

## Security and technology co-operation at heart of Caid Essebsi/M.J. Akbar meeting

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(TAP) – President Beji Caid Essebsi met, on Tuesday at Carthage Palace, with India's Minister of State for External Affairs Mobashar Jawad Akbar, currently paying a working visit to Tunisia, February 27-28.

The Indian minister highlighted the age-old relations between the two countries. He affirmed India's will to further strengthen bilateral co-operation mainly in the security, technology and pharmaceutical industries fields, the Presidency said in a press release.

He further reiterated his country's readiness to make its experience and know-how available to Tunisia.

The Tunisian-Indian joint commission, scheduled to meet next October in New Delhi, will define the joint action programmes in new co-operation fields, he added.

President Beji Caid Essebsi expressed satisfaction at the level reached by co-operation between the two countries. He expressed hope to see these relations expanded and allow Tunisia to benefit from the performances made by India in the political and economic fields.

Tunisia wishes to strengthen its relations with India through encouraging Indian investors in Tunisia and creating joint projects and programmes in sectors with high technological added value, he noted.

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