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To Whomsoever It May Concern

Sub: Letter of Recommendation for Mr. Hari Hara Sudhan R.

I write this letter to satisfy the requirement of a letter of recommendation as requested to me by Mr. Hari Hara Sudhan R., in my capacity as a Professor of Public Administration and the Head of the Department of Local Governance and Development at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) which is an Institute of National Importance set-up to function as a nodal agency and think-tank for the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India.

Hari began his Master of Arts (M.A.) in Development Policy and Practice in July 2016. Although my appointment was only in the 2017 as the Professor and Head of Department, it did not, in my opinion require that much time to get to know every student due to nature of student-staff ratio at RGNIYD and our continued guidance and support. However, Hari's abilities were outstanding. He was a high-achieving student in his Department.

Hari has always been close to be since 2017 bring a myriad of ideas that may benefit the institution in terms of international collaborations and other academic opportunities. He has actively taken part in many conferences, seminars, paper presentations, etc. During his time at RGNIYD, it was vivid that Hari had developed an ardent and profound interest in 'gender' and 'sex' based issues. I have known that he has presented very good academic assignments through his teachers and have been encouraging him to take part in other sorts of academic work such as publishing journal articles or even writing for columns in newspapers.

It is during the discussion about contributing in newspapers that I came to know that Hari had already seized the opportunity from The Education Times supplement of The Times of India and had published an article on Climate Change a decade ago which has gone pitifully unnoticed. Hari has also been a constant contact encouragement to make RGNIYD rethink its academic rigour in terms of research strength comparable with the many foreign counterparts. He was nominated to contribute to the making of the National Youth Policy and Hari was often unofficially involved in the making of RGNIYD's signature courses in Politics, Youth Development, etc.

Hari's flair for languages is yet another asset that one not go without noticing. Prior coming to RGNIYD, Hari already knows a few Indian languages in addition to the proficiency in French and Mandarin. Now, he is pursuing German at Goethe Institute in Chennai. This only shows his level of motivation and his thirst to achieve. Hari has a taste for interdisciplinary research (eg. Gender & Psychology, Politics and Psychology, etc.) and which the same he had made two publications whilst at RGNIYD one of which is a peer-reviewed refereed-international journal. I hear that his next publication is due in June 2019 and that he has been shortlisted as a Young Researcher onto the Board of Reviewers of a reputed international Journal.

I know that Hari will be an excellent asset because he is courageous, self-motivated, and patient and has a tremendous eye-for-detail. Despite his father's recent demise in February 2019 and his health conditions, I am happy Hari is still focussed and his gaining forward to prove his mettle. I hope that your esteemed University will prove a great place for him to prove his calibre. Thank you.


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