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**कोरिया में हिंदी | Hindi in Korea | 한국 내 힌디의 현재와 미래**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Seoul popularly known as Indian Cultural Centre organised a digital Symposium Hindi in Korea on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The event was graced by the presence of the Mr Kang Geuk Du Member of National Assembly, Republic of Korea as the Chief Guest along with H. E. Sripriya Ranganathan, Ambassador of India to Republic of Korea. The Symposium was also be attended by Mr. Kim Young-gon President, National Institute of International Education (NIIED), Ministry of Education, Republic of Korea who gave the Keynote Address, Prof. Koh Tae Jin, Dean, Department of Hindi, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies gave the introductory remarks on this occasion, The session was also attended by prominent Indologists, members of academia, students and researchers engaged in teaching and learning Hindi in Republic of Korea.

The Symposium is important as we seek to engage the attention of Korean academics engaged in the promotion of Hindi language in the country. “It comes at a time when the Government of India is introducing Korean as a foreign language in Indian schools and has been incorporated in the National Education Policy, 2020” said Ambassador Ranganathan.

Noting that learning foreign language doesn't just mean linguistic exchange and it can contribute to language based cultural exchanges, Mr Kang Geuk Du Member of National Assembly, Republic of Korea said such symposium will deepen the bilateral exchange between India and Korea making the lives of people more exuberant.

Mr. Kim Young-gon President, NIIED, highlighted on the remarkable achievements in Hindi language education in Korea. According to him, even before the establishment of the relations in 1972, the department of Hindi was first established at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS). “Our plans for the Promotion of Education of Critical Foreign Languages by the Government of the Republic of Korea initiated in 2017 play a major role in Korea's Hindi language education”, said Mr Kim Young-gon.

It is hoped that the deliberations of the Symposium will help us find ways of bridging the distance between young Indians and Koreans and helping them find ways of using their language skills to build their careers on the foundation of India-Republic of Korea partnership in the economic and commercial, cultural and educational fields.

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