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Interactive Session on Russia-Ukraine crisis and Regional Security by CPRG

The Center of Policy Research and Governance (CPRG) hosted an interactive session on November 4, 2022, with guest speaker Dr. Akbota Zholdasbekova, Professor, Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan, at its office in New Delhi. The offline session was attended by Kazakhstan embassy dignitaries, Dr. Ramanand, Director of CPRG, CPRG's Fellows, Visiting Fellows, Junior Fellows, Research Interns, and graduate and postgraduate students from various universities.

Professor Zholdasbekova spoke about the political developments since 2022 that led to the Russia-Ukraine crisis; changes in the central Asian sociopolitical climate; security concerns; and efforts made by various countries at the CPRG's Interactive session, which aimed to encourage interaction and debates on contemporary global political scenarios. She further discussed the impact of nuclear war speculation on neighbouring nations such as Kazakhstan, as well as Russia's lack of cooperation in border conflicts and problems they are attempting to settle. All post-Soviet Central Asian countries - all members of CSTO - have diverse populations and rely on transport and energy corridors, as well as commodity flows from Russia and China for food and economic security. However, mounting concerns about human security and potential regional catastrophe arise when the regional supply chain is disrupted by the war.

As Asian people and countries endeavor to do everything possible for ensuring peaceful coexistence, India's involvement in this scenario is important given its ties with Russia and its influence in global affairs. The forthcoming G20 presidency of India is seen as a possible avenue for addressing all of these mounting concerns.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Ramanand who presented the guests with bouquets and diaries. As a warm gesture, the delegates presented CPRG with Kazakstan's delicacies and craftwork, and Dr. Ramanand was honoured with a traditional Kazak hat.

Sincerely,

Dr Ramanand
Director
Center of Policy Research and Governance