

**Embassy of India
Ashgabat

PRESS RELEASE

Viksit Bharat Run- 2026 (Ashgabat, 1 October 2026)

As part of the ongoing “Swacchata Hi Seva Campaign-2026”, the Embassy of India organized a 3 km “ Viksit Bharat (Developed India) Run” at the Olympic Sports Complex in Ashgabat on 1 October 2026. The Run, which was flagged off by Ambassador Bandaru Wilsonbabu, witnessed an enthusiastic participation by the Members of Indian Diaspora and the Friends of India in Turkmenistan.

2. On the conclusion of the Run, top 3 winners in both Men’s and Women’s categories were felicitated by the Ambassador, with special medals and certificates. On this occasion, Ambassador administered a “Viksit Bharat Pledge” to the Members of Indian Community and encouraged them to contribute towards making India a developed nation by 2047, i.e. the 100th anniversary of India’s independence. The event concluded with the tasting of Indian snacks.

3. The Viksit Bharat Run-2026, organized on the eve of the 157th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, reflected the longstanding bonds of friendship and cooperation between India and Turkmenistan. In line with its “Extended Neighborhood” policy and the ancient philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (*The Whole World is a Family*), India will continue to share its developmental experience and expertise, as per the needs and priorities of Turkmenistan.

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