

Visit of Hon'ble External Affairs Minister

Smt. Sushma Swaraj to Turkmenistan (7-9 April, 2015)

Smt Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister, led an inter ministerial delegation to the 5th Meeting of the India-Turkmenistan Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) for Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation, held in Ashgabat on 8 April, 2015.

During the visit, EAM called on H.E. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan. The President underlined Turkmenistan's strong commitment to further develop bilateral ties with India and conveyed that he looks forward to receiving Prime Minister on his proposed visit to Turkmenistan later this year. EAM and the President held detailed discussions on initiatives and measures to further develop bilateral relations in energy, science and technology, defence, culture, and connectivity.

EAM also held consultations with Mr. Rashid Meredov, Deputy Chairman to the Cabinet of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan on bilateral, regional and international issues, including developments in Afghanistan. The two ministers co-chaired the Inter-Governmental Commission, which focused on measures to enhance trade, scientific and cultural cooperation. The two Ministers agreed on joint efforts to expedite implementation of the TAPI pipeline project. The Turkmen side welcomed India's proposal to set up a urea manufacturing facility in Turkmenistan and opening a representative office by ONGC Videsh Ltd in Ashgabat.

EAM discussed bilateral cooperation in culture, including holding of International Day of Yoga in Turkmenistan, with Mrs. Maysa Yazmammedova, Deputy Prime Minister for Culture and Media of Turkmenistan, during the visit. She also interacted with Turkmen students studying Hindi at the Azadi Institute of World Languages in Ashgabat. Prominent Indian community members in Ashgabat also greeted Hon'ble EAM on 8 April.

Ashgabat

9 April 2015

**EAM meets President of Turkmenistan H.E. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Ashgabat
on April 8, 2015**



Bilateral consultations between India and Turkmenistan



EAM and Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan Mr Rashid Meredov signing MOU on upgradation of Turkmen India Industrial Training Centre



EAM with Hindi students of Azadi Institute of World Languages

