



Ethiopian Parliamentary delegation to India (22-24 March 2023)



A 50-member Ethiopian Parliamentary delegation attended a short training programme at the Parliamentary Research & Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE) in New Delhi. The delegation included Government Chief Whips, Chairpersons & Deputy Chairpersons of Standing Committees and Presidents of 12 Regional Parliaments.

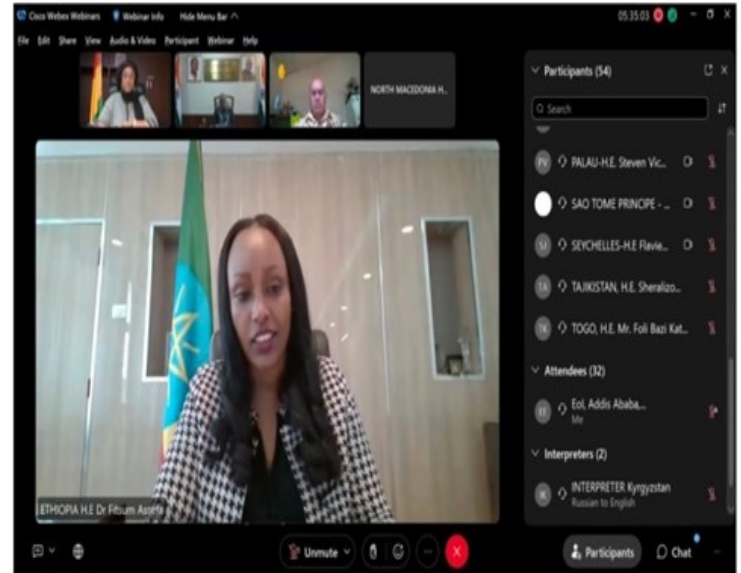


During the visit, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs H.E. Shri V. Muraleedharan hosted a dinner for the delegation. The delegation had useful interaction at Election Commission of India and also visited Taj Mahal and historical places in Delhi.





International Conference on Millets (18 March 2023): Embassy organized live streaming of the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference. Embassy officials and Indian community attended the address by the Prime Minister of India. The Hon'ble Ethiopian President's video message was played during the conference.



Environment Ministers' Session of the #VoiceOfGlobalSouth Summit (12 Jan 2023): H.E. Dr. Fitsum Assefa, Hon'ble Minister for Planning and Development of Ethiopia participated in the Environment Ministers' Session of the #VoiceOfGlobalSouth Summit.

India's Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change H.E. Shri Bhupender Yadav and his counterparts from 14 countries came together to articulate the #VoiceOfGlobalSouth for a better planet. They shared ideas and best practices for balancing growth with environment friendly life-styles.



Republic Day celebrations (26 Jan 2023): Republic Day was celebrated in Addis Ababa with the unfurling of the flag at the Embassy of India premises. About 200 Indian nationals attended the event.



National Day Reception in Addis Ababa (27 Jan 2023) - celebrations of solidarity between Ethiopia and India as also 75 years of diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and India. We were honored with the presence of H.E. Misganu Arega, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Hassan Mohamed, State Minister for Industry, Members of Parliament, Ethiopian dignitaries, diplomatic community & businessmen. We would like to thank friends of India and Indian nationals for joining us in the celebrations.





Kavi Sammelan in Addis Ababa (21 Jan 2023): Kavi Sammelan was held in Addis Ababa with the participation of two poets from India – Ms. Gauri Mishra and Mr. Sudeep Bhola. More than 250 Indian nationals and friends of India turned up for the event. We would like to thank the organizing committee for the wonderful evening.



Dr. Kannan Ambalam receives Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (10 Jan 2023): Dr. Kannan Ambalam was conferred Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award for his community welfare work in Ethiopia. Dr. Ambalam has constructed 93 low cost bridges, revived 55 water springs, constructed toilet in one school, built 2 check dams and facilitated the electrification of 1 village in Ethiopia. These projects have major impact on improving the livelihoods of rural communities.

Congratulations! @Dr. Kannan Ambalam.



