

11TH BATCH OF GENNEXT DEMOCRACY NETWORK PROGRAMME

As part of the 11th batch of the Gen Next Democracy Network Programme organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), 19 delegates from Albania, Denmark, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Moldova, Namibia, and the USA visited India to learn and experience country's rich history, culture, and democracy.



To facilitate greater collaboration among democracies of the world, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations initiated a first-of-its-kind 'Gen Next Democracy Network Programme.' In order to celebrate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav, under this initiative, ICCR initially aimed to host young emerging leaders of 75 democracies to provide them with a comprehensive overview of India's democratic traditions, its cultural heritage, its developmental initiatives and the Indian democratic systems at Union and State level. In total 11 batches from November 2021 till August 2023, ICCR so far has hosted 269 delegates from 77 countries, covering 28 cities in 11 States and 02 Union Territories.



This programme is a unique blend of academic sessions and visits to culturally significant places. Hence, the delegates also had the opportunity to visit some of India's most iconic landmarks, including the Red Fort, the Taj Mahal, the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalay (Prime Minister's Museum), and the Parliament of India. Along with visiting scenic locations in Jammu and Kashmir, the delegates also had the opportunity to attend a joint session of the Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) and ICCR, addressed by Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha and President, ICCR, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudde.

