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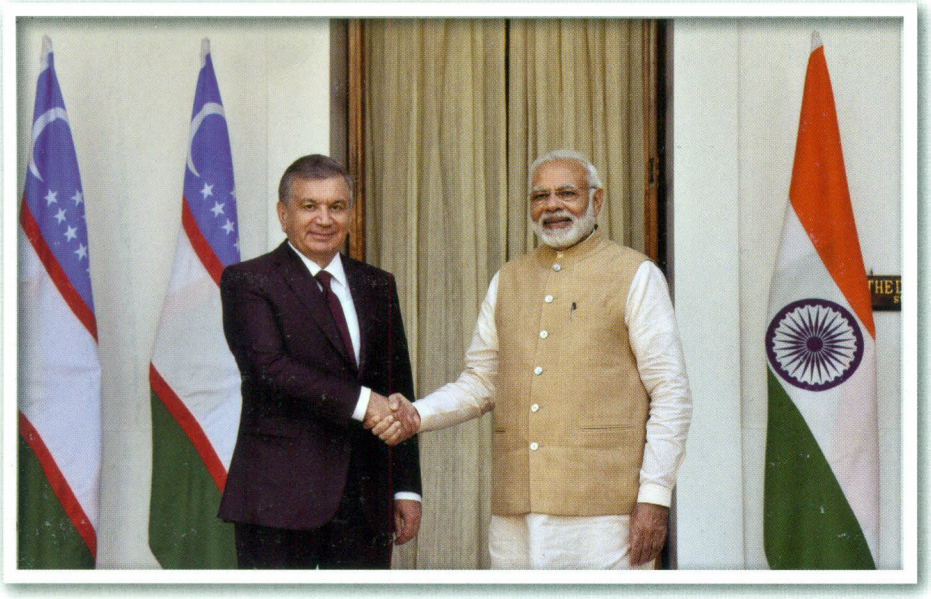


H.E. Mr Shavkat Mirziyoyev
President of Uzbekistan

H.E. Mr Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister of India

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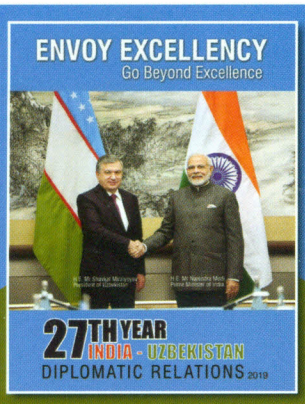
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With utmost pride here ENVOY EXCELLENCY presents this special collectable edition in association with Embassy of India, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on the occasion of 27th Year of Diplomatic Relations between India and Uzbekistan (1992-2019).

We've a Foreword by H.E. Mr. Vinod Kumar, Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan.

Uzbekistan and India share historical connections for several thousand years.

The bilateral mechanism of engagement in trade and economic relations is anchored by India-Uzbekistan Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation at ministerial level and various sector-specific Joint Working Groups (JWGs) at an official level.

Indian culture has footprints from ancient times in Uzbekistan. People of Uzbekistan love various facets of Indian culture and traditions.

The nation will celebrate 2nd October 2019 as the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the most well-known Indian in the world.

The Indian community in Uzbekistan is a cosmopolitan mix from all parts of India, and enjoys a positive image. The community is very close knit and the members take pride in their identity as Indians.

Tourism to Uzbekistan has increased in recent times because of geographical proximity, cultural similarities, similar palates, safety and value for money and above all the warmth and friendliness of the people of Uzbekistan. An agreement on tourism cooperation between India and Uzbekistan was signed.

In addition, on the behalf of our entire team, let me convey sincere gratitude to all the contributors who helped making this special Collectable edition successful.

Sincere wishes, and happy reading

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FOREWORD

India and Uzbekistan share a relationship that goes back thousands of years. Traders, travellers, writers, poets, scientists, professionals, and others strengthened these bonds over centuries of continuous exchange and interaction. There is a strong people-to-people connect and goodwill between the two countries. Both countries have many similarities in their culture, family values, language, cuisine, architecture.

In recent time our strategic partnership and international cooperation has further strengthened and expanded. Our relationship has received guidance and impetus from regular high-level visits. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has visited Uzbekistan in 2015 and in 2016 and had fruitful discussions with the leadership of Uzbekistan, rejuvenating our relationship. H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Uzbekistan had a historic visit to India in September – October 2018 during which a number of agreements were signed and several landmark decisions were taken. H.E. the President visited India again in January 2019 to participate as Chief Guest in the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit.

We are working together to implement the decisions and directions of our leadership. We are thankful to the people of India and Uzbekistan, the business community, the tour operators, the academics, and others, for supporting our common efforts to further strengthen our relationship.

I have great pleasure in presenting to you this Special Edition by Envoy Excellency on India-Uzbekistan relations on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Vinod Kumar

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Inauguration of the India Uzbekistan Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IUEDC) in Uzbekistan



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MAJOR LANDMARKS

- Working with Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to assist Malaysian Government in enhancing human capital, thus ensuring 35% skilled Malaysian workforce by 2020.
- 1572 students, including those from Uganda, Lao-PDR, Iraq, Srilanka, Cambodia and UK successfully completed two-year Post Graduate Programmes with 78% start up rate till date
- 13968 students trained under the Open Learning Programme in Entrepreneurship
- Helped set up twelve state level exclusive ED Centres / Institutes across India
- Implemented Programmes on Entrepreneurship Development, Investment Promotion and In-company Executive Development in Asia, East Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean as well as Pacific and Small Island countries
- Designed curriculum and developed text books on Entrepreneurship
- Nodal Agency for Ministries / Department of the Govt. of India

- EDII envisions advocating the strategy of institution-building for forging entrepreneurship as an International Movement
- Set up Entrepreneurship Development Centres (EDCs) in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam including centres in Arab and African Regions
- Recently inaugurated the India-Uzbekistan Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IUEDC) as a part of the MoU signed between the Governments of India and Uzbekistan
- Earned accolades and support from the World Bank, Commonwealth Secretariat, UNIDO, ILO, FNSt, British Council, Ford Foundation, European Union, ASEAN Secretariat, etc.

