

SIXTH INDIA-TURKEY FORUM

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JAHANARA HALL, TAJ PALACE, SARDAR PATEL MARG, NEW DELHI

Time	Topic
02.30PM-03.00PM	Arrival of Delegates (Tea/Coffee)
03.00PM-03.30PM	Opening Remarks by the Co-chairs
03.30PM-04.30PM	<p>Session 1: Renewable Energy and Caspian Oil: Future of Indo-Turkey Partnership in World Energy Market</p> <p><i>India and Turkey require ensuring global energy security on sustainable basis. Both India and Turkey has set itself an ambitious target of generating 30-40% of total power through renewable sources by the end of 2030. While both countries have added significant capacity in the renewable energy sector, both need innovation based industry in order to move towards flexible, cost efficient and reliable facilities. Both need to find ways to generate renewable energy which is cost-competitive with fossil fuels. With regard to Caspian oil, it is important to note that Turkey is a major transit country for transporting crude oil to world markets. Turkey along with Azerbaijan has emerged as strong partners in the gas pipeline sector in the execution of pipeline projects from Central Asia to Europe. However, projects concerning the construction of Indian oil refineries in Turkey have not yet materialized.</i></p> <p><i>This session will focus on how the two countries can cooperate with each other in order to meet the growing energy demands of their respective population with cost-efficient and environment friendly technologies. The discussions will address -can India take advantage of Turkey's strong geo-economic influence in Central Asia, Caucasia, West Asia and Mediterranean to boost its energy, economic and commercial ties in the region? Further, does Turkey need Indian expertise to boost its energy and economic relations in the South Asian region?</i></p>
04.30PM- 05.30PM	<p>Session 2: Bilateral Economic Ties & Trade Opportunities between India and Turkey: Scope for Partnership as emerging economies</p> <p><i>The emerging global economic imperatives have directly impacted the way India and Turkey have been engaging each other in the past. Turkey is an established global player in the construction sector and is only second to China in terms of the number of projects undertaken outside of the country. Indian government's commitment to ramp up the infrastructure of the country presents a great opportunity to various Turkish construction firms to enter into State bids in India. India emerges as a huge marker for foreign investors as the Indian government plans to</i></p>

	<p><i>invest more than \$1 trillion in the next two years in infrastructure projects involving construction of roads, highways and smart cities.</i></p> <p><i>The session will address the question -can Ankara emerge as a more reliable and cost efficient investor for “India’s Make in India” campaign? Further, the discussion will also focus on other areas of cooperation like aviation, agriculture, education, SMEs, automobile components, real estate and tourism. In addition, the discussion will also throw light on joint investment opportunities in Central Asia and Iran.</i></p>
05.30PM –05.45PM	Tea/ Coffee Break
05.45PM -06.45 PM	<p>Session 3: Strategic Dimensions, Challenges and Opportunities: Rise of ISIS, Risks & Threats posed by Global Terrorism</p> <p><i>June 29, 2016 will mark the two year anniversary of the fall of Mosul and declaration of Caliphate by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS or aka ISIL). Rise of ISIS poses security challenge to both Turkey and India. Turkey has witnessed a significant surge in ISIS attacks on its soil. Although exact number of Indians fighting for ISIS is not known, it is believed that only a microscopic minority has so far joined the organization. The government of India has admitted to growing threat from the group in the cyberspace. As the ISIS crisis unfolds, it is becoming increasingly clear that India can no longer remain immune to the ongoing crisis in the region. Further, instability in the Middle East can adversely impact India’s energy security interests.</i></p> <p><i>This session will try to shed light on the complexity of strategic dimensions and challenges posed by the rise of ISIS and global terrorism to both countries. The discussion will provide the opportunity to share respective national policy responses to the challenge of terrorism and will seek ways of cooperation to deal with security challenges.</i></p>
06.45PM -07.30 PM	<p>Charting out Next Steps for Co-Operation and Closing Remarks by Co-chairs</p> <p><i>Participants to discuss new areas of cooperation and ideas to strengthen the India-Turkey Forum for future meetings.</i></p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
07.30 PM -08.00PM	Reception
08.00 PM - 09.00PM	Dinner