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## **Launch Of TAPI Is First Step Towards Fulfilling The Vision Of Integrated Region**

### **Vice President**

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**USPA NEWS** - Beginning the welding process of the TAPI Gas Pipeline, in Mary, Turkmenistan on December 13, 2015.

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Vice President Addresses Groundbreaking Ceremony Of TAPI Gas Pipeline Project

The Vice President of India, Mr. Mohd. Hamid Ansari said that the launch of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Gas Pipeline Project marks the first step towards fulfilling the vision of an economically integrated region stretching from the Bay of Bengal to the Caspian Sea. He was addressing at the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the TAPI Gas Pipeline Project in Mary, Turkmenistan on December 13, in the presence of the President of Turkmenistan, Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimohamedov, the President of Afghanistan, Mr. Ashraf Ghani, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Nawaz Sharif and other dignitaries.

The Vice President said that TAPI is not just a gas pipeline project, but a reflection of the common desire of the four member countries to reconnect and a way to re-claim the shared geography and revitalise an age-old legacy of our mutually enriching interactions. The launch of TAPI also marks the first step towards fulfilling the vision of an economically integrated region, he added.

The Vice President said that we must be aware of the challenges that lie ahead and we must work together to keep away the negative forces inimical to the success of the project. We must recognise that the forces of violence and disruption can no longer be allowed to threaten the quest for economic development and security of our people, he added.

The Vice President also said that we need to work together to ensure the technical and commercial viability of the project in its broadest sense and said that the international marketplace for energy works on complex principles. However, given the widespread poverty that exists in our countries, it is essential to ensure that we can make energy available at the least possible cost to the largest sections of our people, he added.

Picture Description: The Vice President, Mr. Mohd. Hamid Ansari along with the President of Turkmenistan, Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimohamedov, the President of Afghanistan, Mr. Ashraf Ghani and the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Nawaz Sharif pressing the button to begin the welding process of the TAPI Gas Pipeline, in Mary, Turkmenistan on December 13, 2015.

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