



History, significance and celebrations

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ndia marks its Republic Day annually on January 26. This Lyear, the day falls on Thursday, with citizens of the country marking it as the 74th Republic Day. The celebrations will begin with President Draupadi Murmu unfurling the national flag on the recently unveiled Kartavaya Path, formerly known as Rajpath.

Every year, millions of Indians witness the rich tradition, cultural heritage, spectacle of the nation's progress

Indian Air Force on television. Apart republic. The Constituent Assembly from this, the public can experience these events, including the Republic Day Parade rehearsal, the parade and the Beating the Retreat ceremony, on Kartavaya Path.

Republic Day History and Significance

Republic Day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India on January 26, 1950. While India gained independence from the British Raj in 1947, it wasn't until January 26, 1950, that the Constitution of India

held its first session on December 9, 1946, and the last on November 26, 1949, and then the Constitution was adopted a year later. Dr BR Ambedkar headed the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. On this day, India also marks Constitution Day.

Republic Day commemorates the spirit of independent India. On this day, in 1930, the Indian National Concolonial rule. Republic Day also comchoose their government democratically. The country marks it as a national holiday to commemorate the

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establishment of the Indian Constitu-

Republic Day Celebrations:

Republic Day celebrations are marked with much enthusiasm in the country. On this day, the President unfurls the national flag followed by spectacular military and cultural pageantry. Additionally, the President of India distributes Padma Awards to gress proclaimed Purna Swaraj from the deserving civilians of the country, and brave soldiers are awarded Paramemorates Indian citizens' power to mvir Chakra, Ashok Chakra and Vir Chakra. Live webcast of the Republic Day Parade is also made accessible every year to millions of people.

Republic Day Message

HE. Mr. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, High Commissioner of India to Tanzania

n the occasion of 74th Republic Day, I have the pleasure to extend my warm greetings to all members of the Indian community, well wishers and the Friends of India in

I also take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for their continued patronage and support to the Indian community in Tanzania.

I am happy to inform that our cooperation with Tanzania has seen impressive growth in recent past with engagements in multiple sectors. We started this year on a positive footing with the recent high level parliamentary delegation visit to Tanzania led by Speaker of Lok Sabha H.E. Mr Om Birla. Minister of State for Public Service Management in President's Office H.E. Jenista Mhagama, led a delegation to India from 3-7 January 2023. Water supply project to Tinde funded under Indian Line of Credit was inaugurated recently on 19 January by H.E. Vice President of Tanzania.

Last year was equally important as we had several high level political exchanges from both sides including first ever visit by Defence Minister of Tanzania to India. We held a highly successful Defence Expo in Dar es Salaam in collaboration with Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces in which 16 Indian companies participated. Indian Naval Ship Tarkash visited Tanzania and participated in maritime exercises with Tanzania and also in first ever trilateral exercise between India-Tanzania-Mozambique.

Our bilateral trade has crossed USD 4.5 billion and Indian investments in Tanzania have reached USD 3.68 billion. Tanzanian avocadoes entered Indian markets under Duty Free Tariff Preference scheme. Contract for USD 500 million water project under Indian LOC was signed in June 2022. The project is expected to benefit 6 million people in 24 towns in Tanzania. IIT Madras is



working towards opening a campus in Tanzania. There was good cooperation in key sectors like health, agriculture, education etc.

Cultural cooperation was enhanced. We celebrated a number of cultural events under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with participation and support of Indian communities. Nyati group from Tanzania was sponsored by Government of India to perform at Surajkund Crafts Mela in Faridabad. A Qawwali Group from India visited Tanzania and gave cultural performances. We had a grand celebration of International Day of Yoga in which 3000 yoga enthusiasts participated. A 2-day international conference on India-Tanzania relations brought together experts from both countries that brought interesting aspects of our historic and emerging relations to fore.

I once again extend my warm greetings to Indian community and thank them for their consistent contribution in growth of India-Tanzania relations. I hope our relations will reach greater heights in times to come.





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