Vice-President Calls for Stronger Global Academic Partnerships to Address Emerging Economic and Social Challenges

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Vice-President Graces MoU Exchange Ceremony between London School of Economics, University of Delhi and Institute of Economic Growth

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The Vice-President of India and Chancellor of the University of Delhi, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today graced the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) exchange ceremony between the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, and the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) at Uprashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

> Vice-President of India and Chancellor of the University of Delhi, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan graced the MoU exchange ceremony between the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Delhi School of Economics and the Institute of Economic Growth at Uprashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi today. He described the collaboration as an important milestone that brings together academic excellence, research capabilities and policy expertise to address contemporary economic and social challenges. The ceremony was attended by Shri N. K. Singh, President, Institute of Economic Growth; Prof. Larry Kramer, President and Vice-Chancellor, London School of Economics and Political Science; Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra, Chairman, Institute of Economic Growth; and Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, among other dignitaries, faculty members and students. @UnivofDelhi @IEGResearch
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> — Vice-President of India (@VPIndia) November 24, 2026

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-President described the collaboration as an important milestone in the journey of the three distinguished institutions. He said that the partnership brings together academic excellence, research capabilities and policy experience to address some of the most pressing economic and social challenges of our times. Recalling the discussions held earlier this year with Shri N. K. Singh on fostering cooperation among these institutions, he expressed satisfaction that the idea had culminated in concrete institutional partnerships.

Emphasising the importance of research and academic excellence, the Vice-President said that universities must strive to strengthen their research capabilities and improve their global standing to provide the best opportunities to India's youth. He urged students to make full use of the opportunities available to them today and contribute meaningfully to the nation's development. He observed that the proposed collaboration would facilitate academic exchanges, joint research, training programmes and student-faculty exchanges, opening new avenues for mutual learning and knowledge creation.

The Vice-President particularly welcomed the proposal for a joint research seed fund involving the three institutions. He noted that the identified areas of collaboration, including sustainability, artificial intelligence, public policy, geopolitics and international trade, were highly relevant to contemporary challenges. He expressed hope that the initiative would nurture young researchers, encourage original scholarship and generate practical policy recommendations. He also highlighted the proposed collaboration between IEG and LSE to enhance the training of Indian Economic Service officers, observing that international exposure to research and policy practices would further strengthen their professional capabilities.

Highlighting India's development journey under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Vice-President referred to achievements in poverty alleviation, housing, rural electrification and tap water connectivity. He said that the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 calls for inclusive development across all sectors, regions and sections of society. Emphasising the importance of wealth creation alongside equitable distribution,

he observed that economic progress must ultimately translate into an improved quality of life for people. He also underscored that global and domestic priorities must remain centred on human development, good governance and the welfare of citizens.

Referring to India's growing role in the Global South, the Vice-President said that India's democratic institutions, diversity and developmental experience have much to offer the international academic community. He noted that the experiences of developing countries must inform global academic and policy frameworks and that such partnerships can enrich international research and policy discourse.

The Vice-President expressed confidence that the collaboration would transcend institutional boundaries and foster meaningful intellectual exchange. He said that, as Chancellor of the University of Delhi, he would personally monitor the progress and outcomes of this initiative and extend all necessary support. He also encouraged other universities to draw inspiration from this partnership and pursue similar collaborations. He called upon the institutions to translate academic excellence and shared knowledge into tangible progress for society.

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