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India-Uzbekistan Bilateral Relations



Uzbekistan and India share historical connections for several thousand years. The southern and south-eastern regions of modern-day Uzbekistan were part of the Kushana Empire. Relics of Buddhist monasteries have been discovered in Samarkand, Termez and other Uzbek cities. Samarkand, Bukhara and Fergana were important cities on India's trade route with Europe and China.

Bilateral high-level exchanges have been taking place since the Soviet times. Several presidential and prime ministerial visits to Uzbekistan have taken place starting from Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's visit in 1955. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri passed away in Tashkent during his visit in January 1966. A street and a school are named after him. A statue and a bust also stands erected in Tashkent in honour of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri. A street named after Mahatma Gandhi is a famous landmark in the capital city of Tashkent.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid a bilateral visit to Uzbekistan in 2015 and visited Tashkent for the SCO Council of Heads of States meeting in 2016, when India signed the Memorandum of Obligations for joining the SCO. President of Uzbekistan H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev was on a visit to India from 30th September - 1st October 2018. He was also the Chief Guest at Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit held on 17th and 18th January 2019.

These high-level visits have strengthened our strategic partnership by expanding relations in defence, science and technology, ICT, countering terrorism and cyber security. India and Uzbekistan have signed an agreement granting a line of credit of USD 200 million for



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construction of affordable housing and other social infrastructure projects. India has offered to consider further credit of USD 800 million under Lines of Credit and Buyer's Credit mechanism of Exim Bank. India also offered training for Uzbek cadets at Indian institutions, setting up of English language labs and sending of IT trainers to Uzbek Defence Academy. A total of 22 Agreements/MoUs have been signed since 2015 concerning scientific and technical cooperation, agriculture, tourism, military education, justice, health and medical science, pharmaceuticals, space exploration for peaceful purposes and other areas. Agreements have also been signed on establishment of cooperation between Andijan region and state of Gujarat, the cities of Samarkand and Agra and organization of a free pharmaceutical zone in Andijan. Both sides have also signed the agreement for supply of uranium from Uzbekistan to India. Uzbekistan agreed to join the INSTC which will help improve connectivity between India and Central Asian states.

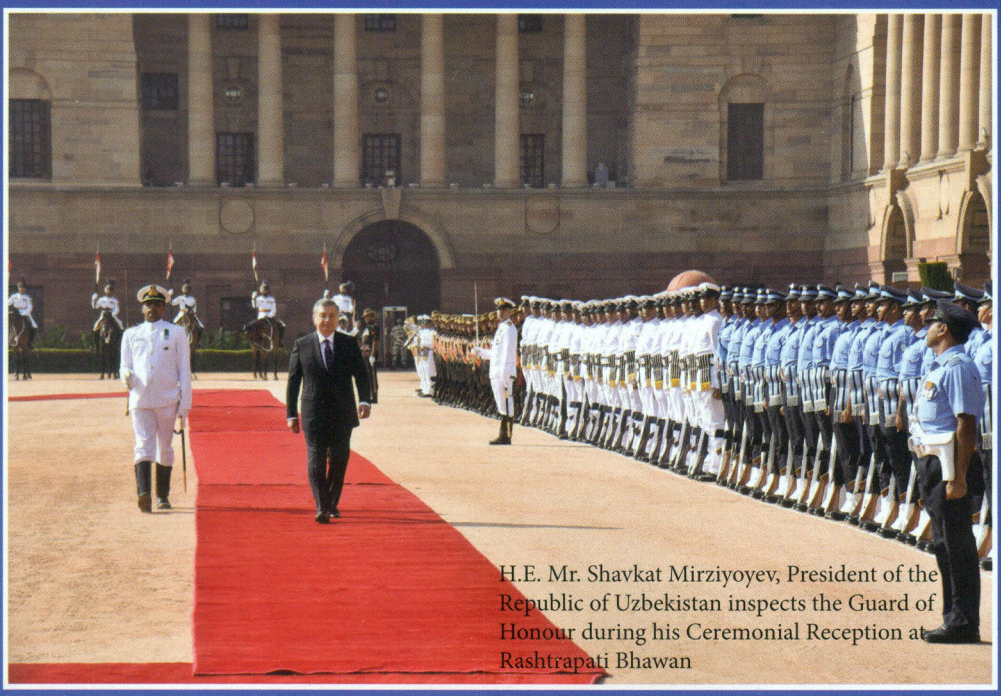
The 1st India-Central Asia Dialogue at Ministerial level with participation of Afghanistan held on 12th and 13th of January 2019 demonstrated the joint quest of participating countries for development and connectivity in the region.

More than 2000 Uzbek nationals have undergone skilled training in India in various fields under ITEC and over 100 Uzbek nationals are joining them every year.

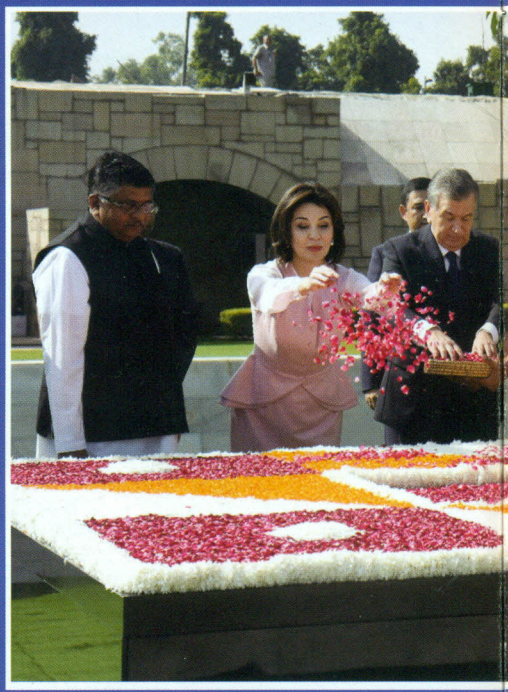


State visit of H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Uzbekistan to India

(September 30 – October 01, 2018)



H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan inspects the Guard of Honour during his Ceremonial Reception at Rashtrapati Bhawan



H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan lays wreath at the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat in New Delhi



At the invitation of the President of the Republic of India H.E. Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev paid a State visit to India on 30th September - 1st October 2018.

