PRESS STATEMENT BY THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA SMT. DROUPADI MURMU DURING HER VISIT TO ALGERIA

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I express my heartfelt gratitude to President Tebboune for his warm welcome and gracious hospitality.

It is an honour for me to be paying this first-ever Presidential visit from India to Algeria. This first-ever in-coming visit is even more special as President Tebboune begins his second term.

I am accompanied by our Minister of State Shri Sukanata Majumdar and Members of Parliament Shri Mukeshkumar Dalal and Shri Atul Garg. I am also accompanied by a Business delegation.

This is a historic day in India-Algeria relations. I congratulate President Tebboune on his recent re-election. His vision of *"Nouvelle Algérie"* is praiseworthy.

India and Algeria have a shared history of struggle against colonialism and are united in our aspiration to bring prosperity for our people.

Today, I held wide ranging talks with President Tebboune. I reassured Mr. President of India's continued support to Algeria, and we both committed ourselves to take our relations to a higher level, with special focus on trade and investment. I took the opportunity to re-affirm India's strong commitment to Africa as well.

The India-Algeria Business Forum scheduled to be held later today will take stock of the ongoing projects and identify several initiatives to give new direction to our economic and commercial cooperation. I thank President Tebboune for his stellar leadership, personal attention and valuable support for our bilateral and multilateral cooperation.
