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Press Release

“India’s ICCR Scholarships Empower Tanzanian Students to Pursue Higher Education in India”

85 Tanzanian Nationals Awarded Fully Funded Scholarships for 2025–2026 Academic Year.

The India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has been providing scholarships every year to many African nations including Tanzania to strengthen educational and cultural ties between India and Africa. Currently, the Government of India is offering 85 annual scholarships to Tanzanian nationals to pursue various undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs at Indian universities. The ICCR scholarship covers full tuition fees, monthly stipend, accommodation and international air fare for the selected candidates. Since 2002, total 668 students have availed ICCR scholarships from Tanzania.

In the current academic year 2025-26, total 85 Tanzanian students, 65 from mainland Tanzania and 20 from Zanzibar have been selected for the ICCR scholarship. Among them, 55 are male and 30 are female candidates, representing a gender equity/good gender balance among the scholarship recipients.

Furthermore, the selected students come from different diverse regions of Tanzania such as Kigoma, Ruvuma, Katavi, Njombe, Iringa, Shinyanga, Mwanza, Moshi, Mbeya, Manyara, Lindi, and Musoma, ensuring a good representation from various regions, including some very remote locations too. The selected scholars will be pursuing a range of disciplines like Pharmacy, Psychology, Aerospace, Computer Science, Microbiology, Geophysics, Geology, Mathematics, and Statistics at prestigious and world renowned institutions like the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, IIT Dhanbad, IIT Varanasi, National Forensic Sciences University, Andhra University, Kerala University, Hyderabad University Nalanda University and the University of Lucknow.

These institutes are in different metropolitan cities of India showcasing the great extent of exposure the Tanzanian students would be getting during their stay in India. The cities in which these campuses are located are widespread across India including Ahmedabad and Vadodra in Gujarat, Patiala and Chandigarh in Punjab, Mysore in Karnataka, Chennai and Coimbatore in

Tamilnadu, Aizawl in Mizoram, Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad in the state of Telangana. These unique places represent various geopolitical and socio-cultural hues of India.

On 12 June 2025, the High Commission of India organized an orientation program for the first cohort of 30 scholars chosen under the ICCR India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme 2025-26. During the orientation, they were provided with a comprehensive understanding of India, its culture, and useful information to facilitate a smoother transition.

The scholars also had the unique opportunity to engage with former ICCR scholarship recipients who had previously studied and lived in India. Former ICCR scholarship recipients shared their experiences, offering practical advice and tips to the newly selected scholars.

The ICCR scholarships not only provide Tanzanian students with quality education in India but also strengthen the bilateral ties between the two nations through educational and cultural exchange.

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