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# India Receives Two Labbaytum Awards for Haj Coordination and Communication

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The Indian Haj Mission has received two Labbaytum Awards from the Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umrah for its outstanding performance in Haj coordination and communication services for pilgrims. The awards recognize India's efforts in ensuring efficient management, better facilities, and effective support systems for Haj pilgrims. This is the first time India has received two such prestigious awards simultaneously.?

## **Key Highlights:**

The awards were conferred by the Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umrah.

## **India was recognized for excellence in:**

Haj Coordination

Communication and Pilgrim Assistance

The achievement highlights the effective functioning of the Indian Haj Mission in Saudi Arabia.

The awards acknowledge efforts made to improve services, logistics, and support for Indian pilgrims during Haj.

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijj congratulated the Indian Haj Mission on the achievement.

## **About the Labbaytum Awards:**

The Labbaytum Award is presented by the Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umrah.

It recognizes excellence in serving the "Guests of Allah" (Haj pilgrims).

## **The award promotes:**

High-quality pilgrim services

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## **Innovation in Haj management**

Better coordination among participating agencies

Continuous improvement in the Haj and Umrah ecosystem

Categories include government entities, Hajj affairs offices, service providers, logistics services, and international pilgrimage management organizations.

## **About Haj**

Haj is the annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

It is one of the Five Pillars of Islam.

Every financially and physically capable Muslim is expected to perform Haj at least once in their lifetime.

Haj takes place during the Islamic month of Dhal-Hijjah.

## **Haj Management in India**

Haj arrangements for Indian pilgrims are coordinated by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The Haj Committee of India manages pilgrim selection, travel, accommodation, and other logistical arrangements.

India sends one of the largest contingents of Haj pilgrims globally every year.