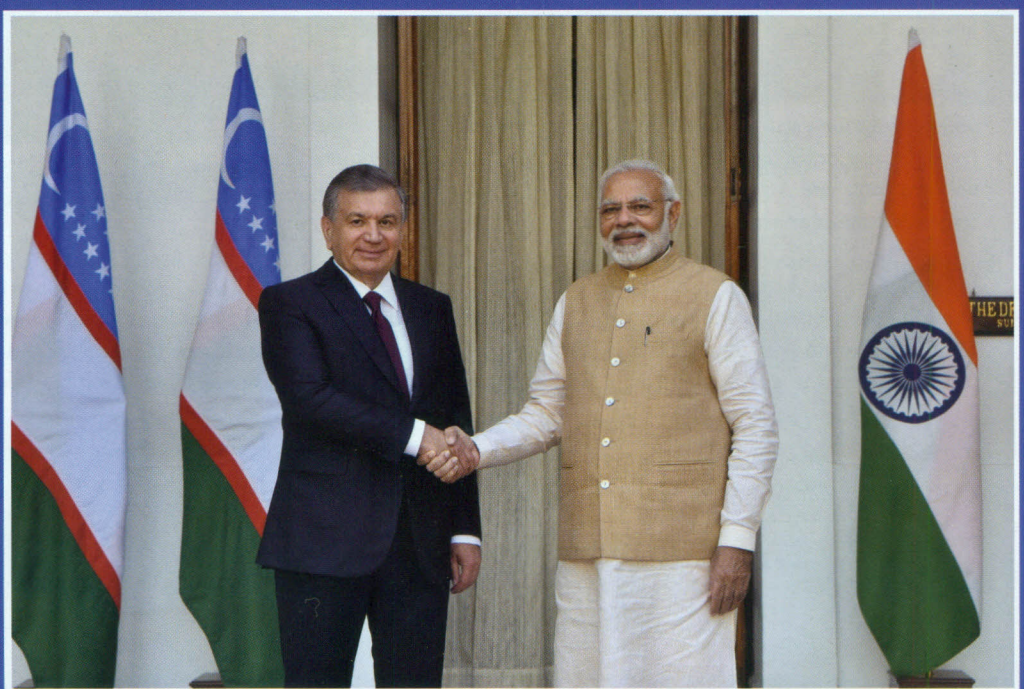
Accompanied by his spouse, it was the first visit of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to India. He visited the world heritage site, Taj Mahal in Agra. A Guard of Honour welcomed the President Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the Rashtrapati Bhawan after which he paid homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat.

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Prime Minister



Vice President of India, Mr. M.Venkaiah Naidu meets Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan in New Delhi





Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi meets Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Uzbekistan in Hyderabad House, New Delhi



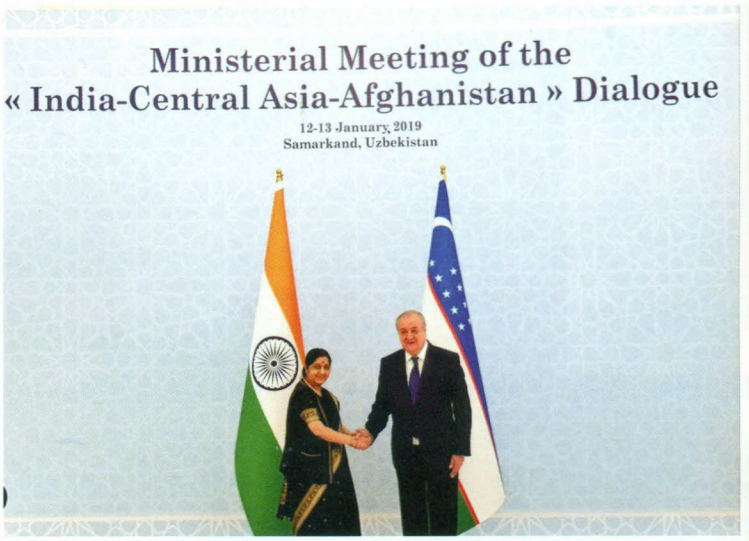
Visit of H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Uzbekistan to India

of India held friendly, substantive and constructive discussions on further expanding Uzbekistan-India strategic partnership. They agreed to further deepen the mutually bilateral cooperation, and discussed international and regional issues of mutual interest.

The Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of India reaffirmed their interest in expanding and further strengthening long-term cooperation between India and Uzbekistan, covering diverse sectors such as political ties, defence, security, counter-terrorism, trade and investment, science and technology, space, nuclear energy, information technology as well as cultural and academic linkages. Seventeen agreements and MOUs were signed in diverse fields.

Visit of External Affairs Minister of India, Smt. Sushma Swaraj to Samarkand, Uzbekistan for the First India-Central Asia Dialogue (January 12-13, 2019)

The First India-Central Asia Dialogue at the level of Foreign Ministers was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on 12th and 13th of January 2019. External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj also made her presence in the meet along with H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, the host and the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The Foreign Minister of Afghanistan also participated in the dialogue as a special invitee for the sessions dedicated to connectivity issues in the region. Foreign Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan and the First Deputy Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan also represented their respective countries.



External Affairs Minister of India, Smt. Sushma Swaraj meets Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Bound together through shared history and cultural linkages, India and the Central Asian states consider the Dialogue as an important initiative to enhance their cooperation in wide-ranging spheres including exploring ways to substantially enhance India's economic involvement in business and development sectors in Central Asian region. With the participation of Afghanistan, the participants of the Dialogue also deliberated on developing viable connectivity options between India and Afghanistan and Central Asia to further facilitate trade and economic activity in the region.

Following Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's landmark visit to all the five Central Asian countries in 2015 and External Affairs Minister's Central Asia tour in August 2018, the India-Central Asia Dialogue, with the participation of Afghanistan, was a huge step to strengthen India's engagement, including political, economic, development partnership and cultural, with all the Central Asian countries and take it to a new level.



