

Diplomats explores UP's academic, investment sys

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Lucknow: A 45-member diplomatic delegation from Central and South American and Caribbean countries, which is on a visit to Uttar Pradesh to explore investment opportunities and experience the state's vibrant culture, engaged in several academic discussions on Saturday.

The visit is a part of the diplomats' training programme under the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt of India.

In UP, the visit is being anchored by Invest UP, which made efforts to showcase the state's industrial growth, educational excellence, and cultural richness.



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The diplomats first visited the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow, where they interacted with faculty and students to learn about academic innovations, leadership development, and entrepreneurial initiatives. Discussions also focused on student exchange programmes and the integration of emerging fields

such as Artificial Intelligence into the curricula.

The delegation was welcomed by dean (programmes), Prof Sanjay K Singh and chairperson (MDP) Prof Madhumita Chakraborty, who presented mementos to the delegates.

Thereafter, the delegation visited Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University

(AKTU), where the diplomats explored potential collaborations in technical education and research. Vice-chancellor Prof JP Pandey and registrar Reena Singh apprised the delegation of the university's cutting-edge initiatives in AI, cybersecurity, robotics, and nanotechnology, reflecting UP's growing ecosystem of innovation and industry-academia partnerships.

HCL IT City was the third stoppage where the delegation witnessed the state's expanding digital and IT ecosystem employing over 11,000 professionals. The members explored opportunities for cooperation in technology and digital innovation, gaining insights into the technical expertise driving the industry. Beyond business and

academic engagements, the diplomats experienced UP's cultural grandeur through a Kathak dance performance and a traditional Awadhi culinary showcase, celebrating the state's artistic and gastronomic heritage at a city hotel.

"This is one of the first-of-its-kind visits by trainee foreign diplomats to Uttar Pradesh, marking a significant step towards fostering international collaboration, enhancing global partnerships, and attracting foreign investment to the state," an official spokesperson said.

"This visit reflects UP's proactive approach to global engagement, further strengthening its position as a preferred destination for investment, innovation, and cultural diplomacy," he added.