

TEAM ON 10-DAY-TOUR

Morocco Keen to Replicate Aadhaar Success for Citizen-centric Services

Delegation has also studied Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & System and benefits like gas subsidy

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New Delhi: Morocco, Africa's second biggest economy and Delhi's key counterterror partner in North Africa, is keen to replicate India's successes in linking Aadhaar to various services for citizens. Rabat recently sent a high-level delegation led by interior minister Noureddine Boutayeb to study the process.


During the 10-day-tour that ended on November 6, the Moroccan delegation studied the Indian experience of Aadhaar, the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & System (CCTNS) and benefits like DBT, Gas Subsidy and Digitised Banking Systems.

During his interactions with minister of state for home Kiren Rijiju and other officials, Boutayeb lauded the way India, with its diverse cultures and large population, implemented Aadhaar in a short span of time, officials told **ET**.

The visiting minister informed his Indian interlocutors that Morocco was also in the process of implementing programmes based on the socioeconomic model of India and that his delegation's primary focus was to learn from the experiences of India's model of development and socioeconomic re-


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THE TWO SIDES may work for liberal visa system for each other besides early conclusion of a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty

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forms initiated by the Modi government. Boutayeb led a composite delegation from various ministries dealing with ICT and socioeconomic programmes and Morocco's National Bank to India.

Counterterror partnership and de-radicalisation initiatives were the areas of focus for the Moroccan minister. According to officials, Boutayeb told Rijiju that Morocco was emerging as a key counterterror and

de-radicalisation partner for Delhi in North Africa and that the country would like to share with India its experiences in this field. The two ministers decided to step up counterterror partnership, the officials said. It is not very well known that Morocco, which is also the second fastest growing economy in Africa, has launched a modernisation programmes for the imams of the region and has a well-equipped intelligence apparatus that shares information with its European partners.

Rijiju briefed in detail the Moroccan minister of various initiatives taken by the government, like the very recently introduced CCTNS, a mission-mode project under the National e-Governance Plan which will help modernise the police force and envisage nationwide networking enabling police stations, state officers and security agencies to share information.