Remarks by EAM after First India-Central Asia Dialogue on January 13, 2019

The historic First India-Central Asia Dialogue, with the participation of Afghanistan is the starting point for a new era in relations between India and Central Asia.

This Dialogue has reaffirmed the centuries old ties between the peoples of India, Central Asia and Afghanistan. Countries in Central Asia, Afghanistan and India are natural partners.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi undertook a landmark visit to all the five Central Asia countries in 2015, the first by an Indian leader, which emphasised what Central Asia means to India.

This visit achieved important results bilaterally with each one of the five Central Asian countries but also set us thinking what we can do more together to substantially enhance economic engagement and development partnership between India and Central Asia.

We now want to build a modern and comprehensive partnership on these strong foundations.

Development partnership has emerged as an important component of India's engagement with other countries. We have offered to extend this partnership to Central Asia as well, where we can bring our countries closer by taking up concrete projects, inter alia, under our Lines of Credit and Buyers' Credit, and by sharing our expertise.

In this connection, India has proposed the setting up of the "India-Central Asia Development Group" to take forward this development partnership between India and Central Asian countries. This Group will come up with concrete proposals. India has also put forward several proposals towards enhancing our cultural cooperation and training programmes for capacity building for candidates from Central Asia.

India will continue extending its support and commitment to peace, security and stability of Afghanistan; to promote inclusive Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan – controlled peace and reconciliation process and to assist in economic reconstruction of Afghanistan.

No business development, no investment can take place in a country suffering from terrorism. To promote business development in our region, we agreed to fight the scourge of terrorism together.

India will be pleased to host the next India-Central Asia Dialogue with the participation of Afghanistan at the Foreign Ministers' level in India in 2020.

HISTORICAL HIGH



Taking the strategic partnership forward: PM Narendra Modi during bilateral visit with President H.E. Islam Karimov in 2015



PM Narendra Modi met then Prime Minister H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev in 2015



Minister of State for External Affairs, General (Retd.) (Dr.) V.K. Singh, visited Uzbekistan to attend the Conference on Central Asia – Shared Past and Common Future Cooperation for Sustainable Development and Mutual Prosperity, held in Samarkand in November 2017

LEVEL VISITS

Former Minister of State for External Affairs, Shri M.J. Akbar participated in the Conference on "Afghanistan: Peace Process, Security Cooperation and Regional Connectivity" in Tashkent in March 2018





Strengthening age-old bonds: President H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev visited India in October 2018



Second Presidential visit within three months in January 2019 marked India-Uzbek deepening relations



Joint quest for a peaceful development of all: Minister of External Affairs Smt Sushma Swaraj participated in the 1st India- Central Asia Dialogue with participation of Afghanistan in January 2019

Trade & Commerce: Brighter Prospects Ahead

India and Uzbekistan have centuries' old historic trade relations which, at present, are governed by the Agreement on Trade and Economic Co-operation of 1993, the Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation of 1993 and the Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA) of 1999, the revision of which is under consideration.

The bilateral mechanism of engagement in trade and economic relations is anchored by India-Uzbekistan Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation at ministerial level and various sector-specific Joint Working Groups (JWGs) at an official level. 11th IGC was held in Tashkent in August 2018 along with four JWGs on Tourism, Pharmaceuticals, Textile and IT. The IGC Meeting was co-chaired by Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry and Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Sukhrob Kholmuradov. CII, FICCI, FIEO, Indo-CIS Chamber and MSME - DF mounted a joint business delegation alongside the 11th IGC in Tashkent.

Jawaharlal Nehru India-Uzbekistan Centre for Information Technology (JNIUCIT) was established in 2006 with GOI grant of Rs. 3 Crore and was upgraded by GOI in 2014 with a grant of Rs. 4.212 Crores.

(In USD million)

Year/Figures	India's Exports	India's Imports	Total Trade
2013-14	114.07	31.50	145.57
2014-15	170.44	55.86	226.31
2015-16	94.64	45.26	139.89
2016-17	108.97	46.54	155.51
2017-18	132.72	101.67	234.39

(Source: Import Export Data Bank, DGFT)

India-Uzbekistan Bilateral Trade :

The bilateral trade does not depict the true potential of both the economies and both sides are working closely together to enhance the same to USD 1 billion by 2020.

Official and business delegations from both sides visit regularly to enhance economic engagement and to participate in exhibitions/fairs to explore business opportunities on either side to boost bilateral trade.

Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, MOS (Chemicals & Fertilizers) led a delegation to Uzbekistan in February 2018 for discussions on cooperation in the pharmaceutical sector sector including opportunities for bulk drug manufacturing in Uzbekistan by Indian companies. The Federation of Gujarat Industries (FGI) mobilized a multi-sector a multi sector business delegation to Uzbekistan in March 2018. A delegation from the Government of Uttar Pradesh visited Tashkent in August 2018 to organise the first ever "Indian Mango Festival" in Uzbekistan which was inaugurated by Hon'ble External Affair Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj.

Our trade relations got a fresh momentum with the visits of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziypyev to India on 30th Sept-1st Oct 2018 and again on 17-18 January 2019 to be Chief Guest at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS) in Gandhinagar.

In the run up to the State visit of the President of Uzbekistan several high level delegations visited India from June to September 2018. Both sides signed over 20 Agreements/MoUs, resolved to expand and strengthen bilateral cooperation in diverse sectors such as trade & investment; health, medical education and pharmaceuticals; S&T; space; nuclear energy and IT, agreed to work closely together to expand and diversify bilateral trade to achieve the target of bilateral trade of USD 1 billion by 2020, and to conduct a Feasibility Study for India-Uzbekistan Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA).

The collective efforts from both sides have resulted in achieving of many specific outcomes have been achieved within a short span of time:

- A delegation from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India visited Uzbekistan to discuss cooperation in e-governance, establishment of Techno Park and transformation of JNIUCIT. A delegation from the National Informatics Centre of India visited Tashkent to discuss cooperation in e-governance and delivery of public services.

- Amity University, Sharda University and IIHM Kolkata are in the process of setting up of its respective overseas Campuses in Uzbekistan from the new academic session starting September 2019.

