

**Embassy of India
Ashgabat**

Press Release

Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan H.E. Mr. Bandaru Wilsonbabu paid an official visit to Mary (Mary Region) on 20-21 February 2026.

2. On 20 February 2026, Ambassador met the Hakim of Mary Region H.E. Mr. Dovranberdi Annaberdiyev and the Hakim of Mary City Mr. Artyk Bashimov and discussed ways to further strengthen trade-economic cooperation between India and Mary Region of Turkmenistan. Ambassador and the Deputy Hakim of Mary Region Mrs. Chemen Akyyeva jointly inaugurated an "Indian Film Festival" in Mary. As part of the Film Festival, the 8 Indian films covering different eras and diverse genres were screened on a non-commercial basis at the Shopping Centre "Belent" in Mary from 20-24 February 2026. Ambassador and the Deputy Hakim of Mary Region Mrs. Chemen Akyyeva also took part in a Special Event to promote trade-economic cooperation between Mary Region of Turkmenistan and 5 Indian States (Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan). Ambassador and the Head of the Committee for Physical Training and Sports of Mary Region Mr. Dovran Myradov graced a Special Yoga Session in Mary on 21 February 2026.

3. The official visit of Ambassador to Mary reflects the importance attached by India to its longstanding and friendly relations with Turkmenistan. In line with its policy of "Extended Neighborhood" and its ancient philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (World is One Family)", India stands ready to share its developmental experience and expertise, as per the needs and priorities of Turkmenistan.

*Ashgabat
24 February 2026*

















Special Event to Promote Trade – Economic Cooperation between Indian States and Mary Region (Turkmenistan)

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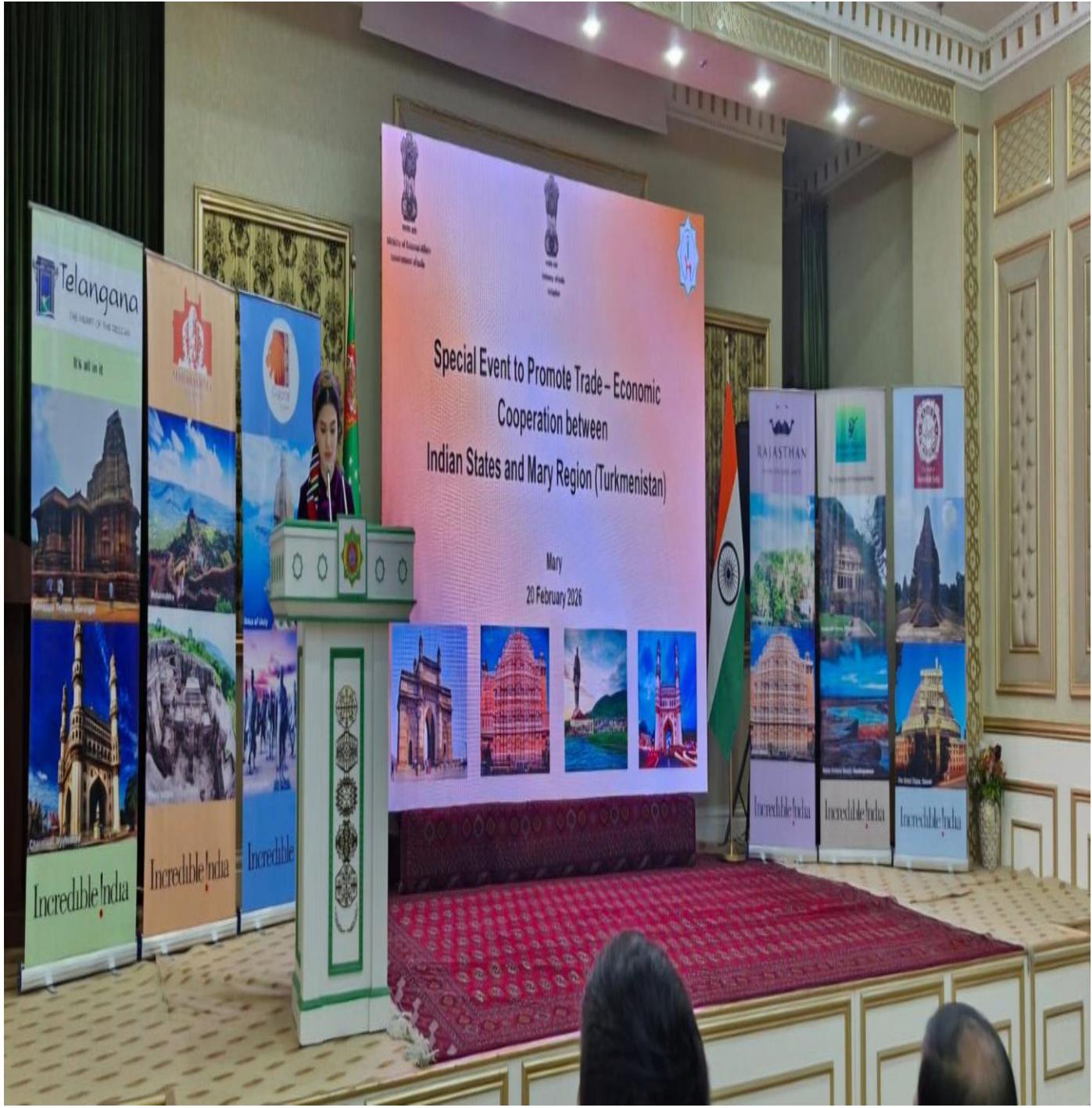
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