India, Australia Train Afghan Bureaucrats

KABUL – India has joined hands with Australia to train Afghan bureaucrats as it continues to help in capacity-building efforts in the war-torn country amid a peace deal by big powers with the Taliban, a media report said on Wednesday.

The trilateral cooperation was launched this week with training sessions for Afghan mining ministry officials in Kolkata.

"Very pleased to open the training in Kolkata for officials from Afghanistan's Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, great cooperation between India, India and Afghanistan," tweeted Andrew Ford, Australia's Consul General in Kolkata.

This is India's first such project with Australia for a third country. Earlier this year, Australia earmarked a sum for assisting the Afghan mining ministry.

The training is expected to cater to the needs of Afghan mining ministry officials.

Interest in this area is high in Afghan and Australian governments, the report said, adding that about 15 institutions are running different programs for mining in Afghanistan.

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