



India Tanzania Relations

For Prelims: Bordering Countries of Tanzania, Lake Victoria, Ngorongoro Crater, Mount Kilimanjaro, Lake Tanganyika.

For Mains: Areas of Cooperation Between India and Tanzania, Bilateral Groupings & Agreements, [Global Biofuels Alliance](#)

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Why in News?

Recently, India welcomed the **President of Tanzania** at the **India Tanzania Investment Forum** in New Delhi.

- **India and Tanzania** have upgraded their bilateral relations to the level of a **strategic partnership**.

What are the Key Takeaways from the Visit?

- Both nations inked **six agreements** to strengthen cooperation across various vital domains.
 - It encompasses **cooperation in the digital domain, culture, sports, maritime industries**, and [white shipping information sharing](#).
 - These agreements lay the foundation for fostering technological and cultural exchange between the two nations.
- Both nations are promoting trade between the **Indian Rupee and Tanzanian Shilling** by enabling authorized banks in India to open **Special Rupee Vostro Accounts of correspondent banks in Tanzania**.
 - Efforts to address concerns and ensure the sustainability of this currency trade mechanism are underway.
- The newly established **five-year defense roadmap** sets the stage for expanded cooperation in **military training, maritime collaboration, capacity building, and the defense industry**.
- Both nations expressed their intent to enhance cooperation in **maritime security in the Indian Ocean region**.
 - The success of the first-ever **India-Tanzania joint Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) surveillance exercise in July, 2023** was a positive step in this direction.
- Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan received an **honorary doctorate** from **Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi**.
 - She is the **first woman to receive this honor** for her role in promoting **economic diplomacy, regional integration, and multilateralism** between India and Tanzania.
- The Government of Tanzania also announced that they would be joining the [International Big Cat Alliance](#) and the [Global Biofuel Alliance](#).

What are the Key Facts Related to Tanzania?

- **About:** Tanzania is the largest country in East Africa. With **eight neighbors**, it is among the top 10 countries in the world with the most international borders.
 - The islands of **Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia** are also a part of Tanzania.



- **Capital:** Dar es Salaam is the administrative capital of the country while Dodoma is the legislative capital.
- **Currency:** Tanzanian shilling
- **Landform:**
 - Its northern region has the **southern part of Lake Victoria**, which is the source of **the River Nile**.
 - Also, in the north is the World famous **Ngorongoro Crater**, which is the **world's largest intact volcanic caldera**.
 - The Northeastern part of the country is mountainous. This region is home to **Mount Meru**, an active volcano, and **Mount Kilimanjaro**, the tallest mountain in Africa and the **highest single free-standing mountain in the world**.
 - In the west lies **Lake Tanganyika**, the world's **second deepest lake**.
 - The eastern region has coastal lowlands along the **Indian Ocean**.

What are the Other Areas of Cooperation Between India and Tanzania?

- **About:**
 - India sees Tanzania as a **valuable partner in the Indo-Pacific region**, reflecting the broader geopolitical context.
 - Tanzania plays an important role in overall **India-Africa relations**.
- **Economic Cooperation:**
 - India is the **largest destination for Tanzania's exports** and two-way trade was worth **USD 6.4 billion in 2022-23**, including Indian exports of USD 3.9 billion.
 - India is the fifth largest investor in Tanzania.
 - **India's Major Exports to Tanzania:** Petroleum products, Pharmaceutical products, Machinery, nuclear reactors, boilers, Electrical, electronic equipment, Sugars and sugar confectionery
 - **Tanzania's Major Exports to India:** Gold ore, cashew nuts, spices (mainly cloves), ores

and metal scrap, gemstones, etc.



Education & Health Cooperation

- IIT Madras Zanzibar - 1st Offshore campus of IIT established in Tanzania
- India gifted **10 ambulances** to Tanzania in 2023
- Essential medicines gifted by India to Tanzania in 2018, 2020 and 2021
- India gifted over **1,30,000 NCERT Science & Mathematics text books** to Tanzanian Secondary Schools in 2017
- Radiation therapy machine '**Bhabhatron II**' for cancer patients setup by India in Mwanza, Tanzania in 2016
- **2 ICT Centres** with Param Supercomputers setup in Dar es Salaam & Arusha under India's assistance

