

India and Uzbekistan should work for increasing trade: Vice President**India and Uzbekistan should work for increasing trade: Vice President****Uzbekistan Foreign Minister calls on Vice President**

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has said that India and Uzbekistan should work for increasing trade between these two nations to the tune of 1 bn USD by March 2018. He was interacting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uzbekistan, Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov who called on him, here today.

The Vice President said that India and Uzbekistan have close cultural and historical connections and our peoples have similar developmental aspirations. He further said that traders and travelers over centuries helped exchange of ideas between countries. He expressed his happiness over several cultural events which were held in Uzbekistan to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between these two nations.

The Uzbekistan Foreign Minister has expressed his happiness over visiting India which has strong cultural heritage. He hoped that discussions during the visit will help in identifying new areas of cooperation and take relationship to a higher level, he added.

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