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PRESS RELEASE

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in partnership with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National University of Mongolia will be organizing an international Conference on **'Chinggis Khaan, His Legacy & Indian Culture'** on 28-29 September 2016 in Ulaanbaatar. The Conference will be preceded by an exhibition which will be put up by Dr. O. Nyamdavaa, President of the 'Centre of India Studies' and the same will be inaugurated on 27 September 2016 at 1800 hrs in 'Best Art Gallery, Union of Mongolian Artists'.

This Conference will be the first major interaction between the 'think-tanks' of India and Mongolia in recent years. A 20-member delegation led by Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President of ICCR, an eminent scholar in Mongolian and Buddhist Studies, which includes Mr. Ram Madhav, National General Secretary of the ruling party in India, Members of Indian Parliament and acclaimed Indian scholars from different Universities and regions will participate in this academic event. During the course of the event a full set of Kanjurs edited by Prof. Lokesh Chandra and published in India will be donated to Buddhist Monasteries and other academic institutions.

The Conference is a unique event which would explore Chinggis Khaan, His Legacy and Indian Culture through the eyes of Indian and Mongolian Scholars.

The Conference will be inaugurated on 28 September 2016 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia and will have five sessions including (i) Traditional Image of Chinggis Khan, (ii) Chinggis Khan and Modern Mongolian Identity, (iii) Buddhist Dimension and Indian Culture, (iv) Geopolitical Implications and (v) Economic Prospects.

It is expected that senior dignitaries in the Mongolian Government including H.E. Mr. U. Khurelsukh, the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, H.E. Ms. Battsetseg, Deputy Foreign Minister and eminent Mongolian scholars would be participating in this Conference.

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