

## **High Commission of India**

**Dar es Salaam**

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### **Press Release**

#### **Visit of Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri and Chief of Naval Staff to Tanzania (12-15 April 2025)**

Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth along with Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi visited Dar es Salaam, Tanzania between 12-15 April 2025. This was Hon'ble Minister's first visit to Tanzania.

During the visit, Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri inaugurated the first edition of the multilateral maritime exercise titled AIKEYME (Africa – India Key Maritime Engagement) along with the Defence Minister of Tanzania, Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax, on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025. This exercise is being carried out with nine African nations, making it a historic first. AIKEYME aligns with Prime Minister Modi's vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions).

Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri along with the Defence Minister of Tanzania also inaugurated the third edition of "Defence Exposition" in Dar es Salaam, organized by the Ministry of Defence of Government of India. The Defence Expo showcased the self-reliance of India's defence manufacturing and potential to export defence capabilities. More than twenty two PSUs and private organizations displayed their defence products at the Defence Expo, giving an opportunity to export defence products to Tanzania.

On the second day of his visit, Raksha Rajya Mantri called on Dr. Phillip Mpango, Hon'ble Vice President of Tanzania and Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax, Hon'ble Defence Minister of Tanzania. Hon'ble VP of Tanzania congratulated Indian delegation on successful inauguration of AIKEYME and expressed satisfaction on bilateral relations in the fields of health, education, capacity building, defence, and technology.

On 14<sup>th</sup> April, Raksha Rajya Mantri also visited the High Commission of India for celebrating Ambedkar Jayanti and interacting with the Indian Diaspora and Indian Community. Raksha Rajya Mantri ji paid floral tribute to Babasaheb in presence of the High Commissioner of India to Tanzania. Raksha Rajya Mantri ji remembered the contribution of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the socio-economic development of the nation.

Later in the day, he interacted with the Indian Community and Diaspora based in Dar es Salaam. He informed the houseful gathering of diaspora about the development of India in recent times in economic, social and geopolitical spheres. He also mentioned the impact of the leadership of Prime Minister Modi in strengthening the Indian community globally.

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