Mission hosted a reception on 24 January 2020 to mark celebrations of the 71st Republic Day of India. The theme of the reception was focussed on the contribution of Indians towards building of railway line in Kenya in late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The event was attended by Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary (CS) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the chief guest. Dr. Kevit Desai, Principal Secretary in the State Department of Technical and Vocational training of the Ministry of Education and Amb. Tom Amolo, Political and Diplomatic Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were also present on the occasion. In his opening remarks, High Commissioner spoke about the growing ties between India and Kenya. CS Amb. Omamo, while speaking about the already close ties between the two countries, stressed on the need to further strengthen the friendly relationship.
2. In continuation of celebration of 150\textsuperscript{th} birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, CS Amb. Raychelle Omamo unveiled a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, which was created by a prominent Kenyan artist Mr. Clavers Odhiambo. Mahatma Gandhi Graduate Library at the University of Nairobi, refurbished with a grant of USD 1 million, will be inaugurated soon. Commemorative postal stamp on Mahatma Gandhi will also be released soon.

3. CS Amb. Omamo also inaugurated a plaque for the chancery building of the Mission. The chancery building of High Commission of India will be constructed soon at a new plot, adjacent to India House.
4. The events showcased Indian cuisine, along with beautiful dance performances as well as live Indian Classical music.

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