

E. Ahamed in Cairo, to hold talks with the new Govt.

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Cairo, Mar 30 (ANI): Minister of State for External Affairs E. Ahamed is presently on a two-day visit to Cairo during which he is expected to hold consultations with the new government and reiterate India's desire to strengthen its mutually beneficial ties with Egypt, which is in the process of establishing a new democratic framework of governance.

E. Ahamed, who arrived here on Tuesday evening, will call on Prime Minister of Egypt Dr. Essam Sharaf, Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Yehia Al Gamal and Foreign Minister Dr. Nabil El Araby.

He will also be meeting the Grand Sheikh of Al Azhar Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Ahmed El Tayeb, Secretary General of the Arab League, Amr Moussa and Dr. ElBaradei.

The visiting Minister is also expected to interact with the Egyptian Ministers of Trade and Industry, Communications and Information Technology, Agriculture as well as Planning and International Cooperation.

Ahamed on his arrival made a statement that India welcomes the choice made by the people of Egypt, and the popular will to usher in change and noted that it was remarkable that these changes are being achieved through peaceful means.

He said that India stands ready to support the Egyptian people and nation during the transition period.