



## MoU between Shobhit University and AARDO

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 11 May 2023, an MoU was signed between Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology, (Deemed-to-be University) of Meerut (Uttar Pradesh) and African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) for mutual cooperation .

### Key Points:

- The main objective of this MoU is to cooperate with each other for agriculture and rural development by solving challenges through technological intervention and capacity building.
- The MoU was signed by Dr. Manoj Nardev Singh, General Secretary, AARDO and Kunwar Shekhar Vijender, Chancellor of Shobhit University.
- This MoU will not only pave the way for human resource development, capacity building and exchange programmes, but it will also help in impacting the lives of the people of 31 countries in Africa and Asia, especially the youth population of these countries.
- Also, this agreement will pave the way for the beginning of scientific exchange of students.
- It is known that recently AARDO signed a MoU with IIT Kharagpur and IIT Delhi.
- It is worth mentioning that Shobhit Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed-to-be-University), located in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, is a **NAAC 'A'** grade accredited university.
- The African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) was formed in 1962 as an autonomous inter-governmental organization.
- AARDO consists of 33 member countries including 17 African member countries, 14 Asian countries, 1 corporation and 1 bank as associates.
- Its headquarter in India is in New Delhi.
- Its objective is to develop understanding among the member countries to promote welfare among the people and to reduce thirst, hunger, illiteracy & poverty.



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