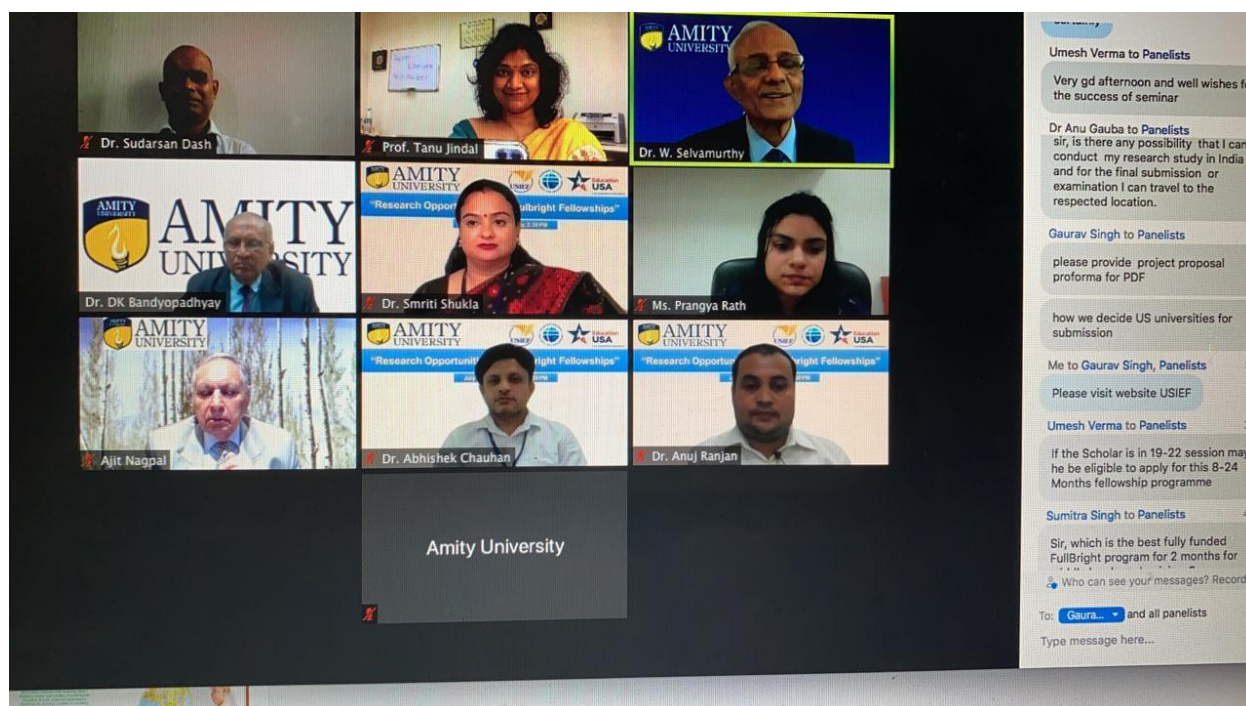


“Research opportunities and Fulbright Fellowship”

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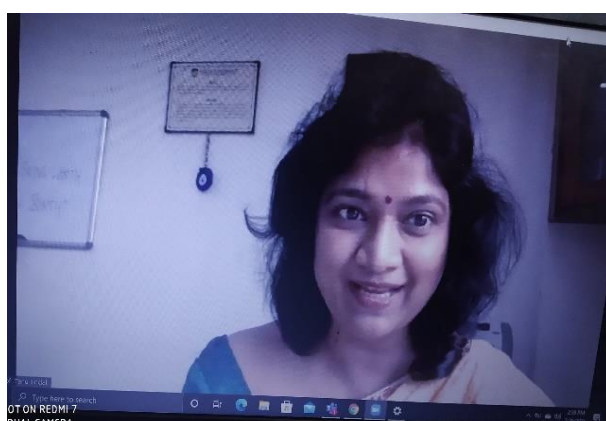
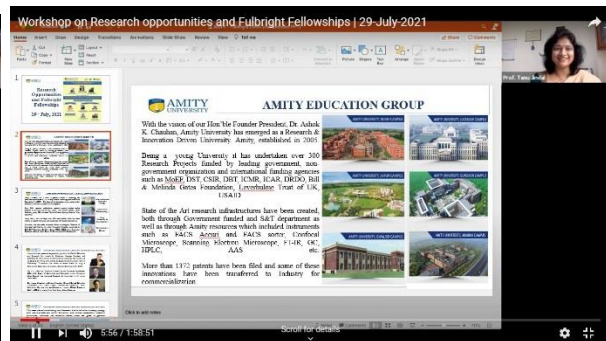
The webinar on the topic "Research Opportunities and Fulbright fellowship" was held under the aegis of "Amity Global Research Hub", Long Island, New York". The webinar was organized by Amity Institute of Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management (AIETSM) in collaboration with The United States- India Education Foundation (USIEF) and Education USA. The event began with the warm-hearted welcoming of the dignitaries and guests by Dr. Smriti Shukla.