Business



Light Expo - International Trade Exhibition in Addis Ababa (23-25 Jan 2023): State Minister for Trade and Regional Integration and Ambassador inaugurated the India pavilion at the Light Expo - International Trade Exhibition in Addis Ababa. ASSOCHAM facilitated the participation of 38 companies from India. Besides, an Indian company based in Ethiopia also participated in the trade exhibition.



Ethio Health Exhibition and Congress (23-25 Feb 2023): 32 Indian pharma companies participated at the Ethio Health Exhibition and Congress in Addis Ababa. Minister of Health of Ethiopia inaugurated the Exhibition. Ambassador inaugurated the Indian Pavilion and interacted with the Indian delegation.

ELECHEMA Road show was held at the Embassy (24 Jan 2023). About 50 companies attended the event.



IBF meeting (15 Jan 2023): India Business Forum held its meeting at the Embassy. A presentation on Gada Special Economic Zone was made. Mr. Bhavesh Chandaria made an excellent presentation on human capital management. IBF was launched in 2005. It was aimed at encouraging new Indian investments to Ethiopia, forming a platform for dialogue with various Ethiopian authorities and for encouraging networking by Indian investors to benefit from each other's experience.

Culture



International Women's Day (8 March 2023): To commemorate International Women's Day, Indian Women's Association visited Mary Joy Ethiopia's Asko centre in Addis Ababa. IWA donated food items and medicines to the centre. Mary Joy Ethiopia is an Ethiopian charity organization working to empower vulnerable community groups through integrated development programs. The Asko centre runs a clinic that serves the medical needs of the people either at nominal rate or completely free to the poorest.



Kerala Samajam honors teachers (4 Feb 2023): Kerala Samajam organized an event to honor 7 teachers from India who have been teaching in Ethiopia for long time.

Thank you Kerala Samajam!

Pongal in Addis Ababa (5 Feb 2023): Pongal was celebrated in Addis Ababa.

Thank you Tamil Sangam!



Surajkund International Crafts Mela (3-29 Feb 2023): 5 artisans and 10-member cultural group from Ethiopia travelled to India for the Surajkund International Crafts Mela.



Holi – Indian festival of colours (12 March 2023) was celebrated at Embassy of India premises. More than 800 Indian nationals and friends of India joined in the celebrations.



India at ICS International Day (4 March 2023): Students and their parents participated in the International Day at International Community School in Addis Ababa.

Sports

Kite Festival (12 Feb 2023): Kite festival was organized at the Embassy. About 100 people participated in the event.



Mumbai Marathon (13 Jan 2023): Ethiopian runners dominated Mumbai Marathon. Ethiopian runners set new course records.



India Cup – Cricket (Feb/March 2023): India Cup – Cricket tournament was held in Addis Ababa. 12 teams from Addis Ababa, Gelan, Bishoftu, Adama and Debre Birhan participated in the tournament. The final match was played on 26 March 2023. Addis Lions lifted the trophy.



Genna and Hockey: Genna is a game found / played only in Ethiopia. It is played by stick and ball made from tree roots. This is popularly played around the Ethiopian Christmas season. Genna is similar to the hockey game popularly played in India with curved sticks and a ball.





India Invitational Cricket tournament (19 March 2023): As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and 75 years of diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and India, Embassy organized India Invitational Cricket tournament at Bole Lemi grounds in Addis Ababa. Five teams from four countries (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and United Kingdom) participated in the tournament. Sri Lanka and India emerged joint winners, as the final match could not be completed due to bad light.



International Year of Millets (24-25 Feb 2023): International Year of Millets was celebrated at 4 Indian restaurants in Addis Ababa. Millet foods prepared by the chefs were served to guests.



Embassy's outreach



ITEC Day at Bule Hora (10 Feb 2023): ITEC Day was celebrated at Bule Hora University in southern Ethiopia. A presentation on ICCR scholarships and ITEC courses was made.



Visit to EPOS (22 Feb 2023): Ethiopian Minister of Health and Ambassador visited the Ethiopian Prosthetic and Orthotic Service centre in Addis Ababa. They discussed possible areas of collaboration between India and EPOS.



Dire Dawa University (1 March 2023): Ambassador met President of Dire Dawa University and discussed collaboration with India.

