

PRESS RELEASE

ICCR presents Gen-Next Democracy Network to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

The **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** is an autonomous organization of the Government of India with the overall mandate of promoting Indian culture abroad and furthering cultural ties with the rest of the world. Its activities encompass cultural, academic and intellectual exchanges.

As India celebrates **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)** to commemorate 75 years of independence, the nation has established itself as the world's largest and most robust democracy. Among the many activities being held by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), ICCR has initiated in November 2021, the **Gen-Next Democracy Network Programme** which defines India's democratic governance structure at various levels and provides an understanding of the success of India's democratic journey across the world. This programme will acquaint the young leaders of **75 democracies** about India's culture, heritage and the "Idea of India" through showcasing India's contributions in addressing global issues through its democratic world view.

ICCR had organised the first batch of Gen-Next Democracy Network Programme, constituting delegates from 8 countries namely Bhutan, Jamaica, Poland, Malaysia, Sweden, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Uzbekistan, in India from 25th November to 2nd December, 2021 to emphasize India's rich democratic traditions.

Following the convention, ICCR is organizing the visit of the 2nd batch from **20th May to 29th May, 2022** with 27 delegates from 6 countries namely Bangladesh, Brunei, Ghana, Nepal, Norway and Peru. During the programme, the delegates will be visiting the Parliament of India, Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF), Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership (IIDL), Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) and other places of cultural and academic significance for various discussions and conferences where they will be interacting with prominent young ministers of India and other dignitaries.