

## INDIA-TANZANIA BILATERAL RELATIONS

- Tanzania and India have enjoyed traditionally close, friendly and co-operative relations. From the 1960s to the 1980s, the political relationship involved shared commitments to anti-colonialism, non-alignment as well as South-South Cooperation and close cooperation in international fora. The then President of Tanzania (Mwalimu) Dr. Julius Nyerere was held in high esteem in India; he was conferred the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding for 1974, and the International Gandhi Peace Prize for 1995.
- In the post-Cold War period, India and Tanzania both initiated economic reform programmes around the same time alongside developing external relations aimed at broader international political and economic relations, developing international business linkages and inward foreign investment.
- In recent years, India-Tanzania ties have evolved into a modern and pragmatic relationship with sound political understanding, diversified economic engagement, people to people contacts in the field of education & healthcare, and development partnership in capacity building training, concessional credit lines and grant projects. The High Commission of India in Dar es Salaam has been operating since November 19, 1961 and the Consulate General of India in Zanzibar was set up on October 23, 1974.

### Recent high-level visits

- Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi paid a State Visit to Tanzania from 9-10 July 2016. He met the President of Tanzania, Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli for bilateral talks after a ceremonial welcome and interacted with Solar Mamas and the Indian community. During the visit, the following MOU/agreements were signed:
  - (i) MOU on Cooperation in the field of water resource management and development;
  - (ii) Agreement on Joint Action Plan between National Small Industries Corporation of India and Small Industries Development Organization of Tanzania;
  - (iii) Visa waiver agreement for Diplomatic/Official passport holders (entered into force in December 2016);
  - (iv) MOU for the Establishment of Vocational Training Centre at Zanzibar;
  - (v) Line of Credit of USD 92 million for rehabilitation and improvement of water supply system in Zanzibar
- 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the India-Tanzania Joint Commission on Economic, Technical and Scientific Cooperation was co-chaired by the two Foreign Ministers in New Delhi from 15-16 October 2018. During the Joint Commission, the two sides signed an MOU for cooperation between the Foreign Service Institute of India and Centre for Foreign Relations of Tanzania, and another one between National Research Development Cooperation of India and Tanzania Industrial Research & Development Organization. The Joint Commission identified areas and initiatives for developing bilateral cooperation further between the two countries.

### **Commercial and Economic Relations**

- India and Tanzania share a vibrant economic, commercial and business ties. India is the second largest trading partner of Tanzania with bilateral trade of USD 2.37 billion in 2020-21. India is also among the top five investment sources in Tanzania and as per Tanzania Investment Centre, Indian investments in Tanzania add up to USD 3.65 billion.
- At present major Indian companies in Tanzania are Airtel (telecom); Tata Africa Holdings Ltd, Mahindra & Mahindra (tractors), Kamal Group (Steel), Kalpataru (power transmission), Tanzindia (insurance with significant share of Indian PSEs), Larsen & Toubro, Afcons, Hester Biosciences (animal vaccines), Mahashree Agro, Purandare Industries (sugar factory) etc. Hester Biosciences Africa Limited is constructing a US\$18 million veterinary Vaccines manufacturing factory in Kibaha, Coast Region. Purandare Industries (Tanzania) Limited is setting up a sugar factory in Chamvino District of Tanzania near Dodoma. Mahashree Agro has invested in Tanzania for pulses processing.
- A large number of Escorts manufactured tractors and farm equipment, TATA, Ashok Leyland and Eicher commercial vehicles can be seen in Tanzania. Tata Eicher has a presence in the urban bus market, and Sonalika and Mahindra tractors are also available in Tanzania, while Bajaj & TVS three wheelers and Boxer/TVS motorcycles are popularly operating.

