

## **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.

## **Other visits**

- The then Vice President of Tanzania, Mr. Mohammed Gharib Bilal attended the India Africa Forum Summit-III in New Delhi on 28- 29 October 2015 where he also held a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi and received the Minister of State, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan.
- Zanzibar's Second Vice President Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi visited New Delhi and Kerala in March 2017 for various working level and business interactions.
- Hon. Charles Mwijage, Minister of Trade, Industry & Investment visited New Delhi for the 4th Joint Trade Committee meeting co-chaired with his counterpart in August 2017.
- Indian Chief of Army Staff, General Bipin Rawat visited Tanzania from 16-19 December 2018 where he met the Minister of Defence and Chief of Defence Forces of Tanzania.
- Hon. Medard Kalemani, Minister of Energy attended the Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance on 19-20 March 2018, and Hon. Ummu Ally Mwalimu, Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children attended the Delhi End TB Summit in March 2018 and Partners PMNCH Forum in New Delhi in December 2018.
- A delegation from the Centre for Foreign Relations of Tanzania visited Foreign Service Institute in New Delhi in Aug 2018.
- Earlier, the Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge) & Parliamentary Affairs Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy visited Tanzania (Sept 2015). He met the then President of Tanzania, Mr. Jakaya Kikwete and handed over Prime Minister's invitation for the Third India Africa Forum Summit.
- Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs held bilateral consultations with the Permanent Secretary in the Tanzanian Foreign Ministry in Dar es Salaam in June 2016.

## **Past high-level visits**

- The two countries have benefitted from a long tradition of high level understanding and exchanges, including visits between the then President Dr. Julius Nyerere and the Indian leadership. In the post-Nyerere period, high level visits from India included those by the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh (May 2011), the then President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam (Sept 2004), and then Prime Minister Mr. I.K. Gujral (Sept 1997). The then Speaker of Lok Sabha Mrs. Meira Kumar visited Tanzania in Sept-Oct 2009 and then External Affairs Minister Mr. Yashwant Sinha visited Tanzania in April 2003. Other Ministerial visits included those by the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry (Sept 2013), Minister of State for External Affairs (July 2013 and Aug 2003), Minister of Steel (April 2013), and Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences (Dec 2011).
- From Tanzania, high level visits were undertaken by the President of Tanzania, Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete (June 2015 and April 2008), President of Zanzibar, Dr. Ali Mohammed Shein (Feb 2014), Prime Minister, Mr. Mizengo Pinda (Sept 2009), Vice President, Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein (March 2008), President of Zanzibar, Mr. Amani Abeid Karume (March 2004), and President Mr. Benjamin Mkapa (Dec 2002).
- Ministerial visits included those by Zanzibar's Minister of Finance (March 2017), Tanzania's Minister of Trade and Industry (Nov 2014), Minister for Water (July 2014),

Minister for Energy and Minerals (Jan 2014), Zanzibar's Minister for Labour, Economic Empowerment & Cooperatives (May 2013), Minister of Communication Science & Technology (March 2013), Minister of Health and Social Welfare (March 2013), Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives (March 2013), Minister of Industry and Trade (Jan 2013), Minister of Industry & Trade (Oct/Nov 2012), Speaker of the National Assembly (Oct 2012), Minister of Defence and National Service (March/April 2012) and Minister for Finance (March 2012).

## **Bilateral Treaties & Agreements**

In addition to the MOUs/agreements signed during the Prime Minister's visit to Tanzania (July 2016) and the 9<sup>th</sup> Joint Commission Meeting (October 2018), India and Tanzania have signed a number of bilateral Treaties/MOUs/Agreements. They are:

