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<u>Press Release</u>

Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan H.E. Mr. Bandaru Wilsonbabu paid an official visit to Turkmenabat (Lebap Region) on 11 November 2026.

2. On 11 November 2026, Ambassador and the Deputy Hakim (Mayor) of Lebap Region, Mrs. Dunyagozel Kerimova, attended a Special Yoga Session in Turkmenabat. The Ambassador also participated in a special event, along with the Chairman of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Lebap Region Mr. Sabirjan Ibragimov, aimed at promoting trade and economic cooperation between Lebap Region of Turkmenistan and five Indian States—Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. The Ambassador and the representative of the Hakim's Office of Turkmenabat Mr. Durdy Nowruzov, jointly inaugurated an Indian Film Festival in the city. As part of the festival, five Indian films representing diverse genres will be screened free of charge on a non-commercial basis at the Cultural House of the City of Turkmenabat from 11 to 13 November 2026.

3. Ambassador's visit to Turkmenabat underscores India's commitment to further strengthening its longstanding and cordial ties with Turkmenistan. Guided by its vision of the "Extended Neighbourhood" and the timeless Indian philosophy of "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* (The World is One Family)", India remains committed to fostering mutually beneficial cooperation and sharing its knowledge, expertise and developmental experiences as per the needs and priorities of Turkmenistan.

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