- Some Indian hospitals are negotiating investment in the health sector in Uzbekistan in specific specialties.

- India is discussing participation in geological exploration projects in oil and gas sector in Uzbekistan.

- Both sides are conducting Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) on each other's agricultural products to allow export and import of the same which will give a major boost to the bilateral trade. A special quarantine analysis course was facilitated for officials from the State Quarantine Inspection of Uzbekistan at Hyderabad for two weeks in November 2018.

- During the visit of H.E. the President of Uzbekistan to India in January 2019, EXIM Bank signed an Agreement to extend a concessional Line of Credit of USD 200 million to Uzbekistan. Another Line of Credit worth USD 800 million has separately been extended on buyer's credit terms.

- The first meeting of newly formed India Uzbekistan Joint Business Council (JBC) was held in Ahmadabad in January 2019.

- India Uzbekistan Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC) was inaugurated on 24.12.2018 in Tashkent which is another significant step reflective of growing cooperation between India and Uzbekistan. The Centre would provide an effective interface to the enterprises on both the sides enhancing bilateral economic activities.



11th Session of the India - Uzbekistan Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) in Tashkent on 16.08.2018



Ambassador with FGI delegation during B2B session on 19.03.2018



Business Forum during visit of FGI delegation on 19.3.2018



EAM inaugurated first ever Indian Mango Festival in Tashkent organised by the Embassy of India in Tashkent with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh on 05-06 August 2018



Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry addressing the 11th Meeting of the Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) in Tashkent on 16.08.2018



Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry in Business Forum on 16.8.2018



India Uzbekistan Uranium Supply Agreement signed during the visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Gujarat for the 9th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS) on January 18, 2018



Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry with Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan at the 11th Session of the Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) in Tashkent on 16.08.2018



India-Uzbekistan EDC opening ceremony on 24.12.2018



Inauguration of the India-Uzbekistan Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IUEDC) at the Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCIU) in Tashkent on 24.12.2018



Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Hon'ble MOS (Chemical & Fertilizer) at delegation level talks at Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Tashkent on 22.02.2018

Exim Bank of India, on Behalf of the Government of India,

Extends a Line of Credit of US$ 200 Million to The Government of The Republic of Uzbekistan



Mr. David Rasquinha, Managing Director, Export-Import Bank of India, exchanging Line of Credit Agreement with Mr. Burnashev Shamil Rinatovich, Deputy Chairman, State Investment Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan)

Export-Import Bank of India [Exim Bank] has, on behalf of the Government of India (GOI), extended a Line of Credit [LOC] OF USD 200 million for housing and social infrastructure projects to Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The LOC Agreement to this effect was signed between Mr. Sukhrob Rustamovich Kholmuradov, Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Mr. David Rasquinha, Managing Director of Exim Bank. The LOC agreement was exchanged between Mr. David Rasquinha, Managing Director of Exim Bank and Mr. Burnashev Shamil Rinatovich, Deputy Chairman, State Investment Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on January 18, 2019, during the inaugural day of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2019.

This is the first LOC extended by Exim Bank to Uzbekistan. Major Export items from India to Uzbekistan include Pharmaceutical products, machinery & mechanical appliances, vehicles other than railway or tramway, coffee, tea, mate and spices, tanning or dyeing extracts, organic chemicals, and plastic and its articles.

With the signing of this LOC Agreement, Exim Bank has now in place 239 Lines of Credit, covering 63 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the CIS, with credit commitments of around USD 23.25 billion, available for financing exports from India. Besides promoting India's exports, Exim Bank's LOCs enable demonstration of Indian expertise and project execution capabilities in emerging markets.

CULTURAL VISTAS:

LBSCIC student presenting an Indian patriotic song Dance performance by LBSCIC students on 15th Aug. 2018



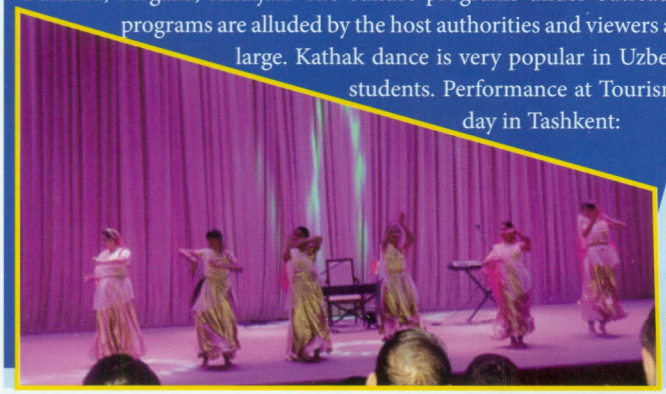




Tabla playing of 9yrs old LBSCIC student

Indian culture has footprints from ancient times in Uzbekistan. People of Uzbekistan love various facets of Indian culture and traditions. They appreciate and admire various genres of rich Indian culture where ever these are organized. The dance and Yoga have become a household word in Uzbekistan. Presently, LBSCIC has almost more than 1200 yoga and 700 Kathak dance students. Uzbek students –LBSCIC and Shastri school, Tashkent – demonstrated their love to perform in Indian culture programs. Their dance performances speak of their love to Indian music especially dance and singing.

Apart from in-house programs, they take part in various cultural activities outside the center, even outside Tashkent like Samarqand, Bukhara, Fergana, Andijan. The culture programs under outreach programs are alluded by the host authorities and viewers at large. Kathak dance is very popular in Uzbek students. Performance at Tourism day in Tashkent:



Uzbek students of LBSCIC performing Kathak dance in Institute of Textile and light Machinery, Tashkent





LBSCIC students performing Kathak in Center

Dance performance on Shiv-Stuti In Samarqand



International Tourism day in Tashkent.





Uzbek students and parents in Indian Sarees and dresses in Intellect School, Tashkent.

