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Visit of Shri Om Birla, Speaker of Lok Sabha to Tanzania from 18-19 January 2023

Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha led a 12-member delegation to Tanzania from 18-19 January 2023 at the invitation of Speaker of National Assembly of Tanzania H.E. Dr. Tulia Ackson. Other members of Indian delegation included Mr. Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha, Mr. Chirag Kumar Paswan, MP (Lok Sabha), Mr. Manojkumar Kishorkumar Kotak, MP, (Lok Sabha), Ms. S. Phangnon Konyak, MP (Rajya Sabha) and senior officials from the Parliament.

Upon arrival in Dar es Salaam in the morning of 18th January, Speaker, Lok Sabha visited Commonwealth War Memorial and paid his respects to Indian soldiers who laid their lives during World War I by laying a wreath. Commonwealth War Memorial in Dar es Salaam commemorates the sacrifice of the soldiers of different nations including about 1500 Indian soldiers who laid their lives in the line of duty during the World War I.

Speaker, Lok Sabha held detailed discussions with Speaker of National Assembly of Tanzania H.E. Dr. Tulia Ackson, on 18th January 2023 in Dar es Salaam. Speaker of House of Representative of Zanzibar Mr. Zubeir Ali Maulid also joined the meeting. The two sides had fruitful interactions covering range of issues i.e. regular Parliamentary exchanges, sharing of best practices in parliamentary spheres and issues of mutual interest on trade & investment, development partnership & capacity building, education, agriculture, health, culture were discussed. Acknowledging that Parliamentary institutions are nodal pillars of democratic governance the two sides agreed to increase the frequency of parliamentary exchanges to further boost India-Tanzania bilateral relations.

Speaker of the National Assembly Dr. Tulia Ackson hosted a lunch in honour of the Speaker and the members of Indian delegation.

The Speaker also met the Prime Minister of Tanzania H.E. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa during which they discussed entire gamut of bilateral relations.

Speaker Lok Sabha addressed a gathering of Tanzania India Business Forum (TIBF), which has been working for promotion of bilateral trade and investment since 2013. Speaker encouraged TIBF to work for further enhancing bilateral trade and also to bring new generation of entrepreneur from both sides as stakeholders of India-Tanzania economic engagement.

During the visit, Speaker Lok Sabha interacted with a group of Tanzanian alumni of Indian institutes at the High Commission of India. The alumni shared their fond experiences of education in India and how it played crucial role in their lives. These professionals are tirelessly contributing towards growth and development of Tanzania, providing strength to India-Tanzania relations.

Speaker also interacted with members of Indian diaspora from different walks of life including from politics, business, art, culture and others. Speaker thanked the Indian community for their role in building India's profile and reputation in Tanzania and for their contribution in strengthening India-Tanzania relations.

The Speaker and the Indian delegation also visited Serengeti National Park where the park authorities briefed them about the Serengeti National Park and the best practices adopted by Tanzania for wildlife conservation.

India and Tanzania have enjoyed a long tradition of friendship and cooperation marked by mutual understanding, political maturity, vibrant economic ties, wide ranging and substantive development partnership and historical people to people linkages. As the bilateral relations continue to grow and as efforts are being made to diversify traditional engagements and venture into new areas of shared interest, the visit of parliamentary delegation gave a new thrust to bilateral relations with both countries reaffirming to continue their commitment towards intensifying economic, strategic and diplomatic relations.

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