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** paid an **official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** from **06–09 November 2026**. The Indian delegation included the Joint Secretary (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs and the CEO, Haj Committee of India.



On **09 November 2026**, the Union Minister held a **bilateral meeting** with **H.E. Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah**, Minister of Hajj and Umrah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at the Jeddah Superdome. The Ambassador of India to KSA and the Joint Secretary (Haj) participated in **fruitful discussions on the arrangements for Haj-2027**. The Ministers reviewed the **ongoing preparations for Haj-2027**, discussed measures to **strengthen bilateral coordination and logistical support**, and reaffirmed their shared commitment to a **safe, smooth and comfortable pilgrimage** for each and every Indian Haj pilgrim. Following the meeting, the two sides signed the **Bilateral Haj Agreement between India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for Haj-2027** in Jeddah. The **country quota for India was confirmed at 175,025**.



Ministers noted that the **strategic partnership** between India and Saudi Arabia rests on **long-standing historical ties** and deep people-to-people links, and reaffirmed the **spirit of collaboration** in ensuring a successful and comfortable Haj experience for every Indian pilgrim. The Hon'ble Minister **appreciated the successful conduct of Haj-2026** and assured the Saudi side of **India's full cooperation for the successful conduct of Haj-2027**.

On **08 November 2026**, Shri Rijiju attended the **inaugural ceremony of the 6th Hajj Conference and Exhibition** and participated in the **Ministerial Conference** chaired by H.E. Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah, Minister of Hajj and Umrah, Saudi Arabia. He conveyed India's appreciation for the Saudi leadership's continued commitment to pilgrims' welfare and reaffirmed India's commitment to close bilateral cooperation for Haj-2027. He also joined visiting Ministers in an interaction with **HRH Prince Saud bin Mishaal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**, the Deputy Governor of the Makkah Region.





During the visit, the Union Minister Shri Rijiju attended the **Noor-e-Diwali celebration at India House, Jeddah**, where he **interacted with members of the Indian community and officials**. He **appreciated the Indian diaspora's contribution in strengthening ties between the two nations**, and commended their role as a living bridge of friendship and goodwill between India and Saudi Arabia. The Hon'ble Minister also chaired a **review meeting** with officials of the **Consulate General of India, Ministry of Minority Affairs and Haj Committee of India** to assess preparations for Haj-2027. He appreciated the coordinated efforts of all stakeholders and urged continued close coordination to ensure the comfort and welfare of Indian pilgrims. He also visited **key Haj-related and cultural sites in Jeddah**.



The visit marks a **further strengthening of the longstanding India–Saudi Arabia partnership**, reaffirming the shared commitment to enhanced bilateral cooperation in **Haj management, pilgrim's welfare, cultural exchange and people-to-people ties**.

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