- 3 Indian banks that are operating in Tanzania are Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, and Canara Bank.
- Two Indian companies – M/s Pacco Gems Limited and M/s Nazareth Investment Company Limited have obtained licenses for Graphite extraction in Tanzania.
- India’s major exports to Tanzania include petroleum products, pharmaceuticals & chemicals, motor vehicles, electrical goods, articles of iron & steel, sugar, machinery, etc. Tanzania’s major exports to India include gold dore, cashew nuts, pulses, timber, spices (mainly cloves), ores and metal scrap, gemstones, etc.
- Due to Covid-19 pandemic, no physical delegations visited from India in 2020 and up to June 2021 but a number of virtual meetings were held between India and Tanzania for improving trade and investment activities. The Mission with the help of local chambers supported and helped the Indian trade bodies to mobilize participants and publicity of more than 70 virtual events in Tanzania including the India Tanzania Virtual Business Session which organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on 15 April 2021. The session was addressed by H.E. Prof. Kitila Alexander Mkumbo, Minister of industry and Trade of Tanzania. From July - November 2021, six delegations visited Tanzania from India for business and promotional purposes; the delegations including the EdCIL, Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO), Indian Importers Chambers of Commerce and Industry (IICCI), etc. The Mission facilitated meetings with the relevant senior officials in the government and local chambers including TCCIA, TPSF etc. Their meetings were very successful MoUs were signed for strengthening business relations between India and Tanzania between IICCI & TCCIA, India Tanzania Trade Council & TCCIA. A delegation from Department of Consumer Affairs and NAFED visited Tanzania in November 2021 to discuss and MoU on trade of tur(arhar, pigeon pea)with Tanzanian Ministry of Agriculture. The delegation also met and interacted with major traders of pulses in Tanzania & representatives of Tanzania Pulses Network.

## **Development Partnership**

### **(I).Grant/Aid**

- India has executed a number of projects under government grants in Tanzania since early years. Among recent ones, three IT/Communication projects have been completed: A Centre of Excellence in ICT at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology in 2011; ICT Centre at Nelson Mandela African Institute for Science & Technology in 2016 and the Pan African e-Network Project at University of Dar es Salaam in 2010.
- 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of essential medicines and vaccines worth USD 1 million announced during the visit of PM Modi to Tanzania in July 2016 was handed to Ministry of Health of Tanzania in September 2018. The second tranche of essential medicines (nearly USD 1 million) was handed on 10 September 2020.
- Under “India for Humanity” programme, an artificial limbs (*Jaipur Foot*) Fitment Camp was organized by Shree Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur under a GOI grant at the Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute, Dar es Salaam from 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 during which 551 limbs to 520 Tanzanian beneficiaries were provided free of cost. This camp has generated a lot of goodwill for India.
- In August 2017, over 1,30,000 NCERT Science & Mathematics text books for Secondary Public Schools in Tanzania from India were handed over to the Minister of Education, Science, Technology & Vocational Training.
- India extended support of USD250,000 for Kagera earthquake relief in September 2016.
- India set up a radiation therapy machine ‘Bhabhatron-II’ for cancer patients at Bugando Medical Centre, Mwanza under Government of India grant support in July 2016.

### **(II).Line of Credit (LOC)**

- LOC of USD 36.56 million for supply of trucks and other vehicles to the Tanzanian People’s Defence Force (TPDF) in 2013-14.
- LOC of USD 40 million for supply of tractors and agricultural equipment in 2013.
- India has committed over USD1 billion in LOC to Tanzania for various water projects.
- LOC of USD 178.125 million has been extended for the development of water supply projects in Dar-es-Salaam and coastal Chalinze region; the water supply project packages from Upper Ruvu River to Dar es Salaam was completed and inaugurated by the late Tanzanian President Dr. John Pombe J. Magufuli on 21 June 2017. Works are ongoing for the Chalinze package of water distribution.

- LOC of USD 268.35 million was granted for extension of water pipeline from Lake Victoria to towns of Tabora, Igunga and Nzega in western Tanzania. The project was completed and formally inaugurated by the late President Dr. John Magufuli on 30 January 2021.
- LOC of USD 92 million for rehabilitation and improvement of water supply system in Zanzibar. This project has recently started.
- Line of Credit Agreement of USD 500 million for water infrastructure projects in several towns in Tanzania was signed on 10 May 2018.

### **(III). Capacity building**

- Tanzania is a major beneficiary of training courses allocated under India's ITEC & ICCR scholarships. India offered 450 ITEC, 70 ICCR & 27 Defence ITEC seats to Tanzania in 2020. ITEC scholarships were first extended to Tanzania in 1972, since then about 4500 Tanzanians have benefitted from the programme.

### **Defence & Security Cooperation**

India and Tanzania signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Defence Co-operation in Oct 2003. The MoU provides an over-arching frame-work for progressing various defence co-operation initiatives between the two countries. In recent years, India and Tanzania have been cooperating in the field of defence training in Indian institutions. About 400 Tanzanian defence personnel have been trained in India. On request of the late President John Magufuli, an Indian Military Training Team (IMTT) has been deployed at Command and Staff College, Arusha since Dec. 2017. 1<sup>st</sup> India-Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting was held in New Delhi on 15 January 2021.