INDIA-UZBEKISTAN

Yoga has become very popular in Uzbekistan. Among LBSCIC' 1200 yoga students majority are women above 50s year old. Under outreach program LBSCIC regularly organizes Yoga programs in other institutions, like recently in Mirza Ghalib Mohalla, a six month course. Yoga Federation of Uzbekistan has already been established in Tashkent



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Yoga Students of LBSCIC performing before a mass gathering in Samarqand State University:



Yoga students of Intellect School, Tashkent trained by LBSCIC

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Various cultural activities of LBSCIC attracts young children of schools and colleges towards Indian Culture. Hindi Is taught in many schools and higher eduction institutes. Indian Film weeks attract many of them and it brings them to LBSCIC for learning dance and Hindi too. Children exhibits their artistic talent by paining and sketching on Indian cultural themes. Hindi is a popular language in Uzbekistan. Students of Shastri School, Tashkent, exhibiting love for Hindi and Indian Culture.



School students in Painting Competition on Hindi Diwas:

History of Central Asian countries, especially Uzbekistan, has a close continuous link with Indian History and social milieu. Ancient and Medieval archeological and written heritage are the best evidence of these established links. From early period when Buddhist preachers arrived in various parts and later on nobles and plebeians migrated from Bukhara, Samarqand, Khwarizm, Farghana, Andijan, Namngan etc. to Bijapur, Bidar and Gulbarga in Deccan of South and Delhi and Agra in North, Gaur and Pandwa and Murshidabad in Eastern India as well as to Gujrat in West. Sufis of Chishtia and Naqashbandiya arrived in India prior to 15-16th c. and opened a continuous flow of visitors of the people of this land. Artisans and musicians created new schools of the arts, like architecture, gardening, textile designing and the art of Book making. These were on bilateral exchanges and assimilations. Voices of Amir Khusrau reached in Uzbekistan as early as 14th c. as Abdur Rehman Jami and Ali Sher Nawai acknowledged in their works. Bedil Azimabadi's poetry projected the new form of human philosophy – not confined to any particular religion – and urged people to spread message of love. The same message repeated and echoed in Urdu by Mirza Asadullah Ghalib in 19th c. and prior to him by Makhtoom Quli Feraghi in Turkic Chaghtai who went to Delhi in late 18th c. Discussion on India-Uzbekistan Historical and Cultural relations in Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies organized by Academy of Contemporary History, Tashkent:





Every year many Indian tourists, official delegations and events related to India are held in Uzbekistan. Welcome of member of "Mothers on Wheels" group according to Indian tradition:





Reception of Shri RajenGohain, State Minister of Railways in LBSCIC:



Prime Minister of Uzbekistan H.E. Abdulla Aripov being received by Ambassador Mr. Vinod Kumar on Republic Day 2019

Uzbekistan's Rajkapoor in a concert in Tashkent:

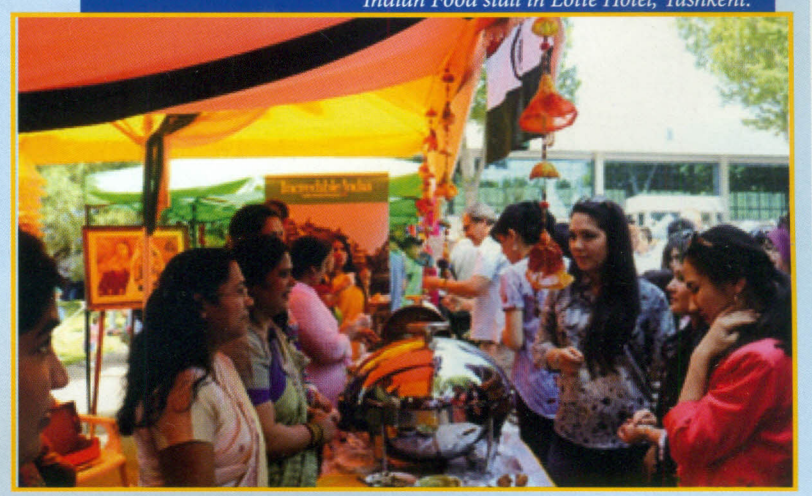


On famous song, Amarpali, a LBSCIC student in Indian attire:





Indian Food stall in Lotte Hotel, Tashkent.



Indian and Uzbek food have some similarities. All kind of species and aromatic material required for Indian food can be seen in Uzbek markets like Charsoo Bazor. LBSCIC organizes demonstration of preparing Indian cuisines on many occasions. Visitors love to eat Indian food.

Many Uzbek dishes have akin taste to Indian taste. It is that Indians are choosing Uzbekistan as a destination for tourism purpose. Affectionate and welcoming behavior of Uzbek people to Indians can be seen when a small Uzbek child says with melodious voice, ***Namstay".***

150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

The nation will celebrate 2nd October 2019 as the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the most well-known Indian in the world. His life was one of dedication and simplicity, and he espoused non-violence, peace, truth, and purity of means as the guiding principles of his life. Leaders across the globe were enthused by Mahatma Gandhi. He envisioned a world that would evolve towards peace and harmony- a world where different religions, cultures, and peoples of the world would live together with mutual respect and tolerance. His birthday is celebrated as International non-violence Day.

The Embassy of India in Tashkent has undertaken following events and programmes for the year 2018-19 to celebrate 150 years of the Mahatma:

- Peace March: Mission, in association with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan, Tashkent Hokimiyat and Officers of UNO in Tashkent organised a Peace March on 24 November, 2018. Mission also distributed Gandhi badges in English and Uzbek, during the Peace March.
- Mr Khakhramon Gulamjanov was felicitated for popularising Indian music in Uzbekistan and for singing of Bhajan," Vaishnav Janato" in the music video released by MEA commemorating 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Government of Uzbekistan will release a postage stamp on Gandhiji in 2019.
- Digital translation of collected works of Gandhiji will be distributed.
- A Vegetarian food festival will be organised in August 2019.
- A cycling event will be organised on 3rd June 2019.
- Planting of 150 trees at Chancery, LBSCIC, new Chancery plot and other locations will take place on 5th June 2019.
- A Khadi exhibition and a talk on Khadi will be organised at LBSCIC, Tashkent
- 250 Khadi school bags having Gandhi's picture and one of the slogans of Gandhiji embossed on one side and Charkha on other side shall be distributed to school and college students to spread message of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Special 'Swacchata' campaigns were organised during the year.