- (i) Agreement on Friendship & Technical, Economic and Scientific Cooperation (1966)
- (ii) Trade Agreement (1972)
- (iii) Agreement relating to Air Services between India and Tanzania (1982)
- (iv) MOU on Technical Cooperation in the field of Posts and Telecommunications (1996)
- (v) Agreement on the establishment of Joint Business Council (1997)
- (vi) Agreement on the establishment of a Joint Trade Committee (2000)
- (vii) MOU for Co-operation in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors (2002)
- (viii) Agreement in the field of Health & Medicine (2002)
- (ix) MoU on Exchange of Programme on Co-operation in the field of Education (2003)
- (x) MOU on Defence Cooperation (2003)
- (xi) Agreement on Waiving Tanzania's Outstanding Loans (2004)
- (xii) Agreement on Cooperation in Information Technology and Services (2004)
- (xiii) Letter of Intent on Preferential Trade Agreement/Free Trade Agreement (2008)
- (xiv) Agreement on Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (2011). Earlier DTAA was signed in 1979.
- (xv) Joint Action Plan between National Small Industries Corporation Ltd and Small Industries Development Organisation (2011)
- (xvi) Letter of Intent between Ministry of Steel and Ministry of Energy & Minerals (2013)
- (xvii) MOU for Cooperation in the field of Hydrography between Tanzania and India & Protocol on exchange of Hydrographic Data (2015)
- (xviii) MOU between the East Africa Statistical Training Center (EASTC) in Tanzania and the National Statistical System Training Academy in India on establishing a collaborative program in official statistics (2015)
- (xix) MOU between EASTC and Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (2015)
- (xx) MOU on Cooperation in the field of Tourism (2015)
- (xxi) 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 (2015)
- (xxii) Agreement on gainful occupation of dependents of members of diplomatic missions and consular posts of India and Tanzania (2016)

- (xxiii) Joint Action Plan for Cooperation between Council for Scientific & Industrial Research of India and Tanzania Industry Research and Development Organization (2016)
- (xxiv) MOU on Cooperation between Jawaharlal Nehru University of India and University of Dar es Salaam (2017)
- (xxv) Loan Agreement between Exim Bank and Government of Tanzania on line of credit for US\$ 500 million for water supply projects in 17 towns across Tanzania (May 2018).

## Commercial and Economic Relations

- India and Tanzania share a vibrant economic, commercial and business ties. India is the largest trading partner of Tanzania comprising 16% of Tanzania's foreign trade. 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 2.2 billion.
- Major Indian companies and brands present or operating in Tanzania include Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, Canara Bank, Tata International Limited, Bharti Airtel, National Mineral Development Corporation, Tanzindia as joint venture of insurance companies (LIC, NIC, United India, etc), Kamal Group of Industries, Larsen & Toubro, Godrej, Afcons, Kalpatru and several automobile companies.

## India-Tanzania Trade [in million US dollars]

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
<b>India's export</b>	2,484.61	1,654.64	1,783.57	1,618.80	1,704.04
<b>India's imports</b>	1,089.03	924.79	948.49	1,029.71	903.47
<b>Total</b>	3,573.64	2,579.43	2,732.06	2,648.51	2,607.51

(Source: DGFT data)

- 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.
- There are periodic visits of business delegations in both directions to pursue trade, investment, projects and collaboration opportunities. Some of the recent business visits from India to Tanzania include: FICCI 'Namaskar Africa' delegation of 47-companies (14-15 March 2019); FIEO delegation comprising 36 businessmen to Dar es Salaam (22-24 Feb. 2019); NMDC delegation led by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Steel (17-20 Dec. 2018); Kerala Cashew Board to Tanzania (12-15 Nov. 18); Vibrant Gujarat delegation (4-5 Sept. 2018); a delegation of 46 companies led by CHEMEXCIL for the Indian Chemical and Cosmetics Exhibition (July 2018); Solvent Extractors' Association (July 2018); more than 50 companies led by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the East Africa

International Trade Expo (July 2018), Auto Expo Africa (Nov. 2018); Oil & Gas Africa 2018 (Nov. 2018).

- From Tanzania, recent business visit include participation in Steel Expo (Jan. 2019); Vibrant Gujarat Summit (Jan. 2019); 17-member delegation for Advantage Healthcare to India (Dec. 2018); 3-member business delegation for the Agri Business Seminars at Mumbai, Lucknow, Kanpur and Kochi (Dec. 2018); Bora industries delegation for International Footwear Fair (Aug. 2018); etc.
- High Commission of India, Dar es Salaam also organizes business promotion seminars to support business opportunities between the two countries. In the recent past, the High Commission organized business seminars and exhibition of Indian products at Zanzibar (February 2019), Mwanza (August 2018), Morogoro (March 2018), and Mtwara (March 2018). Indian Business Forum is a local organization representing Indian businesses in Tanzania and taking up their issues ([www.ibf.or.tz](http://www.ibf.or.tz)).
- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) led a 19-member Indian business delegation to Tanzania from 4-6 December 2019 as part of Market Access Initiative(MAI) by Department of Commerce, Government of India.

