



**Embassy of India  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Organisation of "Viksit Bharat Run 2025" in Tunis**

**Date: 28 September 2025**

The Embassy of India in Tunis successfully organized the **“Viksit Bharat Run 2025”** on Sunday, 28 September 2025, to celebrate the enduring friendship between India and Tunisia and to reaffirm the collective vision of **Viksit Bharat — a Developed India**.

Covering a distance of approximately 2.5 kilometres, the Community Run began at 1000 hrs from the Embassy premises at 4 Rue Didon, Place Notre Dame, Mutuelleville, Tunis 1002, and concluded around 1100 hrs at the entrance of Tunis Belvedere Zoo Park.

The event drew enthusiastic participation from over 120 individuals, including members of the Indian diaspora, Tunisian friends of India, and well-wishers from various sectors. It was further honoured by the presence of **His Excellency Mr. Faysel Esghaier**, Hon’ble Member of Parliament from Kalaat El Andalous, Ariana, as the Chief Guest.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by **H.E. Dr. Devyani Khobragade, Ambassador of India to Tunisia**. In her remarks, the Ambassador highlighted the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 as a celebration of service, unity, and India–Tunisia friendship. She emphasized the importance of Seva Pakhwada and the global **“Run to Serve the Nation”** campaign, which reflects India’s commitment to inclusive development, environmental responsibility, and global engagement. She also acknowledged India’s robust economic growth under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the shared values that strengthen the India-Tunisia partnership.

As part of the observance, the **Viksit Bharat (Developed India)** and

**Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-reliant India) pledges** were administered to the Indian community, reinforcing their commitment to India's developmental journey.

Further, under the **“Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” (A tree in Mother's Name)** initiative as part of mass plantation campaign launched by the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a sapling was planted jointly by Ambassador Khobragade and the Chief Guest within the Embassy premises. Plant saplings were also distributed by Ambassador to the members of the community, encouraging wider participation in environmental conservation.

Ambassador Khobragade officially flagged off the run in an atmosphere filled with enthusiasm and solidarity. Participants completed the course with great energy and spirit, embodying the themes of fitness, community service, and shared values.

In a special video message, His Excellency **Mr. Faysel Esghaier** congratulated the Government and people of India on their significant achievements. He lauded the Viksit Bharat Run as a reflection of India's aspirations and expressed admiration for India's progress across various fields. He also reaffirmed the strong, time-tested bonds of friendship and cooperation between Tunisia and India and expressed confidence in the continued growth of this partnership.

Media engagements were held at both the start and finish points of the run, capturing the vibrant spirit of the event and its message of progress, sustainability, and bilateral solidarity. Participants were handed over their certificates of participation at the Finish Point.

The Embassy of India extends its sincere appreciation to all participants, dignitaries, community members, volunteers, local partners, and media representatives for contributing to the success of the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 and making it a memorable celebration of the India–Tunisia relationship.

The event report was also put up on the social media of the Embassy of India in Tunisia, in FB, X and Insta and may be accessed at the following links:

- <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1PBJ36GEpy/>
- <https://x.com/IndiainTunisia/status/1972334153472540949>
- [https://www.instagram.com/p/DPJwlU8jD-e/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRlODBiNWFlZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/DPJwlU8jD-e/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRlODBiNWFlZA==)

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