

GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY



Report of the Workshop
on

“Mentoring the Mentors of GTU’s International Students”

Organized by

International Students cell , gtu

IN COLLABORATION WITH

ICCR & FRRO & NIC, GUJARAT

Day & Date: Saturday, 21st September 2013

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Venue: A-0, Gujarat Technological University

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

- To provide information of International student Registration Process for FRRO & FSIS in legal aspects.
- Discuss on awareness of IVFRT among University & College Mentors and significance of National Security.
- Various activities, Functionality going on in the International Student Cell, GTU.
- Role of ICCR as well as GTU.
- Experience Sharing with International Students.
- Feedback of Institute Mentors in reference to deal with International Students allocated in their institutes.

About the InternAtionAl students' cell of GTU:

Gujarat Technological University has become a hub for international Students who have joined various Technical and Management courses of the university. They all have been allocated to various affiliated Institutions all over Gujarat. Becoming a largest State Technological University and catering the highest number of international students in the year of inception of its International Students Cell, we are happy to declare that more than 140 International Students have already joined GTU family.

To extend the healthy academic environment and letting all International Students of GTU feel comfortable and easiness, senior faculty members at the allocated institutions and GTU have been assigned the role of Mentors of these all students. For enabling all the Mentors to perform their role effectively, a formal workshop titled as above had been scheduled. This workshop has been a road map in awareness and functional implications of legal as well as academic aspects.

Workshop inaugural by Wel come speech:

The workshop had been inaugurated by Dr. G. P. Vadodaria, the I/c. Registrar & COE, GTU with the warm welcome speech and good luck for the effective mentoring process of GTU's International Students by all Participant Mentors in the workshop. He has emphasised on the broad vision of GTU's extended vertical lines of various cells beyond the conventional & routine academic activities of a university.



About frro and fsis:

FRRO stands for Foreign Registration Regional Office. It is Obligatory for all the Institutes, Professionals and commercial Bodies to do Registration of Foreign Citizens residing/ studying under their respective working area.

FSIS stands for Foreign Student Information System. Once Institutes registered the details of International Students, it will create one unique ID on basis of which the information of International Students can be stored in the e- system.

Mr. Suneshra (ACP, Immigration, Ahmedabad) has highlighted the above areas in his speech. He also focused on Nation's Security in reference with the foreign nationals. As now a day in India due to improvement in education system, more foreign nationals are coming, it is obligatory for all institutes to do their registration for information as well as security purpose.



About IVFRt:

IVFRT stands for Immigration, Visa & foreigner's Registration & Tracking System

Mr. Himanshu Mehta (Project Co-ordinator, IVFRT, Gujarat) has explained the process of registration of International students with FRRO & FSIS as well as their Exit process through their Power point presentation. He also solved the technical problems facing by institutes during registration process. He oriented about the statutory and technical requirements as well as online process of FRRO & FSIS registration through below ppt.



Indian immigration authorities utilize several different databases and tracking for all foreign nationals applying for any Indian immigration benefit (e.g., the Centralized Foreigners' Registration Office (cFRO) and the Online Foreigner's Registration System), for Indian nationals (e.g., the Indian Citizenship Program) and Indian Permanent Residence programs (e.g., Overseas Citizen of India or "OCI").

India also has a Prior Reference Category (PRC) list for nationals of certain countries that are issued a visa only after receiving a required pre-clearance from the MHA. Currently, PRC is required for nationals of the following countries: Bangladesh, China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and all foreign nationals of Pakistani origin.

Primarily, the IVFRT is being used for enhanced comprehensive border control and enforcement, from tracking details of visas issued at Indian consular posts, to entry/exit of foreign nationals to FRO/FRRO registration of residence permits.

As this is a multi-year implementation through September 2014, the overall aim is to consolidate and integrate as many immigration, nationality and border enforcement programs under one system. It is also hoped that as consolidation of information continues, this will streamline issuance of entry to PRC nationals, such as Bangladeshi nationals.

Various activities, Functionality of International Student Cell, GTU

Mr. Mitesh Dadhania, Deputy Director & International Student advisor, GTU, has given speech on journey of International students' admission & allotment process, how it become possible for GTU to give admission to international students, Institutes' expectation with Students & vice -versa. He also mentioned regarding National day celebration of respective countries from where our International students have arrived.



To let the International Students feel homely, GTU had organised Welcome workshop of International Scholarship Students and Press Conference at Gujarat Technological University, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad, on 01/08/2013 on which first batch of International students' of GTU have been allocated. He also mentioned that this is the first time in history that the university has organised the workshop in reference to international students' related statutory & legal process. He show the way to the mentors that how to treat international students' in their academic journey as well as their domestic needs. He oriented the journey and role of Institutes' Mentors for International Students through below ppt.

Role of ICCR

Mr. Makrand Shukla (Regional Head, ICCR, Gujarat) has put emphasis on role of ICCR to invite International students in Gujarat for their further study. He feel proud on the achievement of allocating 325+ students in various universities in Gujarat and GTU has contributed with 140 students of them from various 22 countries in its affiliated colleges.



He also solved the queries of institute mentors regarding the Hostel & Lodging Fees by explaining those ICCR regulations of stipend for international students and also explained how to deal with international students by sharing his experience. He asked special request to institute mentors to take lectures in English, so that it will be little easy for international students to understand. He gave identity to GTU as mother of all international students who are studying under this university.

EXPERINECE SHARING BY Dr. NeerajaaruN (INterNatioNaI StuDeNt advisor, Guj arat university)

Since 2006, Dr. Neeraja Arun, as International Students Advisor, has been taking care of International Student of Gujarat University, Ahmedabad. She has shared her vast experience on dealing with International students with emphasising on security of nation as well



as these students and that can be secured by mentor's mentorship over the students' attendance, academic progress etc. she said that it should be mentorship not over mentorship in regards of restriction.

She mentioned the role of EDCIL (Educational Consultants India Limited) **which** offers consultancy and technical services in different areas of Education and Human Resource Development not only within the country but also on a global basis. She also mentioned that international students are seeds which are growing in our nation and once it will grow it will be fruitful for our education & national development.

AbstrAction of Hon. Vice cHancel I or's speech

Dr. Akshai Aggarwal (Hon. Vice Chancellor, GTU) has shared his experience while he was working in abroad and what he feels, what are the challenges he faced & what are the good moments that makes his staying in abroad still memorable. He accentuate on international students' academic progress, their comfort staying, belongingness of mentors with them, which can enhance the comfort level and make this bonding with International countries more smoother.



Mentors as PartICIPants froM gtu's affilIated Institutes:

This was the abstraction part of our success which shows what we achieved in regards to international students. In this workshop from 18 different institutes 36 mentors and 8 Faculty Members along with 3 Research Associates of GTU were present to attend this workshop. All of them have been facilitated with clarifying on some difficulties about legal aspect like registration, documentation, their food and other domestic matters, fees structure and various other operational matters. They had been highly enriched and fascinated with the workshop as influencing their mentorship of their institutes' International Students. They suggested that this type of workshop could have been arranged for management of the institutes too, so that the operational channel will be smoother.

