

Press Release

ICCR organizing a visit of 29 young leaders from 09 countries to India under the 'Gen-Next Democracy Network Programme'

ICCR is organising the visit of the 7th batch from 22nd - 31st January, 2023 with 29 young delegates from Argentina, Botswana, Canada, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan and Lithuania, These young delegates are members of political parties (both ruling and opposition), entrepreneurs and rising leaders in their respective countries.

Highlights of the visit of 7th Batch to India

- Delegates of 7th batch from 07 countries Argentina, Botswana, Canada, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan and Lithuania are visiting India this time from January 22-31, 2023.
- The Gen-Next Democracy Network programme celebrates 75 years of Indian independence with 75+ democracies across the globe and aims to provide:
 - o An understanding of the success of India's democratic journey to young leaders across the world
 - o To acquaint the young leaders of 75 democracies about India's culture, heritage and the "Idea of India"
 - o To showcase India's contributions in addressing global issues and its egalitarian world view
- To showcase the ethos of democracy that are ingrained in our culture the young delegates will be a part of Republic Day Parade of India at Kartavya Path, New Delhi.
- Young leaders will be interacting with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh at Lucknow & Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.
- Delegates will be visiting to Parliament to witness a Parliament Session, Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in New Delhi, Taj Mahal & Agra Fort, Sarnath, Banaras Hindu University, Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Varanasi, Dashaswamedh Ghat to watch Ganga Aarti Ceremony, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Election Commission of India and Akshardham Temple etc.

As part of activities for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) hosted 6 batches of Gen-Next Democracy Network Programme for 131 young leaders from 36 democratic countries. These visits were extremely successful in showcasing the tourist places and cultural heritage of various states of India.

This Programme includes meetings with Institutions, Think-Tanks Cultural Groups, Research Forums, NGOs and other relevant stake-holders. They will interact with young leaders, Senior Ministers and Bureaucrats, Academia, Civil Society and other important stake-holders. They get to visit local government institutions, meet with Senior leadership of State governments and interact with scientists, engineers and professors.

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) believes that this initiative is a means to a greater collaboration among democracies of the world and will establish India's already well-known credentials as the largest democracy in the world. It will show the resilience of democracy in India and the spirit of its citizens who have, despite all hardships as a developing country, imbibed the democratic spirit. As Prime Minister Modi had highlighted, India's democratic credentials are deep-rooted and he called India "the mother of democracy". While India has travelled a long way over the last 75 years, this Programme wishes to invest in the leadership of the future, not only in India, but in democratic countries around the world so that a network of democratic individuals could be formed which will take forward the prospects of democracy to all countries of the world.

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