Introductory remarks and Amity Initiatives by Prof. Tanu Jindal

Prof. Tanu Jindal, Group Additional Pro-Vice-Chancellor (R & D), Director, Amity Institute of Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management, gave a very informative presentation on "Research in Amity Educational Group of ASTIF, AGRH and Initiatives". She described the vision of the Founder-President & Chairman of Amity Group of Institutes & Industries, Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, to develop all Amity Universities as research and innovation-driven universities and to make India not only a Knowledge Superpower but also a General Superpower by 2030. Professor Tanu

Jindal shared the vision of Dr. Atul Chauhan and Dr. Aseem Chauhan in establishing "Amity Global Research Hub" (AGRH) at the Amity New York-Long Island campus". To build a strong synergy and interface between Amity University and eminent researchers, academic institutes, and scientific bodies to generate better scientific solutions and to ensure quality research. Moving forward she explained a bit about Fulbright Fellowship for Indian Students, Scholars, Teachers, and University Administrators. She presented the NRES domain and academic programme and research projects and fully equipped laboratories. She also mentioned the number of patents filed and granted over the years. She also showcased the MOUs between Amity University and several reputed bodies such as the University of Saskatchewan and NIDM etc. She also presented Conferences, Seminars and Webinars held on many associations on current burning topics. Lastly, she talked about the books and manuscripts published with leading publishing houses like Springer and journal like Elsevier.



Dr. D K Bandyopadhyay Addressed the Webinar

An Inspirational speech was given by **Prof. D.K. Bandyopadhyay, Chief Advisor FPO/Chairman of Amity Law School, Mentor at Amity Institute of Environmental Sciences, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh.** He started his address by telling the need for a well-built study structure of Biotechnology, Law, Psychology, Environmental Science, microbiology, and few other domains and many facilities being given at Amity University and encouraged the culture of research. He talked about the benefits of the Fulbright Program, and how it can widen the range of innovation and Innovative ideas. He encouraged all the gathering to participate in the program. He also mentioned that Amity has way better facilities than other Universities. He also said private Universities must not be discriminated for the grant of Fellowship.



Address to the meeting by Dr. Rajiv Sharma

Dr. Rajiv Sharma Director General AFSTIA and Senior Vice President RBEF Amity University, Noida greeted everyone warm-heartedly. He encouraged everyone about the scheme and asked to join the program to gain valuable global experience and apply

or it. He also shared his ideas about international collaborations as he was Director,



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Views by Dr. Ajit Nagpal

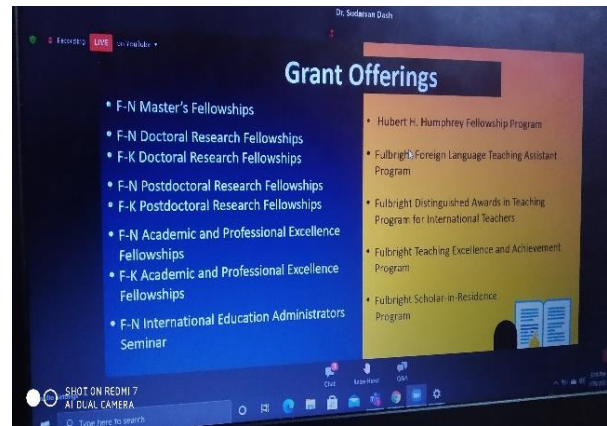
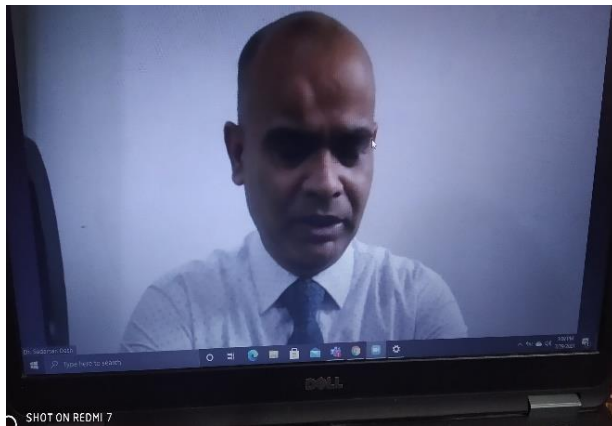
Dr. Ajit Nagpal, **Chairman of scientific Forum**, gave his valuable insight on the relations between the United States and India and how we can develop various aspects for both countries for mutual benefits. He also mentioned the seminar which is going to be held in Marriot Hotel near Amity New York, Long Island with 150 medical doctors to discuss various research aspects.



Presentation by Dr. Sudharsan Dash

Dr. Sudharsan Dash, **Senior Program Officer, United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF)**, acknowledge the warm welcome. He started with the history of the Fulbright Fellowship between The United States and India that is about 70 years old and talked about the new agreement signed in 2008 that states that both the countries will get an equal fellowship and also stated that approximate worth of this program between the two nations is around US\$ 7Milion. He mentioned that once someone is a Fulbrighter, they are considered as Fulbrighters for life, and also it isn't

just a funding program but also a big opportunity to prove oneself in the research sector. He also explained the four categories of USIEF activities and the benefits of this program. The program helps to increase the mutual understanding between the people of The United States and people from other countries and to create a large academic and cultural network around the world. The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 and since then it has given opportunities to about 400,000 scholars and gives about 8000 grants annually. He then showed a comparison between Indian Fulbright Fellowships and Fellowships offered to other countries. He also showed a brief Statistical Profile cycle for the session 2021-2022 for the benefit of India. He also proudly mentioned that women are the top-ranked candidates for this fellowship and also mentioned that according to the analysis of the past 10 years there has been 50% participation of women in this program.



