



Virtual Round Table Conference on Indo- Mexico Relations

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On the 3rd of April, Aryabhata College, University of Delhi organized an International Round Table Conference on the topic **'An in-depth look into the aspects of 70 years of India-Mexico Relations'** with Mexican postgraduates. The event was organized by Finance and Investment Cell of the college in collaboration with The India-Mexico youth Forum, Global Youth. The event opened with a welcome address by Prof .Manoj Sinha- Principal, Aryabhata College.

The youth discussed various topics like Trade, Environment, Culture, and Investment. Some of the key points that we discussed were increased investment flows, growth in tourism, cooperation in science and technology, etc Mexico is currently India's largest trade partner in Latin America. In 2018-19, it accounted for almost a quarter of India's trade with the region. The last decade has seen a spurt in trade between the two countries which has grown from around \$5 billion in 2015-16 to \$9.4 billion in 2018-19. As fellow non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for the period, 2021-22 as well as proactive members of G20, India, and Mexico need to intensify their mutual dialogue and cooperation on how to overcome the current weakening and impasse in the multilateral system. Growing tourism brings people together and they share the pride of being heirs of ancient and Greek civilization of a cultural partnership skits about eyes depth and vision. We as youth think that The World Bank has estimated that the world economy will shrink by 5.2% post-pandemic so India and Mexico should collaborate their programs for efficient attainment of SDGs. India and Mexico are oceans apart. Both countries have different histories, cultures, and races. Although, there are similarities between Mexico and India and they are uncanny. The research says that the Portuguese traders used to export chili to India in the 15th century and it quickly became a popular ingredient in curries and making masalas. And the same traders brought tamarind from India to Mexico, as it grows in abundance in India. Without corn tortillas. Similarly, Indian Kathi rolls are what Tacos and Burritos are in Mexican. India is world-famous for its biodiversity. It hosts 4 biodiversity hotspots including the Himalayas, the Western Ghats, the Indo-Burma region, and Sunderland. India is home to over 500 wildlife sanctuaries, 13 biosphere reserves, and 25 wetlands. Apart from India's forests and tropical rain-forests; it is home to several endemic species like Nilgiri Langur, Bengal Tiger, White-rumped vulture, and Bed-dome's toad among others. Likewise, Mexico is also home to over 10 percent of the incredible wildlife species in the world. It holds fourth place for amphibians, second in mammals, the first in reptiles, and fifth place in plant species. It's the responsibility of the youth of both nations to discuss and deliberate the importance of environment conservation and how both the countries change their policies and law for the conservation of biodiversity. Moreover, a discussion should be undertaken on the issues of increasing the role of renewable energies and How to reduce



the emission of greenhouse gases. The discussion led to a few questions which both the nations should ponder upon, firstly, how do you think we can move faster towards more environmentally friendly energy? Secondly, how can India and Mexico cooperate in the UN and other platforms to bring real changes in UNSC and UN in general which have been discussed for decades? Lastly, India has been a champion of the principle of 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific'. India also introduced the Indo-Pacific oceans initiative to strengthen maritime boundaries. Will Mexico collaborate with India on the same in near future?

The event concluded with optimism on further academic collaborations in the future.

Members of The Finance and Investment who participated:

1. Sarthak Malhotra (President)
2. Karsh Vashisht (Vice President)
3. Sufiya Salim (Marketing & PR Head)
4. PrathamGoel (Technical & Analytics Head)
5. Khushboo Bansal (Project Head)
6. Sakshum Kumar Singh
7. Parth Jaiswal
8. Harsh Singh
9. KartikaySaraf
10. Aryan Jaiswal
11. Madhumita Kumari
12. Sarthak Arora
13. Tanya Srivastava
14. Kartikey Gupta
15. Sumit Raj

