

Aspen- Rodel Fellows Visit to New Delhi on 2 & 3 August, 2007.

The Aspen Institute India facilitated the visit of The Aspen Institute- Rodel Fellows “study tour” to India from 2-3 August, 2007.

The Rodel Fellowship program's class consisted of 24 fellows, identified by the Aspen Institute as America's emerging political leaders with reputations for intellect, thoughtfulness and are committed to civil dialogue. All the Fellow hold publicly elected offices at the local, state and central level. They are between the ages of 25-45.

The objective of the Rodel Fellows visit to India was to understand and explore the functionality of underlying values of Indian Democracy, Society and Economy, through study and conversation. The thrust was to comprehend the nuances of civil society and the responsibility of public leadership in India

During their visit, the Rodel Fellows interacted with the cabinet Minister, Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar, Minister for Panchayati Raj, Youth Affairs & Sports, Development of North Eastern Region. They also interacted with the Foreign Secretary Mr. Shivshankar Menon, Members of Parliament, Mr. Sachin Pilot, Mr. B J Panda and Mr. Deepender Singh Hooda among others.

On the occasion of the Rodel Fellows visit, The Aspen Institute India also hosted a dinner with Trustees of “The Aspen Institute India”, Members of the Aspen Strategy Group and the Fellows of “India Leadership Initiative” programme.