Dr. Dash mentioned the eligibility and selection criteria very briefly and gave some tips on how to make an interesting and strong profile for the selection processes.

He explained Fellowship programs for Indian students with important points for selection criteria:

1. Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships (Duration up to 2 years)
2. Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships (Duration 6-9 months)
3. Fulbright- Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (Duration 8-24 months)
4. Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships (Duration 4-6 months with 2 segments)
5. Fulbright- Kalam Climate Fellowships
6. Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar (Duration 2 weeks)
7. Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program (Duration 10 months)
8. Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program (Duration 9 months)

Dr. Dash showed the placements of 2020 Indian Fulbrighters in 34 U.S. States. He then Explained the Application procedure and resources to prepare the application

for the Fulbrighters program he also advised us to be fully clear about the program that we will be choosing in the future which can help for polishing of our talents. He ended his presentation with encouraging everyone to apply for the fellowship programs.

Questions from Prof. Tanu Jindal

Prof. Tanu thanked Dr. Dash for the excellent presentation in which he elucidated the fellowship programs very nicely. She asked, two important questions from the audience:

1. Applicants are needed to identify the institution they want to work with, but there are a lot of institutions that are associated with these fellowship programs so, how can we save time and find the most relevant one that is most suitable?
2. If someone is pursuing Fellowships for Nursing so, can they study here in India and give the exams in the U.S?

Both the questions were answered beautifully by Dr. Sudharsan Dash.

Answers from Dr. Dash

For the first question, Dr. Dash suggested six steps to find the relevant and suitable contact for Fellowship programs:

1. Google search.
2. Search for professors in your areas of interest and start writing to them.
3. Get guidance from former Fulbrighters in your domain.
4. Talk to Fulbrighters from the U.S, the list is available online.
5. The research topic is very important.
6. petersons.com is a website that has field-wise listings of U.S Universities.

To answer the second question, he said if they want to join in such a way, they can write to the Fulbrighters and they will provide further guidance with a complete plan.

Way forward by Dr. W Selvamurthy

Dr. W Selvamurthy, President ASTIF & DG DCSI, Chancellor, Amity University, Chhattisgarh, shared with great enthusiasm and gave a brief explanation on how we can work with a Country like The United States and make a bright future in the research sector to innovate new ideas for the development and betterment of both the countries.



Dr. Selvamurthy thanked Dr. Dash for such an informative presentation. According to him, this Fellowship program has given numerous possibilities in the research sector. He also talked about the strong partnership with the U.S and how large democracies are coming together in Long Island campus, New York, for the betterment of the Research and Education sectors. He said that the presentation will be forwarded to other departments as he wants everyone to apply for these programs. He also praised Prof. Tanu Jindal for showing her interest in the Fellowship for Climate Change as she is doing prominent research in this area. He appreciated that Dr. Dash for connecting so many Indian scientists to U.S scientists. He also Thanked U.S for showing so much interest in Indian Studies, and how U.S has added great value to Indian Education.

He also mentioned that Amity has gained 3rd rank in Publications, 48th rank in Innovation, and 8th rank in scientific patenting. Not only just the education sector but the fellowship has also taken forward the Indo-U.S defense sector. He talked about the 28 MOUs between Indian and U.S Institutions for the research collaboration. He thanked Dr. Aseem Chauhan for forming a Global research hub that will connect the Amity Institution with the U.S Universities. He also quoted the words of Dr. Atul Chauhan "Together we will be able to bring the change for the benefit of the world

Appreciations by Dr. D K Bandyopadhyay

Dr. Bandyopadhyay encouraged everyone to apply for the fellowship program and also appreciated Dr. Dash for such an elaborative presentation. He again emphasized on maximum student participation to excel the research at International level by Amity faculty.

After that everybody got into a small discussion

Vote of thanks by Dr. Anuj Ranjan

Dr. Anuj Ranjan, **Assistant Professor, Amity Institute for Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management**, offered a vote of thanks to the speaker Dr. Sudharsan Dash for their presence, our Founder President Dr. Ashoke K Chauhan for his guidance, also thanked Dr. Aseem Chauhan for launching the Global Research Hub. He showed gratitude to the vice-chancellor, Dr. Balvinder Shukla. Then he thanked Dr. DK Bandyopadhyay, Dr. W Selvamurthy, and Dr. Rajiv Sharma for their constant guidance. He also thanked Dr. Ajit Nagpal, Chairman of Scientific Forum. Lastly, he thanked all the Faculty and the IT, Media support and administrative staff support.