



*A Report on the*  
*Outreach Programme on*  
**2020-21 FULBRIGHT NEHRU FELLOWSHIPS FOR**  
**INDIAN ACADEMIA**  
(15 March 2019)



*Organised by*  
Internal Quality Assurance Cell  
**Rajiv Gandhi University**

# Contents

<i>Acknowledgements</i>	<i>iii</i>
<i>Organizing Committee</i>	<i>iv</i>
<b>Part 1 PREFACE</b>	
1.1. Background	1
1.2. Objectives	1
1.3. Resource Persons	2
1.4. Budget & Expenditure Statement	2
<b>Part 2 PROGRAMME DETAILS</b>	
2.1. Interactive Session	3
<b>Part 3 OUTCOME OF THE PROGRAMME</b>	
3.1. Immediate implications in the context of Knowledge	4
3.2. Policy Implications	4
<b>Part 4 ANNEXURES</b>	
Annexure I: Programme Schedule	5
Annexure II: Media Coverage	6

*Outreach Programme on*  
**2020-21 FULBRIGHT NEHRU FELLOWSHIPS FOR  
INDIAN ACADEMIA**

**15 March 2019**

**Acknowledgements**



**Rajiv Gandhi University**  
Rono Hills, Doimukh  
Arunachal Pradesh

## Organising Committee

### CHIEF PATRON



**Prof. Saket Kushwaha**

Vice Chancellor  
Rajiv Gandhi University

### PATRONS



**Prof. Amitava Mitra**

Director, IQAC  
Rajiv Gandhi University



**Prof. Tomo Riba**

Registrar  
Rajiv Gandhi University

### COORDINATOR



**Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty**

Member, IQAC  
Rajiv Gandhi University

# PART 1: PREFACE

## 1.1 Background

The Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships are designed for outstanding Indians to pursue a master's degree program or research at select U.S. colleges and universities in the areas of Arts and Culture Management including Heritage Conservation and Museum Studies; Economics; Environmental Science/Studies; Higher Education Administration; International Affairs; International Legal Studies; Journalism and Mass Communication; Public Administration; Public Health; Urban and Regional Planning; and Women's Studies/Gender Studies.

These fellowships are for highly motivated individuals who demonstrate leadership qualities, have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree, have at least three years professional work experience, and are committed to return and contribute to their communities. The fellowships are for one to two years.

- **Student awards** to pursue a master's degree or attend a U.S. university as a visiting student researcher
- **Scholars and teacher awards** for academics, teachers and professionals to teach or conduct research in the U.S.
- **Professional development programs** for university administrators to develop leadership and specialized skills.

The outreach programme was organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Rajiv Gandhi University to encourage students and teachers of Rajiv Gandhi University to apply and avail these prestigious fellowships.

## 1.2 Objectives

The outreach programme will be first of its kind to be organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Rajiv Gandhi University. The specific objectives of the programme is to:

- encourage students and teachers of Rajiv Gandhi University to apply and avail these prestigious fellowships.
- understand how the students and teachers can apply for the fellowships;
- increase the awareness and need for strengthening the research and innovation in the university;
- Foster a dialogue between the various stakeholders with a view to establishing long term, sustainable goal for achieving quality and excellence in research and innovation

## 1.3 Resource Person



Sumanta Basu is working in USIEF as Senior Program Manager. He has more than 14 years of work experience having worked in the Development and Corporate sector in India and beyond. Sumanta holds a post graduate degree in Business Management with specialization in International Business and a masters in Sociology.

## 1.4 Budget

Name of the Outreach Programme : Outreach Programme on 2020-21 Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships for Indian Academia

Schedule Date : March 14, 2019

No of resource person (National) : 1

Expected No of participants : 100

### Proposed budget

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (in ₹)
1.	Refreshment (@ 50 x 100)	5000
2.	Publicity (Banner etc.)	3000
3.	Contingency (Stage Preparation, felicitation materials etc.)	2000
TOTAL		<b>10000</b>

(Rupees ten thousand only)

### Expenditure Statement

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (in ₹)
1.	Refreshment	3756
2.	Publicity (Banner, File cover, Pen, note pad etc.)	3505
3.	Contingency (Felicitation & Miscellaneous)	750
TOTAL		<b>8,011</b>

(Rupees eight thousand eleven only)

## **PART 2: PROGRAMME DETAILS**

### **2.1 Interactive Session**

The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) held an outreach program for its Fulbright-Nehru and other fellowships here at the RGU campus on Sunday. Speaking at the event, RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha said that human capital and building capacity are the two main pillars to make RGU an institute of repute. 'Our vision is to make RGU one of the better universities in the country and even if it is a small university, we can still aspire to make it an institute of repute,' the VC said. He further said that students in institutions of higher learning like the RGU aspire for a career in teaching and research and 'it is our responsibility to prepare them and give them exposure to avenues where they can learn and expand their horizons of knowledge.' It is not just about the fellowships, but also the associations that grow out of them that can make them better prepared for the future, he added.

