Fulbright mentoring workshop at Tripura University

Organised by: IQAC, Tripura University and The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF)

Venue: Conference hall, First floor, Central Library, Tripura University.

Time: 2:00 PM-4:30 PM

2026-2027 Fulbright Fellowships for Indian Citizens Mentoring Program

The Fulbright mentoring workshop, jointly organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Tripura University and the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), was held in the Conference Hall, First Floor, Central Library, Tripura University.

The distinguished guests included the Vice-Chancellor of Tripura University, Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain; Mrs. Jhulan Ghose, Fulbright Program Manager, USIEF Kolkata Regional Office; Prof. Mahammad Qureshi from the Department of Chemistry, IIT Guwahati (Fulbright-Nehru Fellow for Academic and Professional Excellence Award (2016–17) at the University of California, Irvine); and Prof. Indranil Acharya from the Department of English Literature, Language and Cultural Studies, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal (Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellow (2024–2025)). The program was anchored by Ms Chaitali Chanda, and attended by a total of 26 faculty members and research scholars from Tripura University and surrounding Institutions/Colleges.

The event began with an address by the Vice-Chancellor, who welcomed the speakers, and the participants. He spoke about various scholarship schemes available for master's students, Ph.D. scholars, and teachers, and encouraged everyone to apply for the Fulbright Scholarship.

The first speaker, Mrs. Jhulan Ghose, presented information about the 2026–2027 Fulbright Fellowship programs for Indian citizens. She introduced USIEF's activities, including fellowships for studies and cultural exchange. She mentioned that USIEF administered over 21,000 fellowships and outlined major offerings such as the Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowship, Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship, Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, and Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship. She also discussed the online application process for new applicants.

The second speaker, Prof. Mahammad Qureshi, shared his experiences regarding the interview process. He emphasized on the importance of professional conduct during interviews, presence of mind, handling technical questions related to the proposal, and effectively representing one's culture. He advised candidates to be prepared for sociocultural discussions and to clearly explain their research in layman's terms. He stressed that proposals should have clear objectives, a realistic and concise methodology, and fit within the required five-page format.

The third speaker, Prof. Indranil Acharya, spoke about his research objective, which included topics related to the Dalit community. He shared that undertaking a pilot research project helped in writing a strong proposal. He discussed identifying similarities between India and the United States and explained his methodology, which involved textual analysis, documentaries, and live performances. He highlighted the importance of mentioning the significance of the study and shared strategies for connecting with potential host institutions in the United States. He also advised selecting referees with expertise in Indian culture, literature, music, dance, theatre, or cinema to strengthen the reference reports.

During a short interaction session, Fulbright alumnus Prof. Anirban Guha from the Department of Physics, Tripura University, shared his experience as a Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellow (2012–13) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Finally, Prof. Shaon Ray Chaudhuri, Director IQAC, TU delivered the vote of thanks. She expressed her gratitude to the speakers, USIEF, the administration of TU, thanked the Central Library Team, the IQAC staff members, and the scholars from the Microbial Technology group for their support in organizing the event.

















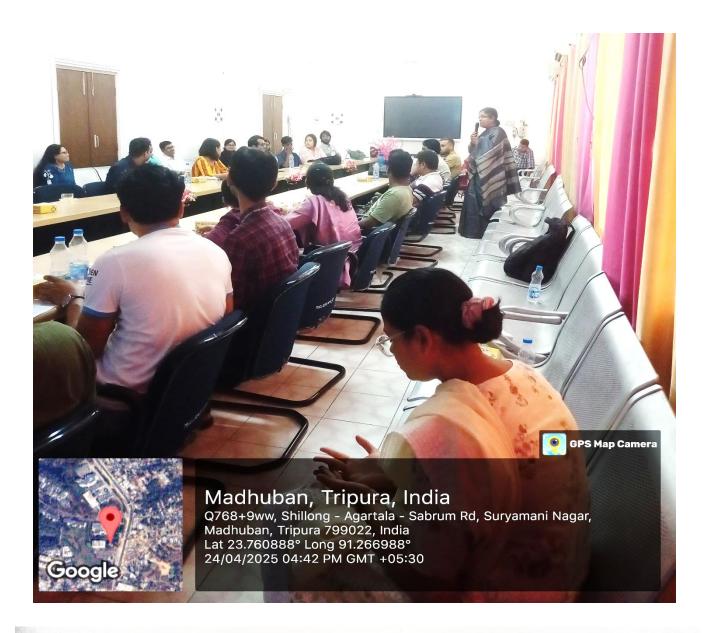












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