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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ICCR and University of Delhi sign agreement on international students.**

ICCR and the University of Delhi have agreed to work together to facilitate international students studying in India. For the first time ever, ICCR is setting up its Regional Office in New Delhi that will cover all international students in the northern region including Delhi NCR, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan. The new Office will undertake outreach activities of Council and oversee the scholarships programmes for foreign students studying in various streams in the region. It will also play a crucial role in organising inbound cultural programmes, exhibitions, conferences, seminars, visits and lectures in collaboration with University of Delhi.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ICCR and Delhi University will be signed on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for establishment of ICCR's Regional Office. ICCR and University of Delhi will be represented by Director General, ICCR and Acting Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi respectively. The office will be established in premises provided by University of Delhi.

ICCR was founded in 1950 and was set up to formulate and implement policies and programmes relating to India's External Cultural Relations; to foster and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries. Academic cooperation is one of the key areas for which ICCR organises seminar/conferences/fellowship programs on different subjects. Through its Academic Visitors' Program, ICCR brings together top academics from different countries on a single platform for discussions. ICCR provides more than 3000 scholarships to foreign students every year, it has various Chairs in foreign universities on different Indian disciplines and is also in process of setting up Chairs of neighbouring countries in premier Indian Institutes. The arrangement between ICCR and University of Delhi is a step towards PM's vision of making India a hub for International Education.

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