

26 JANUARY REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA

Envoy: Republic day celebration reflects on success and future of Indian

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There is a need for cherishing every single moment in life that advances your freedom, joy and time-honored memories to pass on to the future generations.

Individuals have their way of celebrating that don't necessarily have to gather hundreds of people together. But at the national level, the subject changes because the celebration is joint. Just like Tanzanians commemorate their historic days such as Independence Day of Tanganyika, Union Day, Nyerere Day and so on, Republic of India honors the day that their Constitution came officially into force.

There's more reason for celebrating this day because India has come a long way going through colonial time to advance politically, economically & socially.

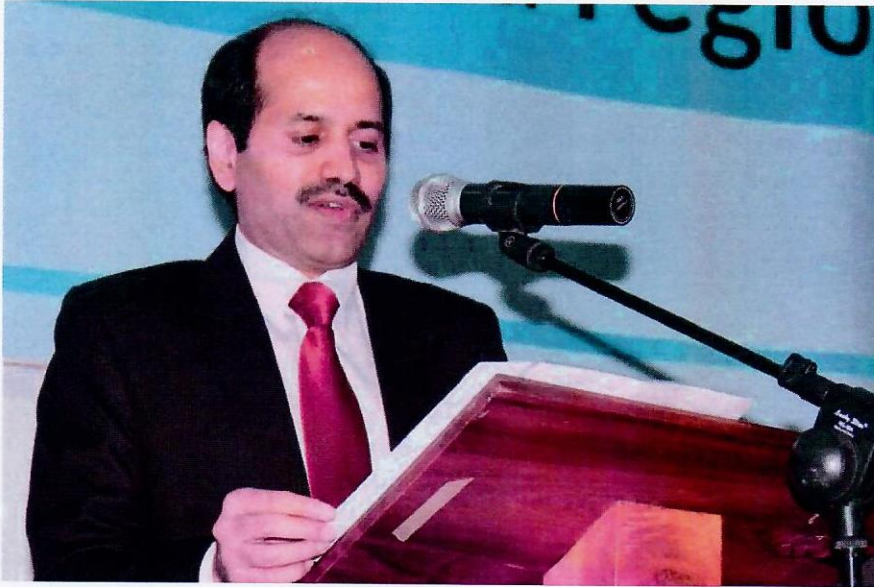
High Commissioner of India to United Republic of Tanzania, Sandeep Arya, explains in brief about the Indian Republic day and how it's celebrated here.

What is an Indian Republic day and what does it mean to honor it?

26th of January is our Republic day and it is the day on which India constitution came into effect in 1950. Currently, the Constitution marks 69 years of successful functioning and basically it is a special tribute to the leaders who wrote it. When it was promulgated, India Constitution was one among the largest Constitutions in the world. The Constitution defines the division of power among executive, judiciary and legislature.

It also defines the separation of responsibilities of Central Government of India from those of 29 provinces, with each having its own government. It provides fundamental rights for the people, institutions structures such as Electoral Commission, Controller and Auditor General Office and others.

So now it's almost 69 years and the Constitution remains into effect in almost the same original shape with the fact that India has a very flourishing democracy largest in the world. Economy is doing pretty well



High Commissioner of India, Sandeep Arya at a function.



Tanzania Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. A. Mahiga (speaking) delivering the inaugural address at the ICWA Conference in Dar es Salaam on 18 January 2018. Seated are former Prime Minister, Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim (second, right), High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya (first, right).

with report from IMF suggesting that in 2019 India will be fastest growing large economy with predicted growth rate of 7.5 percent. Again an awe-inspiring plaudit to the way India has established its organs and structures working in effective manner through Constitution.

The social fabric is very dynamic with a diversity reflected in 21 languages listed in the Constitution. The cultural diversity is huge and people within the country live harmoniously and, I suppose, this is big achievement for us. Well, from all perspectives, the Constitution has proven a success and it gives a healthy ground for us to celebrate and rejoice India's achievements coupled with sublime strategies for further progress. Therefore, India Republic day translates into celebrating the success and focus on building future of 'New India'.

How does High Commission of India cherish this historic day?

Every year on this particular day we usually hoist the national flag and read out a message from the President of India to the people. Indian expatriates living and working in Tanzania, together with other friends of India come to the High Commission of India and we celebrate as one family. We also sing couple of songs on the occasion, they could be more of patriotic, cultural or spiritual songs. The Indian expatriate community also organizes an evening cultural function.

We also hold a reception involving Tanzania Government officials and diplomats from other countries and international organizations operating in Tanzania, few friends and guests, stakeholders of Indo-Tanzania friendship, and select members of community.

What message would you like to leave to Indo-Tanzania community prior to this historic day?

Well, we have incredible synergies or similarities between Tanzania and India, that's the biggest thing to embrace. We have an excellent foundation to grow and I hope that provides a sound basis for our cooperation to grow further. So, I would like to invite all Tanzanians to be part of this relationship that seem to grow rapidly between two parties, area such as business, education, film industry (Bollywood), Yoga, Hindi language, Music etc.