



PROMOTING THE CULTURAL MESSAGE OF INDIA

ICCR's activities in February showcase diverse cultural exchanges, featuring eminent visits and MOU signings for academic collaboration. It highlights ICCR's pivotal role in promoting cultural diplomacy, fostering global understanding, and strengthening international relations through vibrant cultural engagement.

Prof. Morten Meldal, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, under ICCR's **Distinguished Visitors Programme (DVP)**

ICCR. under its Distinguished **Visitors** Programme (DVP), hosted Prof. Morten Meldal, Nobel Laureate of 2022 in Chemistry. He was accompanied by his wife, Ms. Phaedria Marie St. Hilaire, life science business leader in Denmark. During his visit to India, he met several prominent leaders and businesspersons working in the field of science and technology. Apart from that, Mr. Meldal also delivered some thought-provoking lectures premier institutions in India.



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Organization of the Induction Training Programme for 36 Officer Trainees of the 2023 batch of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and 2 Diplomats from Bhutan



On February 15, 2024, ICCR organized the Induction Training Programme for 36 Officer Trainees of the 2023 batch of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and 2 diplomats from Bhutan. During the programme, the officers were provided with an overall perspective on India's cultural diplomacy, ICCR's engagement within India, and its activities abroad carried out by its Cultural Centres and by Missions and Posts.

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Visit of Mr. Guillermo Castillo Reyes, former Vice President of Guatemala, under ICCR's Distinguished Visitors Programme (DVP)



Mr. Guillermo Castillo Reyes, former Vice President of Guatemala visited India under ICCR's Distinguished Visitors Programme (DVP). He met the Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik during his visit to the ancient city of Bhubaneswar. Mr. Reyes also held meetings with heads of key educational institutions and discussions on economic partnerships and cultural collaborations.

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Signing of an MOU with El Colegio de México A.C. for the establishment of an Indian Studies chair in Mexico



ICCR signed an MOU with one of the most renowned universities in Mexico, El Colegio de México A.C. to re-establish the 'Octavio Paz Chair on Indian Studies'. This chair has been instrumental in the promotion of Indian knowledge traditions, and will further boost the academic collaboration between India and Mexico. fostering mutual learning and cooperation.

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Visit of Mr. Anura Kumara Dissanayaka, Leader of the National People's Power (NPP), and Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) in Sri Lanka under the ICCR's Distinguished Visitors Programme (DVP)



ICCR hosted Mr. Anura Kumara Dissanayaka, Leader of the National People's Power (NPP), and Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) in Sri Lanka under its Distinguished **Visitors** Programme (DVP). He has had several meetings with the people holding portfolios in the Indian government, including External Affairs Minister, the Jaishankar.

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