

Union Minister of Minority Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju visits Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Union Minister of Minority Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs, Shri **Kiren Rijiju** was on official visit to the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** from **07 to 09 November 2025**. Shri Kiren Rijiju was accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising **Shri Aseem R. Mahajan**, Additional Secretary (Gulf), and **Shri Ram Singh**, Joint Secretary (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs. The visit was undertaken **at the invitation of H.E. Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah**, Minister of Hajj and Umrah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



2. On **09 November 2025**, Union Minister, Shri Kiren Rijiju held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah, Minister of Hajj and Umrah of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. During the meeting, both the Ministers reviewed the ongoing **Haj preparations**, discussed measures to **enhance coordination and logistical support**, and reaffirmed their shared commitment to **further streamline the pilgrimage process** for Indian pilgrims. The discussions focused on improving **facilities, transportation, accommodation, and health services** to ensure a smooth and comfortable pilgrimage experience. Following the meeting, the two sides signed the **Bilateral Haj Agreement between India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** for **Haj-2026** in Jeddah. The country quota for India was confirmed at 175,025.

Kiren Rijju



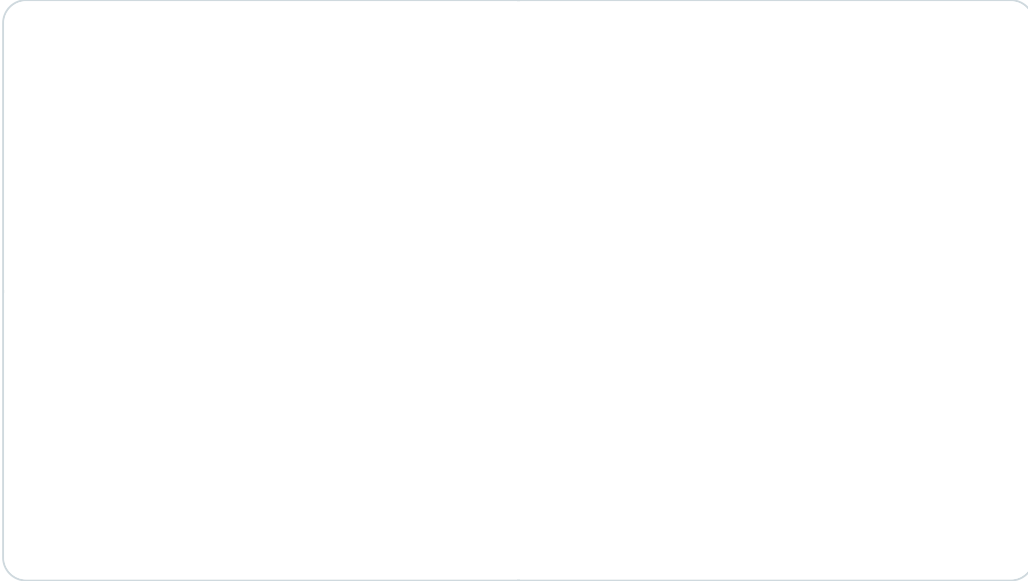
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3. During the visit, the Hon'ble Minister also held an **internal review meeting** with officials of the **Embassy of India, Riyadh**, and the **Consulate General of India, Jeddah**, to assess the **ongoing preparations for Haj-2026**. He appreciated the efforts made by the Mission and the Consulate teams in close coordination with Saudi authorities to ensure the welfare and comfort of Indian pilgrims. The Minister also undertook **field visits to key Haj and Umrah-related sites** in Jeddah and Taif, including Terminal 1 and Haramain Station in Jeddah, to gain firsthand insight into the infrastructure and facilities available for pilgrims. He also interacted with some of the members of the Indian diaspora in Jeddah and Taif.



4. The visit marks an **important milestone** in the deepening partnership between **India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**. It reflects the **shared commitment** of both nations to expand cooperation across diverse fields, particularly in **cultural exchange, and community welfare**. The visit further reinforced the spirit of **friendship, mutual respect, and collaboration** that continues to guide India–Saudi Arabia relations, contributing positively to the welfare of pilgrims and the broader strengthening of bilateral ties.

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