

## CM WELCOMES GEN NEXT DEMOCRACY NETWORK PROGRAMME

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Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant [today](#) welcomed and interacted with the 5<sup>th</sup> batch of the Gen Next Democracy Network programme which included 18 delegates from six democratic countries including Australia, Costa Rica, Greece, South Korea, Romania and Austria [today](#) in the City.

Informing about the Gen Next Democracy Network programme Chief Minister said that the Gen Next Democracy Network programme is initiated by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs to acquaint itself with the country's heritage, culture and functioning of Indian democracy. The "Idea of India" by showcasing India's contributions to addressing global issues through its democratic worldview, he added.

The programme aims at defining India's democratic governance structure at various levels and provides an understanding of the success of India's democratic journey across the world. The Gen Next Democracy Network Programme proposes to host delegates from a total of 75 democracies. This year, the initiative was done to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence, as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) celebrations, this programme has been launched and has so far hosted four groups of youths from across the world.

Speaking further, he said this interaction programme will definitely help in strengthening the multi-faceted relationship between India and other democratic countries. India has the largest democracy in the world with diversity which no other country has, he pointed. This initiative of Gen Next Democracy Network Programme comes as India has been taking a lead role in terms of geo-politics of democracies, he added.

He further said through this initiative when in India, these young leaders will be able to visit different States and through various interactions, and presentations they will be made aware about India's glorious history, academic institutions, scientific achievements as well as cultural traditions.

Highlighting the Beauty of Goa he said we are trying to make Goa as the capital of India in Tourism and urged all the delegates to visit different parts of States, different beaches, Monuments, cities etc. After witnessing the beauty of Goa you will definitely promote Goa as one of the Best State in India to visit, he added.

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