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A 14-member Indian delegation, led by Ambassador Chandrashekhar Dasgupta, a Council Member of the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), is participating in a two-day international seminar '**India-Central Asia Dialogue II**' at Almaty, Kazakhstan, from June 17-18 June, 2013. The ICWA and the R.B. Suleimenov Institute of Oriental Studies (IOS), Almaty are jointly holding the Dialogue at Track II level. The Dialogue supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh, India as a Special Sponsor. The previous Dialogue was held at Bishkek, the capital of the Kyrgyz Republic, in 2012.

The India-Central Asia Dialogue, part of India's 'Connect Central Asia Policy – 2012', is held by rotation in each Central Asian republic annually. It aims to bring scholars, policymakers, and business and industry people from all the Central Asian countries- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, and from India on a common platform to discuss bilateral issues of critical importance. Its broader objective is to deepen and expand the age-old ties that link India with the Central Asian region.
