



## TAPI PIPELINE: INTERNATIONAL RELATION

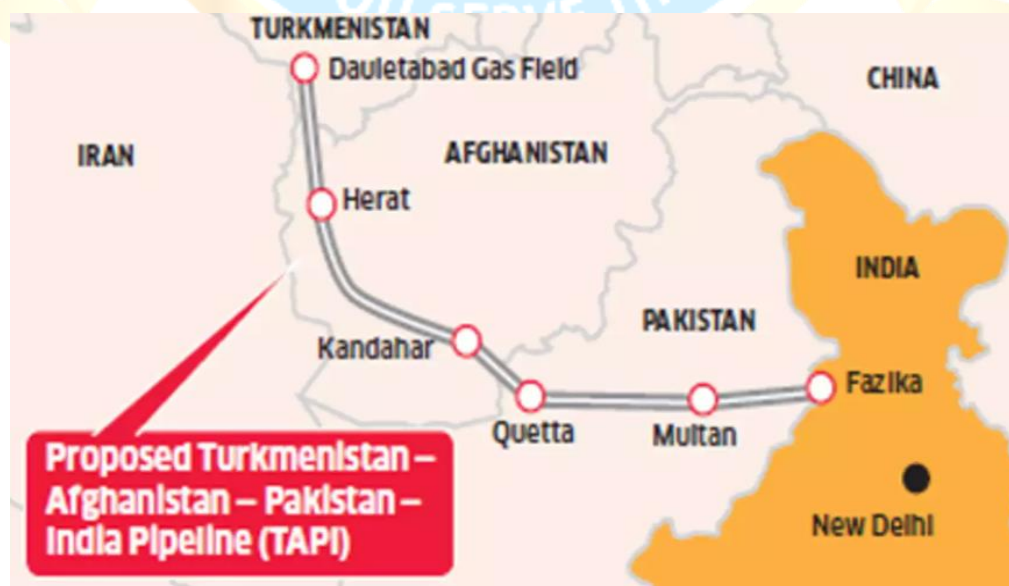
NEWS: Afghanistan set to begin work on TAPI pipeline

### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The \$10-billion natural gas pipeline traversing Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India is the most significant development project for Taliban authorities since they seized power in 2021

- **TAPI Pipeline:** Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) project, also called the "Peace Pipeline."
- **Length:** 1,814 km.
- **Gas Capacity:** Transports 33 billion cubic meters of natural gas annually.
- **Route:** Starts at Galkynysh gas field in Turkmenistan, passes through Afghanistan and Pakistan, ends in Fazilka, India.
- **Gas Allocation:** Afghanistan (5%), Pakistan (47.5%), and India (47.5%).
- **Duration:** 30-year period.
- **Goal:** Address regional energy deficits and promote economic cooperation.
- **Key Milestones:**
  - Concept originated in the 1990s.
  - Inter-governmental agreement signed in 2010.
  - Groundbreaking ceremony held in Herat, Afghanistan in 2018.
- **Funding:**
  - Financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
  - Turkmenistan secured a \$700 million loan from the Islamic Development Bank.
  - Initial \$300 million invested by the three other nations.

The project faces security and operational challenges but aims to enhance regional stability and energy connectivity.





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