Hydrography is another advancing area of cooperation between the two countries. Indian naval survey ships have conducted hydrographic surveys of Tanzanian ports and prepared navigational charts. 100 copies of 6 navigational charts and 7 ENCs prepared by India were handed over to Tanzanian officials during the state visit of PM Modi in July 2016. 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Committee on Hydrography was successfully held through VTC on 4-5 August 2021.

### **Culture**

- Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), Dar es Salaam under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), coordinates cultural outreach since its establishment in December 2010. SVCC offers classes in Yoga, tabla and other musical instruments, and Hindi language by Indian teachers. There is regular cultural outreach through performances by Indian arts groups in various towns of Tanzania, Yoga and AYUSH interactions, exhibitions and cooperation with educational institutions, including a Chair of Indian Studies at the University of Dar es Salaam since November 2017. An Indian cultural festival entitled "Namaste Tanzania, Habari Tanzania" took six Indian cultural performances to eight cities of Tanzania over Oct-Nov 2016. In 2020 and 2021 SVCC organized a number of cultural events both in physical and online mode despite the restrictions in place due to covid situation. Recently in October 2021, ICCR sponsored Baba Gorekhnath Gotipua Dance Association from Odisha to perform at prestigious 40<sup>th</sup> Bagamoyo International Festival in Bagamoyo, Tanzania on 28 Oct. 2021. Recently an MoU for establishment of ICCR chair at University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) was signed between ICCR and UDSM in November 2021.

### **Indian Diaspora**

- Tanzania is home to about 50,000 people of Indian origin which are concentrated in the major urban centres of Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mwanza, Dodoma, Morogoro, Zanzibar, and Mbeya. The vast majority are from Gujarat, mainly from Kutch and Kathiawad regions whose ancestors came to this region [Zanzibar and Tanganyika] in several phases starting from early 19th century as merchants, sailors and workers. The Indian origin community is active in the field of trade and industry in Tanzania. There are about 10,000 Indian nationals [expatriates] mostly professionals, who live and work in Tanzania, mainly in industry and services.
- Ms. Hajjat Shamim Parkar Khan a PIO from Tanzania received Pravasi Bharatiya Samman in 2019.

- There are about twenty Indian/Asian community organizations active in Tanzania. These groups regularly organize Indian festivals and social events mostly with local participation and occasionally by inviting performing artistes from India. Indian community have managed to retain their cultural identity and celebrate all Indian festivals.

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### Past HOS/HOG visits

<b>India to Tanzania</b>	
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi	9-10 July 2016
Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh	26-28 May, 2011
President Shri APJ Abdul Kalam	11-13 September 2004
Prime Minister Shri I.K. Gujral	18-19 September, 1997
President Shri R. Venkatraman	10-12 June 1989
Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi	17-19 May, 1986
Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi	April, 1980
Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi	11-14 October, 1976
President V. V. Giri	28 September -1 October 1972
<b>Tanzania to India</b>	
President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete	17-20 June, 2015
Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein, President of Zanzibar	01 - 09 February 2014
Mr. Mizengo Kayanza Peter Pinda, Prime Minister	13-17 September, 2009
President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete	April 2008; Co-Chair, India-Africa Forum Summit-I (IAFS-I)
President of Zanzibar Mr. Amani Abeid Karume	7-12 March 2004
President Benjamin William Mkapa	15-21 December 2002
President Julius Nyerere	1996
President of Zanzibar, Mr. Ali Hassan Mwinyi	1993
President Julius Nyerere	1991
President of Zanzibar, Mr. Ali Hassan Mwinyi	1989
President Julius Nyerere	1988
President Julius Nyerere	24-28 August 1985
President Julius Nyerere	1984
President Julius Nyerere	1983
President Julius Nyerere	22 February 1982
President Julius Nyerere	30 March -3 April 1981
Prime Minister Edward M. Sokoine	1980
President of Zanzibar, Mr. Aboud Jumbe Mwinyi	2-9 April, 1978
President of Zanzibar, Mr. Aboud Jumbe Mwinyi	16-24 April, 1977
President Julius Nyerere	January 15-21, 1976
Prime Minister Rashid Mfaume Kawawa	1975
President of Zanzibar, Mr. Aboud Jumbe Mwinyi	1973
President Julius Nyerere	22-27 January 1971

## Bilateral Treaties & Agreements

List of MOUs/agreements signed between India and Tanzania:

