

# India Participates In Taliban Organized Conclave In Kabul

## Why In News

- India was among 10-odd countries which attended a conclave in Kabul organised by the Taliban with a broader aim for regional cooperation, according to the Afghan media.
- India has not yet **recognised the Taliban setup** and has been pitching for the formation of a truly inclusive government in Kabul. There was no official word on the meeting from the Ministry of External Affairs.



## All You Need To Know

- The **participating countries** included India, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Russia, China, Iran, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Indonesia and Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan's Khaama Press news agency reported.
- Russia was represented at the conclave by its special representative for Afghanistan, Zamir Kabulov.
- **Regional Cooperation Initiative** meeting was addressed by the Taliban regime's acting foreign minister **Amir Khan Muttaqi**. A statement from the Taliban foreign ministry said he emphasised that these nations should hold regional dialogues to increase and continue the positive interaction with Afghanistan.



- India's participation at the meeting came days after **the Indian embassy in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** invited the charge d'affaires of the Afghan mission in the Gulf nation, Badruddin Haqqani, to the Republic Day celebrations in Abu Dhabi.
- A government source had said the invite was sent to all accredited missions based in that country and was part of standard diplomatic procedure.
- In his remarks, Amir Khan Muttaqi urged the participants to take advantage of emerging opportunities in Afghanistan for the development of the region and **"coordinate the management of potential threats"**.



- He said regional cooperation could be focused on **exploring "region-centric" pathways** based on common benefits. Muttaqi said the regional cooperation should lead to calls for removal of "unilateral sanctions" on Afghanistan.
- Kabul, he said, stands ready to engage and cooperate with the regional countries by working together based on mutual interest and mutual respect.



- **In June 2022, India re-established** its diplomatic presence in Kabul by deploying a "technical team" in its embassy in the Afghan capital. **India had withdrawn its officials** from the embassy after the Taliban seized power following concerns over their security.

## Conclusion

- **According to Ahmad**, Indian representative said that India actively takes part in international and regional initiatives regarding Afghanistan and supports every effort leading to the stability and the development of Afghanistan.

