Dr Ram Sharma, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies & Students Welfare, attended the International Visitor Leadership Program of the US Department of State, under the theme "Education in Digital Age".

The program goals were to:

1. Provide an overview of current technological trends in education;
2. Assess how new technologies impact student learning, including the advantages and disadvantages;
3. Examine partnerships between educational institutions and private business or philanthropic organizations; and
4. Explain teacher training and continuing education on how to work with new technologies and its integration into existing curriculum.

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), [http://eca.state.gov/ivlp/about-ivlp](http://eca.state.gov/ivlp/about-ivlp), is the U.S. Department of State’s premier professional exchange program. Through short-term visits to the United States, current and emerging foreign leaders in a variety of fields experience the US firsthand and cultivate lasting relationships with their American counterparts. More than 200,000 International Visitors have engaged with Americans since the launch of the Program in 1940 through the IVLP, including more than 335 current or former Chiefs of State or Heads of Government (Including six Indian Presidents or Prime Ministers), [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Visitor_Leadership_Program#Notable_alumni](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Visitor_Leadership_Program#Notable_alumni). The majority of IVLP exchanges include visits to four U.S. communities over three weeks, although projects vary based on themes, Embassy requests and other factors. Participants meet with professional counterparts, visit U.S. public and private sector organizations related to the project theme and participate in cultural and social activities.