

Message by Prime Minister on completion of Upper Ruvu water project

Your Excellency, Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, President of Tanzania, and the friendly people of Tanzania.

My heartiest congratulations on the launch of this important water supply project from the Ruvu River to the residents of Dar es Salaam in partnership between India and Tanzania.

Hongera. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement.

I recall that during my visit to Tanzania last year, President Magufuli had suggested enhancing our partnership in the water sector. As I had mentioned to President Magufuli, water is a resource from God, water supply project is humanitarian in nature, and India would be happy to extend all possible cooperation for this priority sector for Tanzania.

I am happy to know that contracts for extension of water supply network to three more towns in western Tanzania were signed a few weeks back, and the work will be starting very soon. I am pleased to announce that India has approved another credit line of 500 million dollars for water supply system in 17 towns of Tanzania. We are truly honoured to partner with Tanzania on a long term basis in this important sector of water supply for the benefit of the people of Tanzania.

Friends,

India-Tanzania bilateral relations are also making progress in other fields. Our partnership is aimed at touching the common people, improving their lives and securing our societies. We are also happy that Tanzania has joined the International Solar Alliance and we look forward to an early ratification of the Agreement, which will enable us to undertake concrete activities under the Alliance.

Today is also the International Day of Yoga! I understand that Dar-es-Salaam is celebrating it in the landmark Uhuru stadium.

We count on the support of the Government and the people of Tanzania in spreading the message of holistic well-being through the traditional heritage of Yoga as widely as possible.

My best wishes to President Magufuli and people of Tanzania.

Asanteni Sana.

Thank you.

Thank you very much.

Dar es Salaam
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