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# Introduction to United States-India Science & Technology Endowment Fund (USISTEF)

by

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On

**Thursday, 26 May 2016**  
**3 pm to 4 pm** in the  
Lecture Theatre, Venture Center  
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#### About the speaker

Rajiv Kumar Tayal holds a Doctorate in Chemical Engineering and Diploma in Project Management. He has close to 35 years of professional experience in Science, Technology and Innovation space, while directly serving in Industry and Government and closely interfacing with a large number of academic institutions, research laboratories and industry in India. He is a Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering, FNAE and The Institution of Engineers (India), FIE.

Till recently, he had been working as an Advisor in the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, dealing with overall Science & Technology policy framework and several direct interventions through a vast range of schemes and programs related to promotion of scientific research and capacity building. At the time of relinquishing his charge in DST, he was the Heading two Program Divisions, namely SPLICE and IS-STAC. In addition to his responsibilities in DST, he had concurrently made foundational contribution to the formation and operationalization of Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body created by an Act of Indian Parliament under DST, and spearheaded various R&D programs under its ambit.

He is currently leading the bi-national Indo-US Science & Technology Forum (IUSSTF) as its Executive Director. IUSSTF performs a critical role in connecting S&T ecosystems of the US and India through a rich portfolio of networking programs, strategic missions in the areas of energy and biomedical devices, large international collaborative projects and innovation led commercialization of technology.

#### About the talk

Dr Rajiv Tayal will provide an introduction to the Indo-US Science & Technology Forum (IUSSTF) administers a fund called United States-India Science & Technology Endowment Fund (USISTEF), through which Grant-in-Aid funding support is provided to start-up initiatives up to the extent of INR 25 million / USD 400,000.

The 7th Call for Proposals (CFP) under USISTEF has recently been announced and online submission is open during the window starting May 9 - June 15, 2016. More info: [www.usistef.org](http://www.usistef.org)