



IUSSTF

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India-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) was established under an agreement between the Governments of India and the United States of America in **March 2000**.

- It is an **autonomous bilateral organization** jointly funded by both the Governments that promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Innovation through substantive interaction among government, academia, and industry.
- **IUSSTF's vision** is to ensure excellence in Science, Technology and Innovation space through collaborative initiatives between India and the United States of America.
- **Its mission is to act as a catalyst** to promote long-term scientific collaborations between India and the U.S. through partnerships amongst individual scientists, scientific institutions and the scientific community at large.
- The **Department of Science & Technology (DST), Governments of India**, and the **U.S. Department of State** are respective nodal departments for this program.

Other India-US Engagement on Education

- The **Fulbright program**- It offers international educational and cultural exchange programs.
- The **Higher Education Dialogue**- It laid out the road map for promoting strategic institutional partnerships, deepening collaboration in research and development, fostering partnerships in vocational education and focusing on junior faculty development.
- **Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN)**- It is launched by India, under this upto 1000 American academics will be invited and hosted each year to teach in Indian universities at their convenience.
- The two sides are also collaborating to **establish a new Indian Institute of Technology in Ahmedabad**.

- India is also learning from the U.S. experience in community colleges in order to meet our demands for skill-development and has agreed to collaborate with U.S. institutions in the area of Technology Enabled Learning and **Massive Open On-line Courses (MOOCs)** to extend the reach of education in India.

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