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Ethiopian Minister for Women and Social Affairs conferred ICCR Distinguished Alumni Award (8 August 2022)

H.E. Dr. Ergogie Tesfaye (PhD), Hon'ble Minister for Women and Social Affairs of Ethiopia was conferred the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Alumni Award at a ceremony in New Delhi (8 Aug 2022). In 2021, ICCR had decided to confer 5 dignitaries for this award. Hon'ble Minister Ergogie was the only awardee from Africa. Other awardees were from Bhutan, Cambodia, Spain and Russia.

During the visit, Hon'ble Minister Ergogie held meetings with External Affairs Minister, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment and Minister of Women & Child Development.





External Affairs Minister H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar meeting with Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister of Ethiopia H.E. Mr. Demeke Mekonnen in New York (20 Sept 2022)



H.E. Mr. Melaku Alebel, Minister of Industry of Ethiopia participated in the 17th CII-Exim Bank Conclave on India – Africa Growth Partnership (19 July 2022). He was one of the speakers at the Trade Ministerial Session – Building B2G Bridge.

H.E. Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry met H.E. Mr. Melaku Alebel, Hon'ble Minister of Industry of Ethiopia in New Delhi (19 July 2022). They discussed on strengthening our strong and deep bilateral relationship with a focus on enhanced economic cooperation and bilateral engagement.



IIT Roorkee@175 celebrations in Addis Ababa (9 Aug)

Ambassador's New Year's Message

Congratulatory message by Mr Robert Shetkintong, Ambassador of India to Ethiopia and AU on the occasion of the Ethiopian New Year 2015

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Happy Ethiopian New Year!

Ethiopia is called the Cradle of Mankind and Land of Origins – our human ancestors probably started their first stumbling steps on their two legs here in this country. Ethiopia is considered one of the world's oldest countries and it is also one of the few countries in Africa and Asia to never have been colonized. Amharic is one of the few languages in Africa with its own alphabets. There are 9 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Ethiopia. Also, Ethiopia gifted coffee to the world.

For me, what attracts me most to Ethiopia is its rich diversity – from history of its people, to its landscape and more than 80 ethnic communities living in this country. Just like in India, Ethiopia has fascinating cultures and there are various festivals throughout the year in Ethiopia.

During September, the end of the rainy season in Ethiopia is marked by the big holiday period of the Ethiopian New Year followed by various festivals. For instance – we have the popular Meskel festival, the Invecchaa festival of the Oromo people and the Mangasha festival of the Dore people.

Every Ethiopian looks forward to this time of the year when people who live in different parts of the country go back to their families and communities to celebrate these festivals. Ethiopian people cherish their bonds to their families and communities. People gather around the Chibo fire sharing their joys, and nights are filled with laughter.

Besides, it is also the time of the year, when the Ethiopian landscape is best dressed in its most beautiful golden colors of the *Adey-Archa* flower.

Recently, I attended a community event in Bishoffa. I was pleasantly surprised to witness the respected Abba Gada invoking blessings for all of us over a bottle of Aricha. In fact, his prayers & blessings were for our prosperity, peace in the community and to forgive our enemies.

About 60 Indian families, mostly from Gujarat, have made Ethiopia their home for the past 3-4 generations. During imperial times, thousands of Indian teachers, mostly from Kerala, had taught in secondary schools, even in remote villages in Ethiopia. At present, we have Indian faculty in public universities in Ethiopia. Also, many Indian inventors have joined them in Ethiopia during the last 15 years and have positively contributed to the development of the country. I would like to thank the Ethiopian government and the people of Ethiopia for accepting Indian nationals in this beautiful country.

On behalf of all Indian nationals in Ethiopia, I would like to wish all Ethiopian sisters and brothers a very Happy New Year! Also, may we all be blessed with the prosperity of the various festivals during this time of the year and the hope for a better future!

for Ethiopia, Iai India
Robert Shetkintong, Ambassador of India to Ethiopia and the African Union

**Ambassador's New Year greetings
Ethiopian Herald**

Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day was celebrated at the Embassy of India premises (16 Sept 2022).

