

**Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs  
(Diaspora Division)**

**Advisory for Indian nationals going for studies to Eurasia**

1. It has come to the notice of the Ministry that a number of Indian students are either pursuing or planning to take up a range of short-term [upto three years or less] courses, including medical courses, at various Universities/Institutes in some countries of the Eurasia/CIS Region. (This region includes Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Georgia). Some of the Universities/Institutions are located in places with fragile law and order situations, instability of conditions generally not conducive for the pursuit of educational courses by foreign students. Further, the degrees/certificates awarded by some of these Universities/Institutions are still not recognized outside these regions.
2. Indian students who are planning to pursue courses in the CIS/Eurasia region are, therefore, advised to satisfy themselves about physical safety and living conditions, standards of education, recognition of degrees/certificates, general credentials of the educational institutions offering these courses, and finally the prevailing atmosphere at those Universities/Institutions in question.
3. Students planning to pursue higher studies in the CIS/Eurasia Region may also note that this region is separate from the Euro/Schengen Zone and hence travel to Western Europe from this region requires requisite visas and permits