

High Commission of India

Nairobi

Press Release

73rd Republic Day Celebration 2022

73rd Republic Day of India was celebrated at the India House, Nairobi, today with traditional fervor of unfurling of Indian tricolor flag and reading of President of India's address by the High Commissioner, followed by cultural programme including songs and dance by members of Indian community. Indian community and friends of India in Kenya and Somalia participated in the celebrations in virtual mode, on mission's Facebook page @IndiainKenya, owing to the Covid-19 protocols. This year's celebration had an added significance as it was celebrated as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' - celebration of 75 years of India's independence, spanning over 75 weeks.

2. High Commissioner also touched upon the steady progress in multifaceted India-Kenya bilateral ties and expressed hope of a fast recovery from the global impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. He recalled the recent visit of External Affairs Minister of India to Nairobi in June 2021 as a major step forward in implementation of the roadmap devised during the visit of Prime Minister Modi to Kenya in 2016 and President Kenyatta to India in 2017. He highlighted the regular consultations between India and Kenya on matters of shared interest at the UNSC where the two countries are serving as non-permanent members for 2021-2022.

3. High Commissioner also informed about the recent installation of a commemorative plaque in Taita Taveta, on the Indian Army Day (15 January), in the memory of Indian soldiers who laid down their lives, fighting alongside African soldiers, in the East African campaign of the first World War. This collaborative initiative in honour of our war dead was a collaborative initiative, supported by the High Commission, the Kenyan Defence Forces and the County Government.

4. The High Commissioner appreciated the role of the diaspora as a living bridge between the two countries and lauded them for coming forward to participate in the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' an initiative also to celebrate the glorious history of Indian community abroad and their achievements.

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