

**Ministry of External Affairs
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Press Release

Visit of Hon'ble Vice President to Tunisia (June 02-03, 2016)

Hon'ble Vice President, Shri M Hamid Ansari, accompanied by Smt. Salma Ansari, will be visiting Tunisia from June 02 to June 03, 2016 at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Tunisia, His Excellency Mr. Habib Essid. He will be accompanied by the Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, four Members of Parliament, senior officials and media.

India has very cordial bilateral relations with Tunisia. The economic cooperation between the two countries is deepening with Indian investments in phosphate sector. During this visit, further avenues of cooperation in various areas of growth would be discussed.

During this visit, the Vice President would be holding discussions in Tunis with His Excellency the President Mr. Beji Caid Essebsi and His Excellency the Prime Minister Mr. Habib Essid on a wide range of issues of shared common interest.

The Vice President would be received by the President of the Assembly of the Representatives of the People of Tunisia where he would be meeting with Tunisian multiparty Members of Parliament and Tunisian-India Parliamentary Group. The Vice President would deliver a key note address to the Tunisian Diplomatic Corps and leading scholars and think tanks at the Tunisian Institute for Strategic Studies.

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