Dr. Jitendra Singh Advocates Deeper India-Egypt Cooperation in Digital Governance, Emerging Technologies and Capacity Building

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh Interacts with 25 Egyptian Deputy Governors under Special Capacity-Building Programme on Smart Governance

India’s Robust Civil Services Framework and Governance Practices Offer Scope for Mutual Learning Between the Two Nations: Dr. Jitendra Singh

Dr. Jitendra Singh Reaffirms India’s Commitment to Deepening Institutional Cooperation and Tailoring Capacity-Building Programmes to Egypt’s Requirements

Over 1,500 Egyptian Officials Have Benefited from ITEC Programme; India Committed to Expanding Capacity-Building Partnership

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India and Egypt can further deepen their longstanding partnership through institutional cooperation, capacity building and mutual exchange of governance practices, with India's experience in digital governance and emerging technologies offering significant opportunities for collaboration, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said today.

The Minister was interacting with a delegation of 25 Deputy Governors from Egypt participating in the 1st Special Capacity-Building Programme on Smart Governance for Deputy Governors of Egypt, organised by the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), New Delhi.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said India's administrative system has evolved into one of the world's largest and most robust civil services frameworks, often described as the “steel frame of governance”. Given India's diversity and the varying governance requirements across regions, the country has developed a wide range of administrative practices and institutional experiences that can be shared with partner nations. He emphasised that such programmes must encourage mutual learning, with future engagements and training modules shaped around the priorities and requirements of participating countries.

Highlighting the historic relationship between India and Egypt, the Minister said the two nations have shared warm diplomatic ties since the early years of India's Independence, with formal diplomatic relations established shortly thereafter. The partnership has further strengthened in recent years, particularly following the elevation of bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's State Visit to Egypt in June 2023, reflecting growing cooperation across economic, political, cultural and strategic areas.

Dr. Jitendra Singh referred to the strong economic engagement between the two countries, with bilateral trade having reached US$ 7.26 billion in FY 2021–22 and standing at US$ 4.8 billion in FY 2024–25. He also highlighted the presence of more than 500 Indian companies registered in Egypt, with investments exceeding US$ 4.5 billion, reflecting the growing depth of commercial and economic cooperation.

The Minister said capacity building remains an important pillar of India-Egypt relations, with more than 1,500 Egyptian officials having benefited from the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme and other Indian training initiatives. He also referred to the Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture in Cairo, established in 1992, which promotes cultural exchanges through activities involving Hindi, Urdu, Kathak and Yoga, among others.

Referring to India's governance transformation through technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the potential for India and Egypt to explore cooperation in Artificial Intelligence, Space Technology, Biotechnology and other emerging areas. He said technological collaboration could contribute to infrastructure development, construction of roads and bridges, housing initiatives and disaster preparedness, while strengthening the capabilities of both countries in an increasingly technology-driven global environment.

Sharing India's citizen-centric governance innovations with the delegation, the Minister explained the functioning of the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS), which records a weekly grievance disposal rate of over 95–97 per cent. He said India's approach combines Artificial Intelligence with human intervention to ensure that grievance redressal remains responsive to citizens' needs, expectations and aspirations.

Dr. Jitendra Singh also discussed the Digital Life Certificate initiative, enabling pensioners to complete life certificate verification through mobile-based face authentication linked to Aadhaar in approximately 40 seconds. He spoke about Mission Karmayogi and its iGOT digital learning platform, which enables role-based capacity building of government officials and promotes a shift towards pragmatic, outcome-oriented public service delivery. He also referred to administrative reforms aimed at reducing file movement time, improving transparency and minimising human interface in recruitment processes.

Responding to the possibilities of adapting Indian governance initiatives in Egypt, the Minister identified India's digital payments ecosystem, particularly UPI and RuPay, as an important area for potential cooperation. He said India's experience in building a large-scale digital transactions ecosystem could offer opportunities for collaboration between the two countries.

Dr. Jitendra Singh reaffirmed India's commitment to further strengthening capacity-building programmes with Egypt and expanding their scope in accordance with the country's specific priorities and requirements. He invited the Egyptian delegation to share their experiences, suggestions and areas of interest, emphasising that sustained interaction and a two-way exchange of knowledge would help develop more meaningful and effective institutional cooperation.

Dr. Surendra Kumar Bagde, Director General, NCGG, welcomed the delegation and described the programme as an important initiative, being the first specialised capacity-building programme organised for senior officials from Egypt. He said the programme was designed to facilitate meaningful interaction on areas of common interest and expressed the Centre's willingness to continue institutional engagement and knowledge exchange with Egypt.

Mr. Ahmed Essameldeen Moussa, Head of the Egyptian Delegation and Deputy Governor of Ismailia Governorate, thanked Dr. Jitendra Singh, the NCGG leadership and the programme team for their support and hospitality. Speaking on behalf of the 25 Deputy Governors, he said the programme reflected the historic friendship and Strategic Partnership between India and Egypt. He referred to the discussions on public infrastructure, anti-corruption strategies, urban local bodies and Mission Karmayogi, along with institutional visits, and expressed confidence that the engagement would serve as a bridge for sustained governance cooperation between the two countries.

The Special Capacity-Building Programme is being held from November 16 to 21, 2026, for representatives from 25 Egyptian Governorates to familiarise them with India's administrative practices, governance innovations, institutional frameworks and public service delivery models. The programme is organised by the National Centre for Good Governance under the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) framework.




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