



Strengthening India-Russia Academic Ties: BRICS XVI Summit Hosts Round Table on Educational Cooperation

As part of the XVI BRICS Summit, a high-level round-table dialogue on India-Russia educational cooperation, “India-Russia: Emerging Economies,” was held yesterday at the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi. Organized by the BRICS International Forum in collaboration with the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation and universities from Delhi and NCR, the event brought together leading academic and government representatives to advance strategic educational partnerships.

The program commenced with a formal reception for the Financial University delegation at Jamia Millia Islamia University, followed by a ceremonial welcome at the Constitution Club of India. The dignitaries were greeted with traditional flower arrangements and a ceremonial lamp lighting, symbolizing the shared vision for advancing academic collaboration and cultural exchange.

In her opening remarks, **Ms. Purnima Anand, President of the BRICS International Forum**, emphasized the importance of academic alliances in the BRICS framework. She highlighted the forum’s commitment to promoting educational exchange as a foundation for mutual growth and global understanding among the BRICS nations.

Following Ms. Anand's address, **Mr. Stanislav Prokofiev, Rector of the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation**, delivered a greeting address, commending India's educational advances and affirming Russia's commitment to enhancing academic cooperation with Indian institutions. Mr. Prokofiev was presented with a symbolic Indian souvenir as a gesture of respect and appreciation.

Mr. Pavel Seleznev of the Financial University continued with an insightful presentation on BRICS development initiatives and the university's role in fostering knowledge exchange across the BRICS nations. The keynote addresses from Indian dignitaries, **Dr. Ashu Rani, Vice Chancellor of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra**, **Dr. P.B. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of Amity University, NOIDA**, and **Dr. Alok Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India**, underscored the growing imperative for closer academic and research collaboration between India and Russia.

Ms. Liliya Prikhodko, Head of International Relations at the Financial University, presented on the university's international engagements, highlighting its global academic leadership. The round-table discussions included invited guests and representatives from Indian private universities, exploring opportunities to strengthen joint research initiatives, foster cultural understanding, and facilitate student exchanges.

The program concluded with the national anthems of India and Russia, followed by a formal vote of thanks. The event closed with a high tea and formal dinner, honoring the Russian delegation and reinforcing the mutual respect and commitment to collaborative growth between Indian and Russian academic institutions.