## **Development Partnership**

- Development partnership between India and Tanzania dates back to the 1960s comprising of technical cooperation, capacity building and joint projects. Tanzania is a major beneficiary of training courses allocated under India's ITEC/SCAAP programmes, and under IAFS capacity building cooperation. Starting with 24 trainees annually in 1972, it has gradually increased to about 500 trainees under ITEC/IAFS programmes to Tanzania in 2018-19. 24 scholarships for undergraduate, post graduate and doctoral degrees were offered to Tanzanian nationals for academic year 2018-19 by ICCR under the Commonwealth Scholarship/Fellowship Plan and General Cultural Scholarship Scheme.
- India has executed a number of projects under government grants and soft loans in Tanzania. 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 the Nelson Mandela African Institute for Science & Technology in 2016 and the Pan African e-Network Project at University of Dar es Salaam in 2010.
- India provided essential medicines and vaccines totaling about USD 1 million as grant support to the Ministry of Health of Tanzania in September 2018 and 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.
- India also extended support of USD250,000 for Kagera earthquake relief in September 2016.
- 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.
- 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.

- A Vocational Training Centre (VTC) is currently being established under an Indian grant in Zanzibar Islands.
- Hydrography cooperation towards navigational charts of harbours and related capacity building support is another active area of bilateral cooperation.
- Under a Credit Line of USD 178.125 million 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 were completed and inaugurated by the Tanzanian President Dr. John Pombe J. Magufuli on 21 June 2017. Works have been ongoing on the Chalinze package of water distribution.
- Earlier a Credit Line of USD 36.56 million for supply of trucks and other vehicles to the Tanzanian People's Defence Force (TPDF) was executed in 2013-14. Another Credit Line of USD 40 million for supply of tractors and agricultural equipment was completed in 2013.
- India has also extended a Credit Line of USD 268.35 million for water supply projects in Tabora, Igunga and Nzega in western Tanzania. President of Tanzania Dr. John Magufuli and High Commissioner of India presided over the ceremony for the commencement of the works for the water project in July 2017 and as of April 2019, 65% of the project has been completed.
- During the Prime Minister's visit to Tanzania in July 2016, a Credit Line of USD 92 million for rehabilitation and improvement of water supply system in Zanzibar was signed following which Detailed Project Report has been completed and process for selection of the Contractor is currently underway.
- Line of Credit Agreement of USD 500 million for water infrastructure projects in over 23 towns in Tanzania was signed on 10 May 2018. The detailed project report has received Ministry's approval.

## **Culture**

- An Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), Dar es Salaam under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), coordinates cultural outreach since its establishment in December 2010. The ICC 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. Joint events are organized with the community organizations such as Hindi Day (January 2019), Children's Day (Nov. 2018), Gandhi Jayanti (Oct. 2018) and monthly events in connection with the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi in this year. The video of hymn 'Vaishnav Jan to' sung by famous Tanzanian artiste, Ms. Vanessa Mdee received great response in Tanzania. From Tanzania, Safi theatre of Tanzania and National Dancing Troupe from Zanzibar

participated in Surajkund Fair in India in 2017 and 2018 respectively, and Bujora dance group of Tanzania participated at the Africa Festival organized by ICCR in May 2018.

- The fourth International Day of Yoga (IDY) was celebrated in Tanzania on 17 June 2018 at Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Tanga, Arusha, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Nzega, Tabora, Morogoro, Lindi, Iringa and Mbeya. The major event at the Uhuru Stadium, Dar es Salaam, witnessed about 5000 people led by the Minister of Information, Culture & Sports of Tanzania. Under the commemoration of Gandhiji's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, eight public talks have been held with various schools and universities in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Zanzibar and Arusha and photographic exhibition 'Mahatma Gandhi through the lenses of Kanu Gandhi in January 2019 was launched by the Minister of Culture of Tanzania. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, Government of Tanzania issued three commemorative postage stamps.

## **Indian Community**

- Tanzania is home to about 50,000 people of Indian origin [referred to as Asians], 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.
- 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. Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award from Tanzania in January 2019 as well as second prize (NRI) globally in Bharat Ko Janiye quiz generated healthy interest in Tanzania.

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