

Visit of Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi to Uzbekistan and Switzerland (September 23-30, 2021)

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Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture (MoS) Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi will pay an official visit to the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Swiss Confederation from 23-30 September 2021.

2. During her visit to Uzbekistan from 23-26 September, MoS will meet Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov and Minister of Culture H.E. Mr. Ozodbek Nazarbekov. She will be delivering a lecture on 'India's democratic traditions' at the prestigious Tashkent State University of Law. She will also have an interaction with members of the Indian community in Tashkent and meet distinguished Indologists from the Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies and other institutions. MoS will be addressing the students of Bukhara State University as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations as well as interacting with Indian students at Samarkand State Medical Institute.

3. During her visit to Switzerland from 27-30 September, MoS will hold discussions with H.E. Dr. Ignazio Cassis, Federal Councillor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Foreign Minister) and H.E. Mr. Alain Berset, Federal Councillor, Ministry of Home Affairs and Culture. MoS will address the inaugural NZZ Impact Finance Conference on "Infrastructure in emerging markets – an engine of growth and real impact" as well as the Annual General Meeting of Swiss-India Chamber of Commerce. MoS will also interact with Indo-Swiss community and will meet with the members of international community in Geneva.

4. India enjoys close and friendly relations with both Uzbekistan and Switzerland. The visit of MoS will help in sustaining the momentum in our bilateral ties with both these countries.

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