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<u>Tree plantation ceremony at the newly constructed premises of</u> <u>Embassy of India</u>

At the invitation of Ambassador of India H.E. Anurag Srivastava, on 4 December, Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Gedu Andargachew, State Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Dr. Markos Tekle and Deputy Chairperson of African Union Commission H.E. Quartey Thomas Kwesi visited the newly constructed premises of the Embassy of India in Addis Ababa. They planted trees in the premises as a lasting symbol of their ties with India.

The Embassy of India had earlier in June 2019 celebrated the150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the World Environment Day with a similar tree plantation event. Ambassadors representing their countries and continents, representatives of international organizations, prominent Ethiopians like Mr. Haile Gebreselassie and Indian community associations had planted trees at the new Embassy as a lasting and evergreen symbol of their association with India.

The Embassy has actively participated in and has been inspired by the nationwide tree planting campaign launched by Prime Minister H.E. Dr Abiy Ahmed in May 2019 that aims to plant 4 billion trees across the country in order to contribute to global efforts to reduce pollution, address climate change and restore natural habitats.