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on

'Fourth India-Central Asia Dialogue'

(December 1-2, 2016)

India considers Central Asia as its 'extended neighbourhood' and the region has been a priority area of interest for Indian policymakers, strategists, practitioners and academia. In sync with "Connect Central Asia" policy of India, announced at Bishkek in 2012, the annual India-Central Asia Dialogue at Track II level is supported by MEA and organised by ICWA. The Dialogue provides an important platform for scholarly discussions to further enrich the discourse on the whole range of bilateral, regional and multilateral engagements. The First Dialogue was held in Kyrgyz Republic in 2012. The Second and Third Dialogues were organized in Kazakhstan in 2013 and Tajikistan in 2014 respectively. The Fourth India-Central Asia Dialogue 2016, being organized at Sapru House, New Delhi on December 1-2, 2016, will commemorate 25 years of India's relationship with the region.

The Dialogue will discuss areas of cooperation and concern between India and Central Asia. Apart from the Inaugural Session and the Valedictory Session, the two day event is divided into five technical sessions dealing with Changing Global Dynamics, Regional Integration & Multilateral Processes, Building Energy & Surface Transport Connectivity, Regional Security Situation and Finding Economic, Political and Cultural Compatibility. The Dialogue will witness 15 participants from the five Central Asian countries and ten Indian participants.

Attendance to the Conference is by invitation only.
