

**Embassy of India
Ashgabat**

Press Release

Embassy of India in Ashgabat organized the celebrations of the 76th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India at its premises in the morning of 26 January 2026. Members of local Indian Diaspora and Friends of India in Turkmenistan enthusiastically took part in the celebrations.

2. The event began with the unfurling of the Tricolor by Ambassador Bandaru Wilsonbabu, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Thereafter, Ambassador read out the Address to the Nation delivered by Hon'ble Rashtrapatiji Smt. Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi on the eve of the Republic Day. He also spoke about the steps being taken to further strengthen India-Turkmenistan partnership. The event witnessed a special Yoga performance and the singing of Indian patriotic songs.

3. In the afternoon of 26 January 2026, Ambassador hosted a National Day reception in Ashgabat, which was graced by the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan H.E. Mr. Rashid Meredov and other dignitaries. In his speech, Ambassador said that India considers Turkmenistan as a close friend and partner in its "Extended Neighborhood", which it shares ancient cultural and people-to-people linkages. He reaffirmed India's commitment to share its developmental experience and expertise, as per the needs and priorities of Turkmenistan, especially in the fields of Defence & Security, Oil & Gas, Chemicals & Fertilizers, Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals, Digital Public Infrastructure etc. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan H.E. Mr. Rashid Meredov spoke highly about the ongoing cooperation between India and Turkmenistan in the trade-economic, cultural, humanitarian and capacity building spheres and expressed his confidence that India-Turkmenistan partnership will scale greater heights in the coming days, under the leadership of Prime Minister of India H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi and the President of Turkmenistan H.E. Mr. Serdar Berdimuhamedov.

4. The event witnessed several vibrant cultural performances by the local Turkmen artists, including a special Yoga performance, dance performance themed on “Vande Mataram”, singing of patriotic songs and rendition of Indian instrumental music by the State Symphony Orchestra of Turkmenistan. A Special Exhibition commemorating the 150 years of India’s national song “Vande Mataram” was also organized on the occasion. The celebrations concluded with the tasting of Indian cuisine.

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