



VISIT OF A 2-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM ALIKHAN BOKEIKHAN UNIVERSITY (ABU), KAZAKHSTAN, UNDER ICCR'S ACADEMIC VISITORS PROGRAMME (AVP)

ICCR hosted a 2-member delegation from Alikhan Bokeikhan University (ABU), Kazakhstan, comprised of Prof. Shyryn KURMANBAYEVA, President, ABU, and Mr. Alexandr Koichubayev, Rector, ABU, under its Academic Visitors Programme (AVP) from March 10-18, 2024.

Under the AVP, ICCR facilitates visits by eminent academicians, which include vice chancellors, professors, and rectors, among others, to India to experience Indian culture and interact with educational and cultural institutions and audiences in India.

Prof. Shyryn KURMANBAYEVA has a PhD in political science and teaching experience spanning more than 40 years. She has been the President of ABU since 2009. Prior to this, she was the President of M.O. Auezov Semipalatinsk University (2007-09) and the Rector of the Semipalatinsk Law Institute of Kazakh State Law University (1998-2007). Prof. KURMANBAYEVA has authored several monographs and educational manuals, with over 50 scientific and public publications.

Mr. Alexandr Koichubayev received his PhD in economics. He has more than 17 years of professional experience in higher education and science. Mr. Koichubayev has served as national and institutional coordinator for several international projects, including ERASMUS+. He has an extensive publication record with over 50 significant scientific papers, as well as a monograph and tutorials to his credit.

Over the course of their eight-day visit to India, the delegation delved into a diverse range of experiences, immersing themselves in India's rich cultural heritage and academic excellence. They engaged in interactive sessions with renowned scholars and educators, exchanging insights on various academic disciplines and pedagogical approaches. They visited several eminent Indian institutions which includes the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Mumbai, the University of Hyderabad, and Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU). Matters pertaining to innovative teaching methodologies, research and development, and exploration of potential avenues for academic collaborations were discussed.

Beyond the confines of academia, Prof. Kurmanbayeva and Mr. Koichubayev also experienced the vibrant tapestry of Indian culture. They visited historical monuments, and savored the rich flavors of Indian cuisine, deepening their appreciation for India's cultural diversity.

