

An International Delegation visited ICGEB, New Delhi

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Delegates from different countries at ICGEB, New Delhi

An international delegation from 25 countries visited International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi as a part of a flagship capacity building programme on '*Science Diplomacy*' on 16th January 2020.

The member countries include Argentina, Armenia, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Georgia, Russia, Indonesia, Mauritius and many more. The flagship program has been conducted under the auspices of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) by the Ministry of External Affairs (MoEF), Government of India, since 2017.

The program highlights the scientific capabilities of India and its pioneer role in science diplomacy through a series of lectures and field visits. During the visit, the ICGEB, New Delhi was showcased as a successful endeavour of India in the realm of scientific excellence and diplomacy. Institute was designated as a model of pioneering initiatives taken by the Government of Indian in promoting S&T international cooperation in biotechnology domain.

Furthermore, the institutional visit was designed to familiarize the international participants about the scientific excellence of our country. All participants were briefed about the science diplomacy, and how developing nations can take advantage of it. On the occasion, the ICGEB's contribution in promoting S&T cooperation, its achievements, challenges, and the future trajectory for the partnership were also highlighted.

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