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Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri V. Muraleedharan paid an official visit to Kenya on 22-23 November, 2023. A 30-member business delegation from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) accompanied the Minister. The visit was aimed at further strengthening bilateral relations and expanding areas of mutual cooperation with Kenya.

2. During the visit, Hon'ble Minister called on Deputy President of Kenya H.E. Rigathi Gachagua, H.E. Mr Musalia Mudavadi, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, and met Cabinet Secretary, Investment, Trade and Industry and Principal Secretary, State Department for ICT and Digital Economy. The discussions covered the multi-sectoral and diverse bilateral interaction and the shared desire to forge an even stronger partnership, laying emphasis on trade, investment, security and peace, people to people ties, multilateral cooperation and other common goals.

3. Along with H.E. Ms Rebecca Miano, Cabinet Secretary for Investment, Trade and Industry, Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri V. Muraleedharan also addressed a joint business forum and jointly launched the 'India Business Council in Kenya' (IBCK), a platform that will bring together the Indian businesses in Kenya and contribute to strengthening the economic pillar of the relationship. Both the Ministers described the partnership as natural and historical and underscored the benefits of increased trade and investment ties.

4. Principal Secretary for ICT and Digital Economy Eng John Tanui also attended the business event and invited Indian companies to work in Kenya in the area of technology and digital transformation.

5. Other engagements of the Hon'ble Minister included inauguration of an exhibition to commemorate role of Indian Soldiers in East Africa during the World War 1 at National Museum of Kenya in Nairobi, releasing a book titled 'The Indian Army in East Africa:1914-18', interaction with Indian community in Kenya, interaction with Indian Alumni in Kenya, tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at University of Nairobi and visit to BAPS Swaminarayan temple and Shri Gurudwara Ramgarhia Railway Landies in Nairobi, the oldest Gurudwara in Africa.

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