Dr Mohammed Usman, President of Samara University was the Chief Guest. He did his PhD from Andhra University. He recalled warmly his experiences of India. Today, the number of training slots offered under ITEC for Ethiopia is about 406. So far, more than 3300 Ethiopian nationals have attended these short term training programs in India



Hindi Diwas was celebrated at the Embassy of India premises (13 Sept 2022)



ICCR sponsored Qawwali concerts in Ethiopia



Bishoftu (12 Sept 2022)

As part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM) / India@75 and 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Ethiopia, ICCR sponsored Qawwali group performed in Bishoftu. The concert was organized by Embassy and Indian Samaj. A fantastic night for the community in Bishoftu area. Thank you ICCR !

Addis Ababa (13 Sept 2022)

Embassy organized a Qawwali concert in Addis Ababa which was attended by Indian community and friends of India. It was a memorable evening.



Hawassa (14 Sept 2022)

The Qawwali group performed at Hawassa. Indian nationals and friends of India attended the concert.



Embassy's outreach



Infolink University in Hawassa (23 Sept)



Donation of books to Abrehot library by Embassy and Reliable Books (22 Sept)



Harambee University in Adama (9 Sept)



East Africa Bamboo Cross Learning workshop in Addis Ababa (5 Sept)



Delegation from Unity University (8 Aug)



Discussion of welfare issues of the community (24 Aug)



Logistics sector – interaction (14 July)



Plastic sector – interaction (22 July)



Ethiopian New Year celebrations at the Embassy



Ethiopian New Year was celebrated at the Embassy of India premises. We had the honour of hosting our friends from Nahoo TV.



Debre Birhan – Reception and Roundtable (19 Aug 2022)



Embassy held a Reception and a Roundtable on Business Collaboration between India and North Shewa zone. Deputy Mayor of Debre Birhan and Mayor of Tulefa attended the event. Representatives of Indian factories based in Debre Birhan, Tulefa and Sendafa also attended the event. India Business Forum and prominent Indian investors based in Addis Ababa attended the Reception.

Presentation on business/investment opportunities in Debre Birhan was made by the investment bureau. Another presentation on India-Ethiopia bilateral relations, economic opportunities between India and Ethiopia and star sectors of India was well received.



Bishoftu - Reception and Roundtable (12 Aug 2022)

Embassy held a Reception/Roundtable on Business Collaboration between India and Oromia Region. We were honored with the presence of Mayor of Dukem, Deputy Mayor of Gelan, Head of Oromia Investment/Industry Bureau, and Head of Oromia Police College.

