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Dakar International Forum

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Why is in news? V. Muraleedharan participates at opening session of 'Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa'

The Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa or simply Dakar International Forum, is an **international conference** launched by the governments of France and Senegal in **2013** during the Elysée Summit.

Held annually, it has brought together heads of state and governments, economic and industrial partners and representatives of civil society.

Minister of State for External Affairs participated at the opening session of '**Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa**' in Senegal.

The event was inaugurated by President of Senegal, Macky Sall in Dakar Oct, 25.

In a tweet, the minister said the Forum has become an **important place for policy discussions** on sovereignty and security aspects of Africa.

He said India strongly supports the development priorities of Africa guided by **10 principles** laid down by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Ugandan Parliament in **2018**. This is the **first time that India is participating in the forum at a Ministerial level**.

The Dakar International Forum has become a key event for decision-makers involved in Africa.

The participation of the minister in the Dakar Forum underscores the importance that India attaches to the **peace, security and developmental issues concerning Africa**. The visit is also in line with India's policy to intensify and deepen its engagement with Africa.

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