Peace March commemorating 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi: spreading the message of non-violence, truth, and tolerance braving the rain and cold in Tashkent in Nov 2018



Popular Uzbek singer Khakhramon Gulamjanov was felicitated with a personal letter from Minister of External Affairs Smt Sushma Swaraj and prototype of charkha for popularising Indian music in Uzbekistan and for singing of Bhajan, Vaishnav Janato in the music video released by MEA commemorating 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



Indian Diaspora in Uzbekistan

There are about 150 resident Indians in Uzbekistan. Almost all of them are based in Tashkent. Besides, there is a transientand varying Indian population of a few professionals and workers mostly in the oil and gas construction sector in remote areas of Uzbekistan such as Namangan, Kandym Ukan near Bukhara and Kashgadarya and in engineering services sector. There are also about 50 persons of Indian origin.

The Indian community in Uzbekistan is a cosmopolitan mix from all parts of India, and enjoys a positive image. The community is very close knit and the members take pride in their identity as Indians.

There is an India Club and a Tashkent Indian Women's Club both of which are very active. The India Club in Tashkent was formed in 2014. It offers an opportunity for interaction among the Indian diaspora members. Activities of the club include celebration of Indian festivals such as Dusherra, Diwali and Holi. It also organizes family picnics & sports events.

Tashkent Indian Women's Club was formed in 2016 with the participation of local Indian and Embassy ladies. The objectives of the Club are to promote social interaction among members, helping newcomers in settling down, social and charitable activities, and giving opportunity to members to develop skills.

As far as major events of the Indian community are concerned, the Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas remains top of the list. This year, the Embassy of India, jointlywith India Club and Tashkent Indian Womens' Club, organizedan event in Tashkent which was also attended by Ambassadors and other diplomats, local officials, Indologists and academics, students, Indian community, media personnel and others.



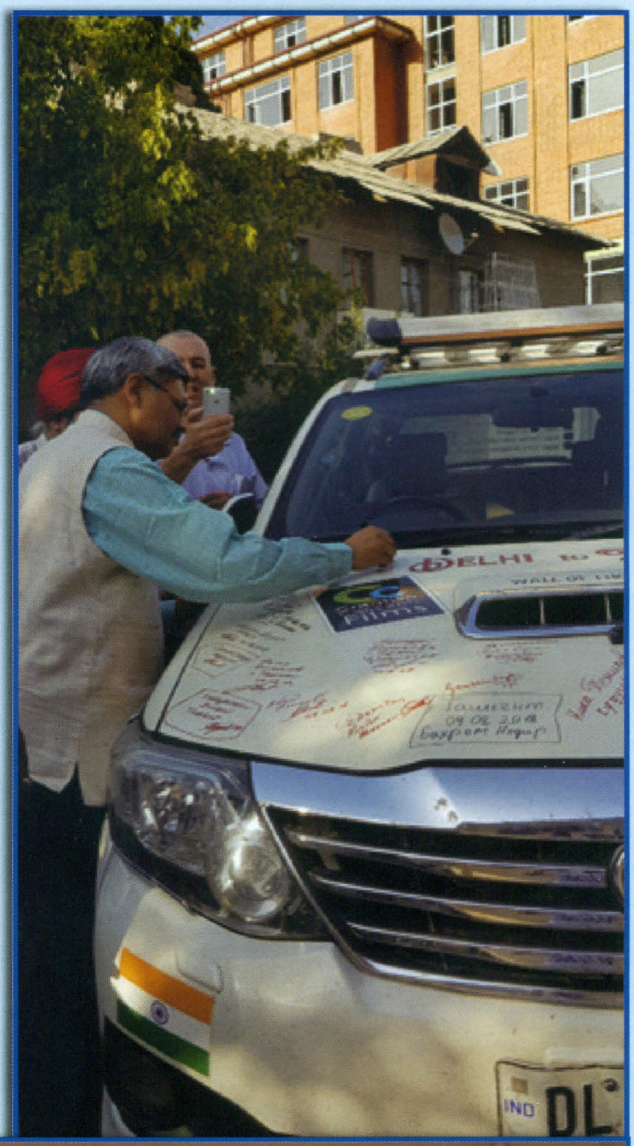


Tourism

Travelers have transversed the path between India and Uzbekistan for thousands of years. In recent times, India has become an increasingly attractive destination for tourism, shopping, business and medical treatment for visitors from Uzbekistan. The presence of standard multispecialty hospitals in India and competitive cost of treatment have led to increase in medical tourism to India. The favorite tourist destinations of Uzbek people are New Delhi, Agra, Jaipur and Mumbai. Nowadays, people from Uzbekistan are also travelling to popular South Indian tourist destinations such as Kochi, Bengaluru and Chennai. There are cruise services through the port city of Kochi.

Tourism to Uzbekistan has increased in recent times because of geographical proximity, cultural similarities, similar palates, safety and value for money and above all the warmth and friendliness of the people of Uzbekistan. Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva and Fergana are favourite destinations of Indian tourists. MICE tourism is also increasing to Uzbekistan. In last few years, several vehicle expeditions have traveled through Uzbekistan.

An agreement on tourism cooperation between India and Uzbekistan was signed. India regularly participates in the Tashkent International Tourism Fair and several companies also participated in the Uzbekistan Investment Forum in Tashkent in November 2018.





Car Expeditions from India

41° N, 70° E

Greater Chimgan Mountain

Greater Chimgan (3,309 m) of the Chatkal Mountain range (the Western Tian Shan) is located in the territory of the Ugam-Chatkal National Park, and it is in the Bostanlyk administrative district (Tashkent Province), Uzbekistan.

The Chimgan village was settled 400–500 years ago in the mountain massive of dominant the Greater Chimgan peak (3,309 m), at an altitude of 1,620 m.



41° N, 70° E

Lake Charvak

Lake Charvak is a water reservoir in Bostanliq District in the northern part of Tashkent Region, Uzbekistan, separating Ugam(north), Pskem (east), and Chatkal (south) ranges. The reservoir was created by erecting a 168 m (551 ft) high stone dam (Charvak Hydropower Station) on the Chirchiq River, a short distance downstream from the confluence of Pskem, Ko'ksu and Chatkal rivers in the western Tian Shan mountains, which provide the main volume of water. Currently the confluence cannot be seen and all three rivers discharge directly into Charvak. The reservoir capacity is 2 km3 (0.48 cu mi).



