

High Commission of India

Nairobi

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**Press Release**

75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated by the High Commission of India with traditional fervour while following all Covid-19 protocols. It was not a public community event. The event was streamed live on Mission's Facebook page @IndiaInKenya.

2. Mr. Ashish Sinha, Acting High Commissioner hoisted the national flag and read out the message of Hon'ble President of India. During his address, he spoke about the recent visit to Kenya by Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India which has imparted momentum to our bilateral ties. He informed that India is getting full support from Kenyan delegation at the UNSC where both India and Kenya are currently serving as non-permanent members and expressed gratitude for the presence of H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta in India's signature event on the high-level discussion on Maritime Security at the UNSC organized during the month of India's presidency of the Council. He also spoke about the recent visit of Indian Navy Ship Talwar to Kenya for participation in the Cutlass Express, in a trainer role which is testament of India's commitment for the countries along East Coast of Africa, and the Western IOR and is in keeping with India's policy of doctrine of maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean region called Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).

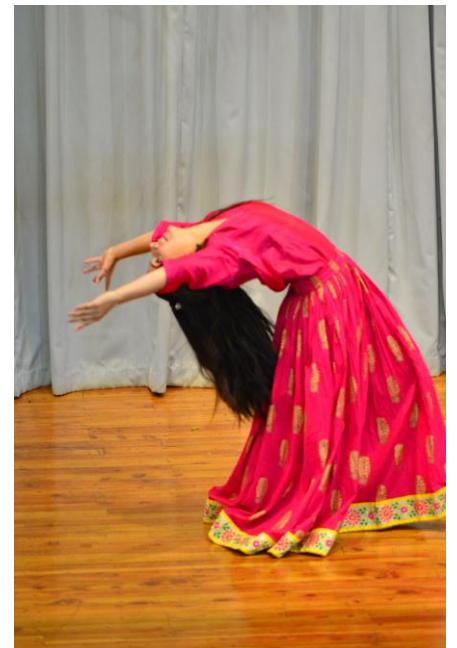
3. He mentioned about assistance provided to Kenyans seeking medical visas even during the difficult lockdown period and expressed satisfaction that thousands of Kenyan patients have returned from India after successful treatment. He also informed about India's active involvement in Big Four Agenda of President Kenyatta especially through upgradation of the Rivatex factory in Eldoret, creating two thousand direct and thousands of indirect jobs. He spoke about PM Modi's vision of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' which aims for a self-reliant and resilient India integrated with global economy. This would provide further impetus to our bilateral trade and investment ties, as the Indian Economy bounces back from the impact of the pandemic.

4. He also mentioned Capacity building through offering various courses on scholarship under ICCR and ITEC scholarships which have been redesigned to deal with the pandemic challenges and several online and e-ITEC courses were offered including a special e-ITEC course organized for the officers from Kenya Postal department.

5. He informed of various activities being organized as part of 'Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, commemorating 75 years of India's independence.



6. The event was physically attended only by a few members of the Mission. A cultural programme followed the official ceremony where the spouses and children of the officials of the High Commission performed patriotic songs and children gave dance performances.



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