

## **Indian Youth Delegation's visit to China**

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1. A delegation of Indian youth led by Ms. Kiran Soni Gupta, Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology is currently visiting China at the invitation of the All China Youth Federation as part of the annual calendar of bilateral exchanges.
2. The Indian youth delegation comprising young professionals, students, scholars, athletes, artists and officials from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is visiting Beijing, Lanzhou and Dunhuang from 02 to 09 July 2019. During the course of the visit, the delegation will visit universities, industry and commercial bodies, media organizations and infrastructure projects, besides places of cultural and historical significance. At these places, they will interact with academicians, business representatives, scientists, artists, media persons and experts from various fields and gain a first hand knowledge about the various facets of Chinese society and economy.
3. On 03 July, the Embassy of India in Beijing hosted a reception for the visiting delegation. Mr. Vikram Misri, Ambassador of India in China while addressing the gathering said that the Youth Exchange Program is an opportunity for the young people of India and China to mutually understand each other in a better way. While noting that India and China have a very deep relationship that is rooted in history, the leader of delegation Ms. Kiran Soni Gupta said that both countries have a lot to learn from each other.
4. Since 2006, a regular exchange of youth delegation between India and China has been taking place between Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, India and All China Youth Federation, Peoples Republic of China. In 2014, which was designated as India-China year of friendly exchanges, it was decided to double the number of Youth being exchanged between two sides from 100 to 200 for the period between 2015-2019. During the first High Level Mechanism on Cultural Contact and People-to-People Exchange which took place in December, 2018, Youth Exchange was one of the ten areas identified for furthering cooperation and exchanges.

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