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His Excellency Mr Serzh Sargsyan, the President of the Republic of Armenia, called on the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (November 3, 2017).

Welcoming the Armenian President on his first visit to India, the President congratulated him on steering Armenia successfully from the Presidential form of government to the Parliamentary form. The President thanked Mr Sargsyan for his presence at the World Food India event.

The President said that India and Armenia share very special ties. Our warm and friendly relations are rooted in history. Our people have interacted with each other over centuries. We have had the privilege to live together with Armenian brothers and sisters in Kolkata, Chennai and other cities in India. We are extremely proud of this common heritage.

The President said that our bilateral relations are strong. However, there is much scope to enhance trade and economic relations between the two countries. The health sector is one of the promising areas of bilateral cooperation. He expressed confidence that this visit would provide a fresh impetus to India-Armenia relations.

The President expressed happiness that there is a Hindi Chair in the Yerevan State Linguistic University. He noted that the Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and Sports is working to have a Chair in Yoga soon. He stated that these initiatives will further strengthen cultural ties between India and Armenia.

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