



Press Release
Fourth Meeting of the Board of Trustees
India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians
23 May 2015

The Fourth Meeting of the Board of Trustees of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) was held on May 23, 2015 in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj. IDF-OI is a not-for-profit Trust set-up by MOIA in 2008 to serve as an avenue for overseas Indians to contribute to India's social development efforts.

In its meeting on May 23 the Board reviewed the functioning of IDF and its Action Plan for 2015-16. It decided to enhance engagement with overseas Indians and increase the number and variety of projects. The Board revised the mandate of IDF to seek contributions from overseas Indians for the three flagship programmes of the Government of India – Namami Gange, Swachh Bharat and Swachh Vidyalaya. Previously, IDF focussed mainly on philanthropy by overseas Indians to social and development projects in India which were selected by the donors.

The Board also decided that Indian Diaspora can also contribute through IDF, to projects identified by the State Governments; and projects implemented by NGOs. The participants in the Board meeting included prominent Indians and NRIs Shri Yusuff Ali, Shri Joginder Pal Sanger, Shri Subhash Jindal, Dr. B.K. Agnihotri, Shri Ashok Chowgule, Ms. Ritu Beri and Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak.

