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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Flag Hoisting Ceremony on 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India**

On 15th August 2020, a flag hoisting ceremony was organized in the Chancery compound of Embassy of India, Addis Ababa. Charge d' Affaires Mr. Mohan Lal unfurled the flag. Due to the restrictions in the wake of pandemic COVID-19, physical participation was limited. However, the event was live cast on the facebook and twitter of the Embassy.

Charge d' Affaires highlighted the measures undertaken by Government of India to fight COVID-19. He also mentioned the welfare schemes launched by the Government for the poor and migrant workers such as Atmanirbhar Bharat, Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana. He further mentioned that the Government of India has announced the first education policy of the 21st century which will pave way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems in the country.

He outlined that Government of India also started Vande Bharat Mission for return of the stranded Indians which is one of the largest initiatives to repatriate nationals back to India. He also apprised that so far, the Embassy has arranged four special flights for repatriation of Indians stranded in Ethiopia and a total of 472 Indian have returned home. Another flight is scheduled to leave tomorrow.

He also highlighted the role of India in helping other countries to fight COVID-19 and mentioned that Government of India has assured the global community of its all possible help and has extended COVID-related medical assistance including testing kits, protective gear and Hydorxychloroquine and other medicines to

around 90 plus countries. Four Ethiopians from Ministry of Health were benefited under e-ITEC programme on “Managing Covid-19 pandemic” through webinar on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Recently, India has donated 100,000 NCERT books in Math and Science to Ministry of Education of Ethiopia.

A brief cultural programme was also organized followed by tree plantation in the premises of the Chancery.

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