raksha University Plan of Action - UArctic Membership

Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) is a specialized university (An Institution of National Importance) in India focused on defense and security studies. It aims to provide cutting-edge research and training in the areas of national security, defense, and policing. RRU has a dedicated School of Integrated Coastal and Maritime Security Studies (SICMSS), which focuses on education, research, and training related to coastal and maritime security, law and governance, and polar region's strategic, environmental, and security issues.

Under the School of Integrated Coastal and Maritime Security Studies (SICMSS), there is an RRU Centre for International Law (RCIL). The center has expertise in the fields of international law, maritime security, and geopolitics, which are essential for understanding the complex dynamics of the International law in the global order. Additionally, RRU has established partnerships with various international institutions and organizations working on various international issues, providing opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

To engage in the network, RRU could participate in research projects and initiatives related to Arctic and northern issues. RRU could also organize conferences, workshops, and seminars to share its research findings and expertise on Arctic issues with the network's members. Moreover, RRU could facilitate student and faculty exchanges with other network institutions, providing opportunities for capacity building and knowledge sharing.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has authorized RRU to represent India and take ahead the initiative of capacity building in the area of Arctic region study and research. The letter from the ministry is duly attached as Annexure - I.

The National Security Council Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Government of India has also reached out to Rashtriya Raksha University to generate awareness, create scholarship and represent India's view on the country's Polar Region Policy. The University is already in the process of organizing an International level Workshop discussing various legal, scientific, and geopolitical issues relating to the Polar regions. The letter from the NSCS is duly attached as Annexure - II.

Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Raksha University has actively participated and contributed as a committee member during the formation of "The Arctic Act" and

“The Antarctic Act” of India. Under his supervision, the university constantly strives to uphold the mandate provided by the Government of India.

Therefore, Rashtriya Raksha University intends to avail this opportunity on it’s Government behalf to be part of UArctic network and contribute on following grounds:

1) To engage with other UArctic members through knowledge sharing, through expert lectures, seminars, conferences and workshops.
2) To promote research initiatives among student and faculty; national and international level by including expertise of UArctic members.
3) To develop university curriculum in consultation with the experts of the UArctic network.
4) To develop curriculum for various training programmes in consultation with the UArctic members.
5) To conduct training workshops, seminars and conferences in collaboration with UArctic network members.
6) To promote and provide scholarships to the students and faculty of the UArctic network members.
7) To represent and provide consultancy on the matters concerning India in the UArctic network.
8) To help the network in various engagement activities in terms of financial resources, human resources, intellectual resources, etc.
9) To engage much better through student and faculty exchange programmes with the member universities.
10) To promote and uphold the values of the network and provide equal opportunities to everyone to grow.

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
[IS-I Division/ BPR&D Section]
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Hall No. 23, 2nd Floor,
MDCNS, New Delhi
Dated: 13/02/2023

To,

Registrar,
Rashtriya Raksha University,
Lavad- Dehgam,
Gandhinagar, Gujarat – 382305

Sub: Arctic Policy Implementation mechanism-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to enclosed herewith the relevant portion of the Minutes of meeting of Empowered Arctic Policy Group(EAPG) held on 06th December, 2022 on the above subject in connection with National Capacity Building.

2. In this connection, RRU is requested to take further necessary action for considering for the membership of the U-Arctic as per the minutes of meeting. RRU may also keep the Ministry informed about the action taken in the matter.

Encls: As above

Yours sincerely,

(W Hitler)
Under Secretary(BPR&D)
Tel. No. 23070285

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F. No. 6/1/2022-IC-II
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Coordination & International Cooperation Division)
(International Cooperation Wing)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
India Gate Hexagon, New Delhi
Dated the, 9th January 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Arctic Policy Implementation Mechanism- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of NSCS's ID No. 54/15/2022/NSCS(CS) dated 26th December, 2022 forwarding therewith minutes of meeting of the Empowered Arctic Policy Group (EAPG) chaired by Dr. M Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Chairperson EAPG held at NSCS on 06th December, 2022 and draft Roadmap and implementation plan-Arctic policy for follow up action.

2. Point No. 46 of the draft Roadmap and implementation plan regarding National Capacity Building pertains to MHA.

3. IS-I and WS Divisions are requested to see for necessary action.

Encl: As above

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MHA: Additional Secretary (IS-I), North Block, New Delhi.
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(viii) **Membership of UArctic**. The attendees were briefed about the UArctic (University of the Arctic). It was mentioned that currently only NCPOR is the member of the forum. The autonomous institutes under various ministries could consider taking up membership, as such a step would subsequently open further avenues for knowledge exchange and academic collaboration.

46.	Endeavour to take up membership of UArctic for the autonomous institutions under government ministries. Encourage other universities to take up membership of UArctic.	**MoPNG, MoPSW, MoM, AYUSH, MoC, MNRE, MHA, MEA, MOEFCC, DST, MoE, UGC**	Immediate

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54/13/2021/NSCS (CS)

05 April 2022

LEGAL ASPECTS OF POLAR REGIONS

Dear Dr Patel,

1. I write to inform you that India's Arctic Policy titled "**India and the Arctic : Building a Partnership for Sustainable Development**" has been released by the Government of India on 17 March 2022. Also, the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2021 would be presented to the Parliament for legislation very soon.

2. It is imperative that considerable impetus is given by the Government of India to the Polar regions from a strategic perspective. In this regard, it is essential that a consensus may be developed with regards to the legal issues prevailing in the Polar regions and identify the options for India considering our stakes in the region.

3. I, therefore, suggest that a workshop may be undertaken at your institution to discuss these issues. This will also generate greater awareness among the academic community regarding India's interests in the Polar regions.

4. We would be glad to assist you in the conduct of this event.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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