Sl. No.	Name of Agreement/MOU	Date of Signing
1	Agreement on Friendship, Technical, Economic and Scientific cooperation	28 Jan 1966
2	Trade Agreement	12 Dec 1972
3	MOU on cooperation in the field of Railway and Civil Aviation	16 Jan 1975
4	Agreement relating to Air Services between India and Tanzania	2 Sep.1982
5	MOU on Technical Cooperation in the field of Posts and Telecommunications	12 Dec. 1996
6	Agreement on the establishment of Joint Business Council	25 June 1997
7	Trade Agreement	14 Jan 2000
8	MOU between National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. , Govt. of India and Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO), Govt. of Tanzania	25 May 2001
9	MOU between Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania on development and expansion of Indo-Tanzanian relationship	25 May 2001
10	MOU on Co-operation in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors	16 Dec. 2002
11	Agreement in the field of Health & Medicine	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2002
12	Exchange of Programme between Government of Republic of India and Government of United Republic of Tanzania on Co-operation in the field of Education	27 April 2003
13	MOU on Defence Cooperation	1 Oct. 2003
14	Agreement on Cooperation in Information Technology and Services	14 Sep. 2004
15	Agreement on Waiving Tanzania's Outstanding Loans	14 Sep. 2004
16	MOU for the establishment of the Indian Cultural Centre in Dar es Salaam	19 July 2010
17	Joint Action Plan between National Small Industries Corporation of the Republic of India and the Small Industries Development Organization of Tanzania	27 May 2011
18	Agreement between Government of Republic of India and Government of United Republic of Tanzania for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income. Earlier DTAA was signed in 1979.	27 May 2011
19	Department of Electronics & Information under M/o Communications & IT of the Republic of India and e Government Agency under President's Office, Public Service Management of Tanzania on cooperation on capacity building and other related areas in the field of e-governance/m-governance	28 Aug. 2014

20	MOU for establishing ICT Resource Centre at the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2014
21	MOU for Cooperation in the field of Hydrography between Tanzania and India & Protocol on exchange of Hydrographic Data	19 June 2015
22	MOU between the East Africa Statistical Training Center (EASTC) in Tanzania and the National Statistical System Training Academy (NSSTA) in India on establishing a collaborative program in official statistics	19 June 2015
23	MOU between EASTC and Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute on establishing a collaborative programme in agricultural statistics, computer applications and bioinformatics	19 June 2015
24	MOU between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of United Republic of Tanzania on Cooperation in the field of Tourism	19 June 2015
25	Loan Agreement between Exim Bank and Government of Tanzania on line of credit for US\$ 268.35 million for extension of Lake Victoria pipeline project	19 June 2015
26	Agreement between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of United Republic of Tanzania on Employment of dependents of members of diplomatic mission or a career consular posts	30 March 2016
27	Exemption from visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and official/service passport holders	10 July 2016
28	MOU between Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Water and Irrigation of the United Republic of Tanzania on bilateral cooperation in the field of water resources management and development	10 July 2016
29	MOU between Government of the Republic of India and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar on cooperation in the field of vocational education & training	10 July 2016
30	Dollar credit line agreement between the Government of United Republic of Tanzania and EXIM Bank of India for \$92.18million rehabilitation and improvement of water supply system in Zanzibar	10 July 2016
31	Joint Action Plan between National Small Industries Corporation of the Republic of India and Small Industries Development Organization of the United Republic of Tanzania on cooperation for the development of small industries in Tanzania	10 July 2016
32	MOU between Tata Memorial Centre, India and Bugando Medical Centre, Mwanza for gifting of “Bhabatron II- telecobalt unit” along with a Radiography Simulator “Imagin”	19 Aug. 2016
33	Joint Action Plan for Cooperation between Council for Scientific & Industrial Research of India (CSIR) and Tanzania Industry Research and Development Organization (TIRDO)	2016
34	MOU on Cooperation between Jawaharlal Nehru University of India and University of Dar es Salaam	2017

35	Loan Agreement between Exim Bank and Government of Tanzania on line of credit for US\$ 500 million for water supply projects in several towns across Tanzania	May 2018
36	MOU between Foreign Service Institute, MEA, Republic of India and Centre for Foreign Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, United Republic of Tanzania	16 October 2018
37	MOU between Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organisation (TIRDO) and National Research Development Corporation (NRDC)	16 October 2018
38	Air bubble arrangement between India and Tanzania	2020
39	MoU between ICCR and University of Dar es Salaam on establishment of ICCR Chair	November 2021