



**Embassy of India
Harare**

Press Release

Embassy of India, Harare celebrated 77th Republic Day of India at India House on 26 January 2026. Ambassador of India Mr. Bramha Kumar, unfurled the Indian flag. Around 200 people attended the Ceremony including people from Indian Community, Overseas Citizens of India, friends of India and prominent Zimbabweans. Ambassador delivered excerpts from the message of President of India. Ambassador interacted with Indian community and local Indian businessmen.

2. Later, the Embassy hosted National Day Reception on 26 January 2026 at Hyatt Regency Harare (The Meikles). Hon. Prof. Dr. Amon Murwira, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade represented the Government and people of Zimbabwe at the commemorations as Chief Guest.

3. During his Key Note Address, Prof. Dr. Murwira congratulated India on its 77th Republic Day, describing it as a symbol of sovereignty, democratic resilience and national progress. He said Zimbabwe's participation reflected its constitutional commitment to international solidarity and peaceful coexistence. Prof. Dr. Murwira reaffirmed the strong political and economic partnership between Zimbabwe and India, pledging mutual support for each other's bids for non-permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council. Prof. Murwira said the mutual endorsement demonstrated shared values and a common vision for global peace, security and multilateral cooperation, particularly among countries of the Global South. He noted that the arrangement aligns with Zimbabwe's constitutional mandate to actively participate in international organisations that promote peace, progress and the well-being of humanity. Prof. Murwira highlighted Zimbabwe's "Open for Business" policy and acknowledged the role of Indian investments in key sectors such as energy, manufacturing, beverages and agro-processing. Major Indian companies operating in Zimbabwe were commended for contributing to infrastructure development, job creation and productivity growth. Zimbabwe also commended India's leadership in renewable energy initiatives, including the International Solar Alliance, and expressed readiness to expand collaboration in green energy and skills development.

4. H.E. Mr. Bramha Kumar, Ambassador of India to Republic of Zimbabwe, highlighted reaffirmation of reciprocal diplomatic support between the two countries at the United Nations. India has pledged to support Zimbabwe's bid for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for the 2027–2028 term, while Zimbabwe will back India's candidature for the 2028–2029 term. Ambassador Kumar confirmed India's support for Zimbabwe's UN bid and praised Harare as a

trusted partner on issues of mutual concern at international forums. He said the long-standing cooperation between the two countries reflected a firm belief in South-South cooperation and a rules-based international order. The two countries also underscored the growing strength of economic relations. Ambassador Kumar said Indian private sector investments in Zimbabwe are now estimated at US\$600 million, providing direct and indirect employment to 15,000 Zimbabweans. He expressed confidence that Indian businesses would continue to play a significant role in Zimbabwe's economic transformation.

5. Both sides reaffirmed cooperation in renewable energy, agriculture, education, science and technology, mining and digital public infrastructure.

6. The celebrations also highlighted the historical ties between the two nations, dating back to trade and educational exchanges between Indian merchants and the Mutapa Empire, as well as India's support for Zimbabwe during the liberation struggle. As Zimbabwe and India mark more than four decades of diplomatic relations, both countries reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening political solidarity, deepening economic cooperation and supporting each other on the global stage, particularly at the United Nations.

7. A vibrant and colourful performance of *Kathakali* was presented by Indian cultural troupe from International Centre for Kathakali based on a story of *Mahabharat*, an Indian epic. The group is presently touring Zimbabwe for '*Shastriya Nritya Prastuti*' (Indian Classical Dance Performance) deployed by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), an autonomous cultural arm of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

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