

ADDRESS BY THE HC FOR DEFENCE EXPO

August 7,2026

Your Excellency, Hon. Ngwaru Jumanne Maghembe (MP)

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East
African Cooperation

Ambassadors/ High Commissioners present here,

Hon'ble Commanders and Generals from the TPDF,

Defence Advisers/ Attaches in Tanzania,

Officials of the Federation of Indian Chambers of
Commerce and Industry (FICCI),

the Technical Department of the Ministry of Defence of the
United Republic of Tanzania,

Participating DPSUs and Private companies from India,

Friends from Media

Commodore Agyapal Singh, Defence Advisor and other
colleagues from High commission of India

distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Habari za Asubuhi, Namaste and a very Good Morning to all of You!

It is an honour and privilege for me to welcome You all to the 4th Bharat- Tanzania mini Defence Expo. A forum that brings together Policymakers, Defence Manufacturers, Experts and Partners from both our great Nations to explore avenues of cooperation in the Defence Industrial Sector.

The Indian Defence Industry ecosystem has undergone a transformational journey over the past decade. Guided by the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" : Self-Reliant India - the Sector has seen significant reforms to boost Domestic Manufacturing, Innovations and Exports. Driven by the theme : Make in India - Make for the World, today, India is not only one of the largest Defence Markets in the World, but also a steadfast exporter of high-quality, reliable and cost-effective Defence Equipment and Technologies.

Indian Companies, both Public and Private Sector, are producing a wide range of systems - from Land, Air and Naval Platforms to Missiles, Electronics, Drones, AI and Cyber security solutions. Post Pahalgam terror attack in

Jammu & Kashmir in April 2025 and the ensuing synergized operations by the Indian Armed Forces, the varied spectrum of our indigenous Defence Equipment proved its mettle in the Operation Sindoor and has gained attraction of Defence Markets worldwide.

The United Republic of Tanzania occupies a special place in India's Foreign Policy and Strategic Vision for East Africa. As two democratic Nations, we face analogous Security Challenges in the Region. Presently, our bilateral Defence Ties are on a robust trajectory and spread over a rich canvas of Military and Military-Technical Cooperation. The goodwill and trust that define our Military-to-Military relations form a strong foundation for expanding our cooperation to the Industrial and Technological domains.

The United Republic of Tanzania, with its strategic location and growing technological interests, is a desirable partner for Indian Defence Manufacturers looking to expand their footprint in East Africa and beyond. Together, we can create value, build capabilities and contribute to Regional Peace and Security. We see bright and promising opportunities for collaboration between India and Tanzania in co-development, co-production and supply chain

integration. India is indeed willing to be a reliable and a long-term partner of the United Republic of Tanzania in the Defence and Technology Sector.

With a diverse group of distinguished Industry Players from India, I am confident that we will have a very productive session ahead. I encourage all participants to explore pragmatic pathways for partnerships in Research & Development, Manufacturing, Training and Technology exchange. I believe that by the end of the day, everyone will not only benefit immensely from the presentations cum exhibition but also have the opportunity to establish connections with one another.

To conclude, I would like to once again thank the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation for gracing today's event as the Chief Guest, which truly signifies Tanzania's desire to deepen our Defence Industrial Collaboration.

I also place on record my sincere appreciation to the Department of Defence Production of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and participating Indian Defence Companies for their splendid

efforts in realizing this event. I also compliment the High Commission Team for making requisite arrangements and organizing this Seminar.

Thank You.

Jai Hind!