Turkmenskaia Iskra Digital Archive

Founded in 1924 in Ashgabat, Turkmenskaia iskra (Туркменская искра, The Turkmen Spark, a derivative of the Vladimir Lenin founded newspaper Iskra) was a Russian-language broadsheet newspaper and the official party organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkmenistan.

As a republican newspaper of record, it was responsible for proliferating the Soviet central government’s, as well as the local administration’s, public announcements and pronouncements, party deliberations, policy initiatives, etc., reflecting the government’s positions on a wide variety of issues. As one of the most widely circulated and influential Turkmen newspapers of its time, it also regularly featured columns dedicated to sports, local culture, literature, and the arts.

Key Stats

- **Archive:** 1943-1995
- **Language:** Russian
- **City:** Ashgabat
- **Country:** Turkmenistan
- **Frequency:** Daily
- **Format:** PDF, page-based
- **Producer:** East View Information Services
- **Platform:** East View Universal Database and Global Press Archive

About the Archive

The Turkmenskaia Iskra Digital Archive includes all obtainable issues published from 1943 to 1995 and represents the most complete collection available for this title. The archive features full page-level digitization, complete original graphics, and searchable text, and is cross-searchable with numerous other East View digital resources.

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