

High Commission of India

Nairobi

Press Release

72nd Republic Day was celebrated by the High Commission of India with traditional fervour at a small scale at India House while following all Covid-19 protocols. It was not a public community event.

2. The day began with the High Commissioner, Dr. Virander Paul laying a wreath of flowers at the British and Indian war memorial in Nairobi and paying his respects to the fallen soldiers. The memorial is dedicated to Indian and British soldiers who laid down their lives in 1917 during World War I.



3. High Commissioner unfurled the national flag and read out the message of Hon'ble President of India. During his address, he informed about various initiatives being undertaken by the Government of India including - Mission 'Vaccine Maitri' under which India is supplying COVID-19 vaccines to various countries across the world;

‘Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan’ or Self-reliant India campaign which is the vision of new India envisaged by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to make the country and its citizens self-reliant in all senses; The ‘Vande Bharat Mission’, under which 4.93 million persons stranded in various countries have so far been brought back to India; the air-bubble agreements between India and various countries including Kenya under which flights are operating between India and Kenya. He also highlighted the cooperation between Kenya and India including as members of the UNSC for 2021-22.



4. The Republic Day function was physically attended only by a few members of the Mission, following all Covid-19 protocols, as an in-house event. Patriotic songs were sung by the spouses of the officials of the High Commission.



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