



SIGNING OF MOU WITH EL COLEGIO DE MÉXICO A.C. FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INDIAN STUDIES CHAIR IN MEXICO

ICCR signed an MOU with one of the most renowned universities in Mexico, El Colegio de México A.C. on Feb 23, 2024 to re-establish the 'Octavio Paz chair on Indian Studies' which was first established in 2011. 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.

The chair has been named after the famous Mexican poet, writer and diplomat, Octavio Paz, who was posted as the Mexican ambassador to India from 1962 to 1968. The Mexican poet wrote extensively on Indian history, politics and culture. He wrote a book titled, 'In Light of India' which reflects on the six years he spent in India as Mexican Ambassador, and reveals how the people and culture of India impacted his life. It was published in 1995.

The re-establishment of this chair in Mexico will play a pivotal role in strengthening India-Mexico bilateral relations by fostering deeper people-to-people connections. It will also serve as a hub for research, education, and cultural activities, facilitating mutual learning, collaboration, and appreciation of each other's heritage and values, thereby enhancing diplomatic ties and cooperation between the two nations.