Dambi Dollo University (14 Feb 2023): Ambassador met President of Dambi Dollo University and discussed collaboration with India.



With a delegation from Bahir Dar University (24 Jan 2023). The university is commemorating 60 years of its establishment in 2023.



Thriving relations with Ethiopian expediting it than ever



BY ROBERT SHETKINTONG

AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO ETHIOPIA

India got its independence in 1947. The following year, Ethiopia was one of the first countries from Africa to establish diplomatic relations with India. Therefore, we are celebrating 75 years of diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and India. Embassy of India has taken the lead in these celebrations by organizing various activities including cultural events in various cities and towns in Ethiopia. Embassy of India also sponsored the visit of a cultural group from Ethiopia to India.

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India and Ethiopia have strong relations, based on mutual understanding and respect and sense of genuine partnership. Our political relations have been strong. In June 2022, Indian External Affairs Minister visited Ethiopia. He called on the Ethiopian President and discussed bilateral cooperation including education, health and investment as also development partnership. He also exchanged pleasantries with the Prime Minister and also with Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister. Also, EAM met Ethiopian DPM & FM on the sidelines of UNGA in New York.

Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs visited Ethiopia. He met AU Deputy Chairperson and held talks with State Minister for Foreign Affairs. Ethiopia and India also held Foreign Office Consultations in Addis Ababa, where both sides discussed and reviewed the entire spectrum of our bilateral relations.

From Ethiopia, Minister of Industry participated in the CII-Exim Bank Conclave on India - Africa Growth Partnership. Defence Minister attended the India-Africa Defence Dialogue and Minister of Peace attended the 3rd 'No Money for Terror' Ministerial Conference on Counter-Terrorism.

Financing.

Minister for Women and Social Affairs Ergoge Tesfaye (Ph.D.) was conferred ICCR Distinguished Alumni Award - 2021 in New Delhi. In fact, she was the only dignitary from Africa to be conferred this prestigious award for the year 2021.

Education is an important aspect of our relations. Thousands of Indian teachers had taught in schools in Ethiopia. Today, more than 1000 Indian faculty teach in various public universities in Ethiopia. Students from Ethiopia form one of the largest groups of students from Africa studying in India.

India has substantial business presence in Ethiopia. More than 650 Indian companies are registered with the Ethiopian Investment Commission, generating employment to about 75,000 Ethiopian nationals. During the past two years, I have visited more than 160 Indian factories in Ethiopia. Indian companies are favorably looking at investing in Ethiopia. Also, India is the second largest trading partner for Ethiopia. 47 Indian companies participated at the Ethio Health Exhibition & Congress (March). Then, 11 companies from India and 2 Indian companies based in Ethiopia participated at the Africa Sourcing Fashion Week.

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More than 100 years ago, it was estimated that there were about 150 Indian families in Dire Dawa and Addis Ababa. Today, we have about 50 families, mostly from Gujarat, that have lived in this beautiful country for the past 3-4 generations. During the last 10 years, many Indian investors have joined them in Ethiopia. Today, there are about 5000 Indian nationals. For all purposes, Ethiopia is their home.

Ethiopian Airlines has been connecting the people of India and Ethiopia & Africa for the last 50 years. As an African Airlines that operates in many destinations in Africa, thousands of Indian travelers have been patrons of Ethiopian Airlines. Ethiopian Airlines operates about 6 daily flights to Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Chennai. It is expected to operate flights to Hyderabad. This bodes well, is good for our two countries. It will connect the peoples of the two countries for tourism; will facilitate more trade and business ties between India and Ethiopia & Africa.

I would like to extend New Year greetings to all. Also, a joyous Ethiopian Christmas.

Free Yoga classes at Embassy every Saturday (5-6 PM) and at Indian Spice restaurant every Sunday (9-10 AM). You can contact us at pic.addisababa@mea.gov.in



Shri Mohammed Sardarwallah from Ethiopia who was conferred Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award in 2021 passed away in Rajkot (1 Feb 2023). He was awarded PBSA for his community work. Our heartfelt condolences to his wife and family.

May he rest in eternal peace!