

Meenakshi Lekhi to Inaugurate Exhibition on 75 Years of Development Partnership – Saga of Commitment to Plurality, Diversity and Collective Progress

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To commemorate 75 years of Independence and befittingly celebrate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) is organizing an exhibition at the India Habitat Centre during 21-27 February 2022. It would showcase India's development cooperation initiatives in various countries across the globe by bringing on board national institutions of the Government of India, along with major public and private entities, civil society organizations and social entrepreneurs.

The Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Ms Meenakshi Lekhi, will inaugurate the exhibition on Monday, 21 February and also launch a report on India's development cooperation initiatives during last 75 years. Launch of the report, brought out by the New Delhi-based think-tank RIS, will kick-start a week-long exhibition on the same theme.

Mr Dammu Ravi, Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Mr. Prabhat Kumar, Additional Secretary (Development Partnership Administration), Ministry of External Affairs, Dr Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS, Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Dr Rajesh Tandon, Chairman, Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC) will also be present at the inaugural session. FIDC, housed in RIS, is a dedicated forum for exploring various facets of development cooperation, seeking to draw upon India's own experience in the backdrop of international development cooperation scenario. It is a tripartite initiative of the Development Partnership Administration of the MEA, academia and civil society organisations. (ENDS).

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