

**High Commission of India
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Press Release



Visit of President of India to Namibia (June 15-17, 2016)

His Excellency President Shri Pranab Mukherjee will be on a State visit to the Republic of Namibia from June 15 to 17, 2016, at the invitation of the President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency Dr Hage Geingob. This visit by an Indian President to Namibia will be the first at the highest level in over two decades. The visit, apart from consolidating bilateral interaction, will carry forward the momentum generated in India-Africa ties post - IAFS-III.

The President of India will be accompanied by Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office Mr. Jitendra Singh, two Members of Parliament, senior officials, and a media delegation. During the visit, discussions will be held on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest. The President will also address a joint session of Parliament of Namibia, and speak at Namibia University of Science and Technology.

India and Namibia enjoy longstanding, excellent and time-tested ties that predate Namibia's independence. Over 1000 Namibians have been trained in India under the ITEC program. Several Indian experts from government and private sector have been involved with policy formulation in the country since its independence. The volume of trade, at present, between the two countries is small. However, there is tremendous potential to further enhance trade and economic ties.

The President will depart Namibia on June 17, 2016 for India on completion of his three-nation tour.

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