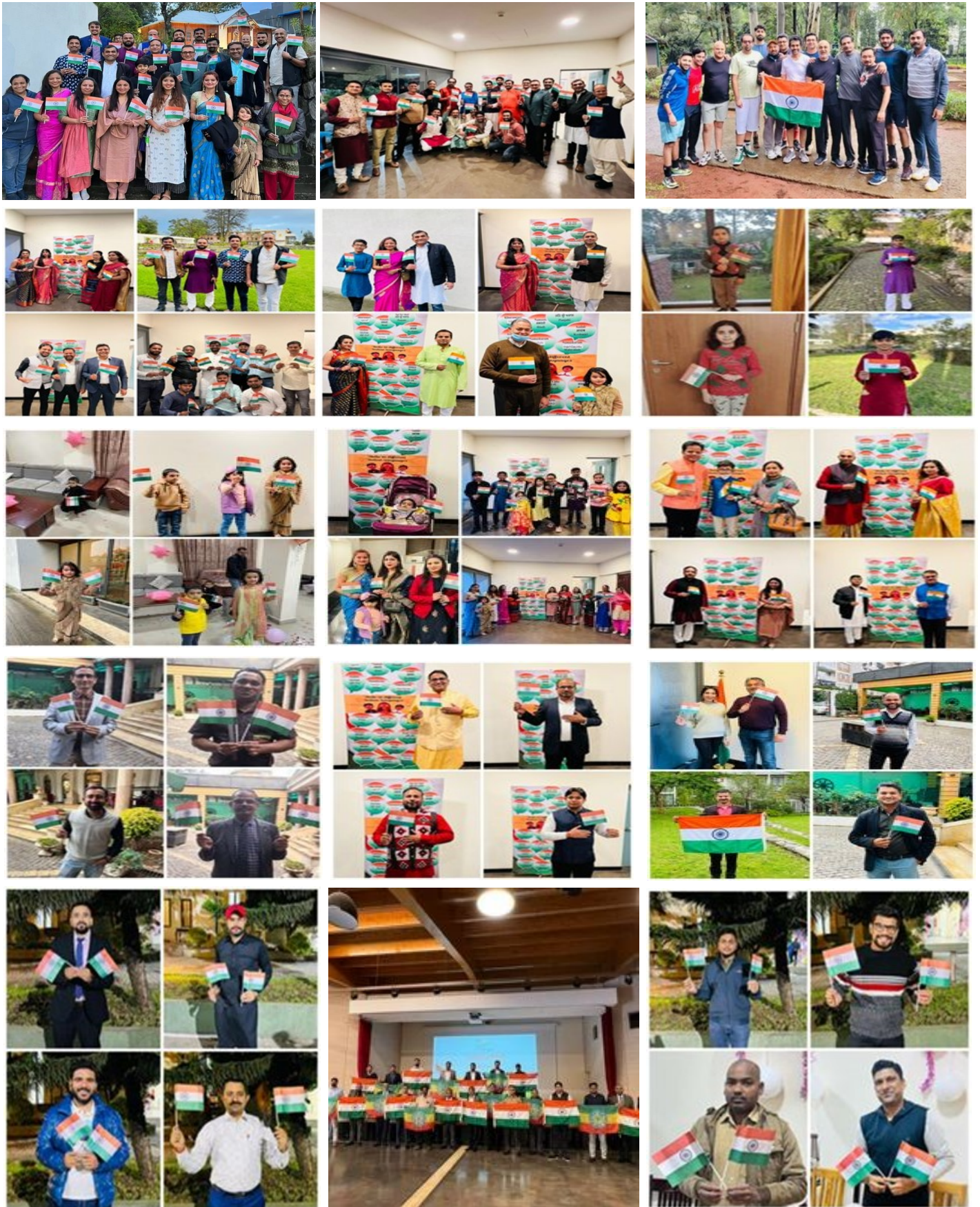


Mr. Ravi Shankar made a presentation on bilateral relations and economic opportunities between India and Ethiopia. Ms. Senait Mebrie, Deputy Bureau Head and Head of Industry Section made a presentation on business and investment opportunities in Oromia Region. Head of Oromia Police College shared about OPC's collaboration with India. Mr. Sunil Verma from India Business Forum made a presentation on the Industry Sector – a perspective.

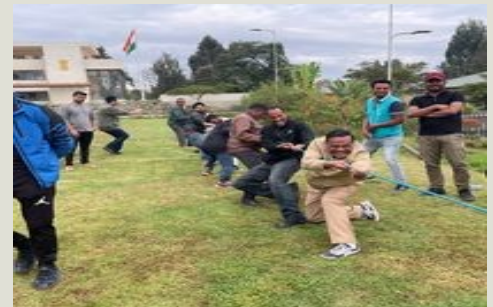
Independence Day – Flag Hoisting (15 Aug 2022)



Mission Tiranga (August 2022)



Day Out at Embassy (10 July 2022)





Dr. Kannan Ambalam from Wallaga University and the local community completed the construction of a bridge at Asko, on the outskirts of Addis Ababa. We would like to thank Ethio Cement, Abyssinia Steel and India Business Forum for their generous contributions.



Free yoga and dance classes



**Embassy every Saturday
(5-6 PM)**

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**Indian Spice restaurant
every Sunday (9-10 AM)**