

## Terrorism and Radicalization remain common challenges for India and Mali: Vice President Interacts with a delegation lead by Mr. Abdrahamane Niang, the President of the High Court of Justice

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The Vice President of India and the Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri. M Venkaiah Naidu has said that terrorism and radicalization remain common challenges for India and Mali, and the whole world. He was interacting with a delegation lead by Mr. Abdrahamane Niang, the President of the High Court of Justice along with two other Members of Parliament of Mali, here today. The Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Dr. P.J. Kurien, the Secretary General, Rajya Sabha, Shri Desh Deepak Verma and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

The Vice President said that India stands ready to extend Lines of Credit in projects of renewable energy sector in Mali adding that India has already extended Duty Free Tariff Preference Scheme to Mali and Indian importers are availing the benefits. India is committed to further strengthen its developmental cooperation partnership with Mali, he added.

The Vice President said that the World Heritage Site of Timbuktu with its repository of invaluable Islamic scriptures and manuscripts is a unique cultural asset for the entire world. He further said that India, shall keenly look forward to the early inauguration and opening of the Exhibition "Taj Mahal meets Timbuktu" in India.

The Vice President congratulated the Government of Mali on the establishment of G-5 Sahel Joint Force which will contribute to unity, peace, development and prosperity of Mali and the region.

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