39° N, 66° E

Registan

The Registan was the heart of the ancient city of Samarkand of the Timurid dynasty, now in Uzbekistan. The name Rēgistan means "Sandy place" or "desert" in Persian.

The Registan was a public square, where people gathered to hear royal proclamations, heralded by blasts on enormous copper pipes called dzharchis - and a place of public executions. It is framed by three madrasahs (Islamic schools) of distinctive Islamic architecture.



27° N, 78° E

The Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal meaning "Crown of the Palace" is an ivory-white marble mausoleum on the south bank of the Yamuna river in the Indian city of Agra. It was commissioned in 1632 by the Mughal emperor, Shah Jahan (reigned from 1628 to 1658), to house the tomb of his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The tomb is the centrepiece of a 17-hectare (42-acre)[5] complex, which includes a mosque and a guest house, and is set in formal gardens bounded on three sides by a crenellated wall.

The Taj Mahal attracts 7–8 million visitors a year. In 2007, it was declared a winner of the New7Wonders of the World (2000–2007) initiative.

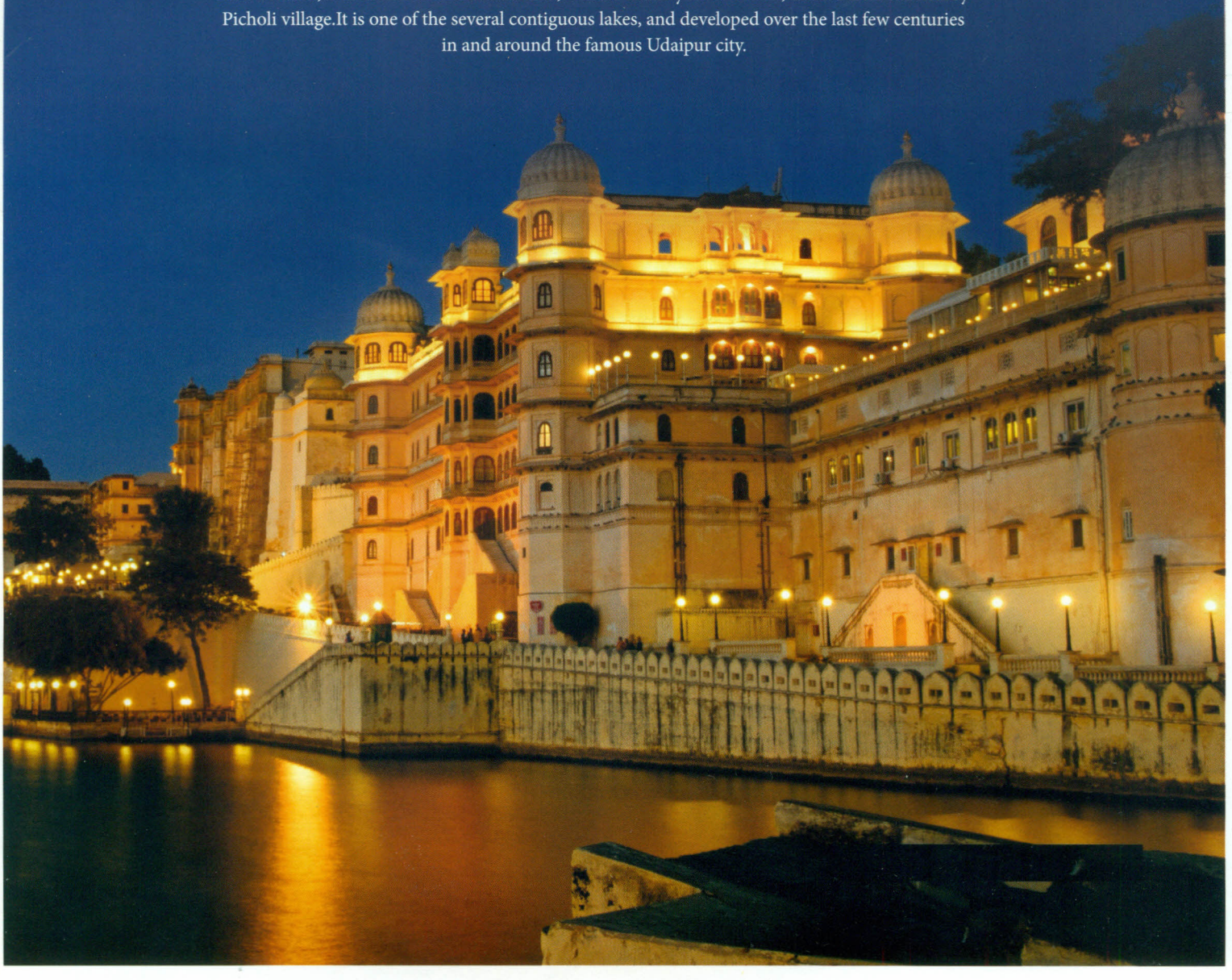


32°N, 76°E

Udaipur- Historical Heaven

Udaipur also known as the "City of Lakes" is a major city, municipal corporation and the administrative headquarters of the Udaipur district in the Indian state of Rajasthan.It is the historic capital of the kingdom of Mewar in the former Rajputana Agency.

Lake Pichola, is an artificial fresh water lake, created in the year 1362 AD, named after the nearby Picholi village.It is one of the several contiguous lakes, and developed over the last few centuries in and around the famous Udaipur city.



27° N, 88° E

Tsomgo Lake

Tsomgo Lake, also known as Tsongmo Lake or Changu Lake, is a glacial lake in the East Sikkim district of the Indian state of Sikkim, some 40 kilometres (25 mi) from the capital Gangtok. Located at an elevation of 3,753 m (12,313 ft), the lake remains frozen during the winter season. The lake surface reflects different colours with change of seasons and is held in great reverence by the local Sikkimese people. Buddhist monks prognosticated after studying the changing colours of the lake.



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