Expressing his gratitude to the USIEF for coming forward to encourage the RGU fraternity to apply for the scholarships, he said, 'even if institutions do reach out to us, we too have to come forward and avail such opportunities.' Speaking on the occasion IQA Cell Director Prof. Amitav Mitra said that the Fulbright-Nehru scholarships is a very prestigious award and ranges from fellowships of 2-week upto 2 years. Welcoming the representative from the USIEF, he hoped that his presence on campus will inform, sensitise, motivate and encourage more applications from the University. Disclosing that he himself has been a fellowship alumni, Prof. Mitra expressed that these fellowships not only benefit the individuals but also the institution they come from, because the experiences and learning gained through the exchange add on to their contribution back at their own institution. "Not only that, even the host institution benefits because of the potential for international collaborations and signing of MoUs", he said. Sumanta Basu of the USIEF, in his presentation, said that the governments of US and India have awarded more than 20,000 fellowships since its inception in 1950, both out-bound and in-bound.

In addition to the Fulbright-Nehru fellowships, the Foundation also has other fellowships like the Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship, which scholars and academic leaders can apply for, he pointed out, adding that Arunachal is one of the states in the nation from where the minimum number of applications are received. He expressed the hope that with the intervention, at least 1 person will be motivated to apply. He further informed that the Foundation additionally supports school teachers for exchange programs and appealed that this information may also be sent out to school teachers in the state to encourage them to apply. Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty, Head of the Department of Chemistry and coordinator of the programme also spoke on the occasion. Among others, faculty members, research scholars and students attended the programme.

## **PART 3: OUTCOME OF THE PROGRAMME**

### **3.1 Immediate Implications in the Context of Knowledge**

The outcomes of this interaction programme include:

- understand how the students and teachers can apply for the fellowships;
- increase the awareness and need for strengthening the research and innovation in the university

### **3.2 Policy Implications**

- Although there is no such policy implication per se, it is our belief that the programme will help encourage students and teachers of Rajiv Gandhi University to apply and avail these prestigious fellowships.



# PART 4: ANNEXURES

## Annexure I: Programme Schedule

### Programme

Date: **March 15, 2019**

Venue: **AITS Conference Hall, RGU**

- 02:30 – 02:35 pm *Arrival of Chief Guest & other Dignitaries*
- 02:35 – 02:40 pm *Welcome Address*  
**Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty**  
Member, IQAC
- 02:40 – 02:45 pm *Felicitation of the Dignitaries*
- 02:45 – 03:00 pm *Address by Vice-Chancellor*  
**Prof. Saket Kushwaha**  
Rajiv Gandhi University
- 03:00 – 03:15 pm *A few words from*  
**Prof. Amitava Mitra**  
Director, IQAC, Rajiv Gandhi University
- 03:15 – 04:00 pm *Presentation by*  
**Mr. Sumanta Basu**  
United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), New Delhi
- 04:00 – 04:25 pm *Discussions & Interaction*
- 04:25 – 04:30 pm *Vote of Thanks*  
**Prof. Sumpam Tangjang**  
Member, IQAC
- Tea/Snacks*

## Annexure II: Media Coverage

The Arunachal Times

STATE NEWS READERS FORUM EDITORIAL RING SIDE VIEW MONDAY MUSING SPARK E-PAPER ARCHIVES

Ad by CRITEO Report this ad Ad choices

State News

### Fulbright-Nehru fellowship outreach prog held at RGU

March 18, 2019

f t p w

**RONO HILLS, Mar 17:** The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) held an outreach program for its Fulbright-Nehru and other fellowships here at the RGU campus on Sunday.

Speaking at the event, RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha said that human capital and building capacity are the two main pillars to make RGU an institute of repute.

'Our vision is to make RGU one of the better universities in the country and even if it is a small university, we can still aspire to make it an institute of repute,' the VC said.

Kushwaha further said that students in institutions of higher learning like the RGU aspire for a career in teaching and research and 'it is our responsibility to prepare them and give

Search

Search

Poll

**There is an urgent need for many more fire stations in the state.**

Agree	121 Votes (92.37%)
Disagree	10 Votes (7.63%)

Share

<https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2019/03/18/fulbright-nehru-fellowship-outreach-prog-held-at-rgu/>