

**Embassy of India
Ashgabat**

Press Release

Celebrations of the 165th Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore

The celebrations of the 165th Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore were organized by the Embassy of India in Ashgabat on 7 May 2026, at the statue of Tagore located in the Magtymguly Pyragy Cultural Park Complex in Ashgabat. The event was graced by the Deputy Minister of Culture of Turkmenistan Mr. Gurbanmyrat Myradaliyev, Members of Indian Diaspora and Friends of India in Turkmenistan.

2. In his speech, Ambassador Bandaru Wilsonbabu said that Tagore was not just a poet but an author, philosopher, composer, painter and an educationist. He also spoke about the relevance of Tagore's ideals of universal humanism, tolerance and co-existence as well as his contribution for holistic learning through the establishment of Visva-Bharati University in India. Ambassador took the opportunity to reaffirm India's readiness to share its developmental experience and expertise as per the needs and requirements of Turkmenistan, without any ulterior motive.

3. Deputy Minister of Culture of Turkmenistan Mr. Gurbanmyrat Myradaliyev mentioned that the installation of statue of Tagore in the Magtymguly Pyragy Cultural Park Complex in 2024 was a vivid reflection of the historical bonds of friendship and people-to-people linkages between India and Turkmenistan. He also looked forward to the further strengthening of India- Turkmenistan cultural cooperation in the coming days.

4. The event witnessed enthusiastic recitation of Tagore's poems and songs by the students of Hindi Department of the Azadi Institute of World Languages in Ashgabat. The celebrations concluded with the tasting of Indian cuisine.

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