



## NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION

National Day Reception was held at the Embassy of India premises on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day of India (26 January 2022). The event was attended by Ethiopian dignitaries, diplomats and Indian community.

H.E. Dr. Ergogie Tesfaye (PhD), Hon'ble Minister of Women and Social Affairs who was conferred the Distinguished ICCR Alumni Award 2021 was felicitated during the event.

## RECEPTION AT HAWASSA

For the first time, National Day Reception was held in Hawassa (29 Jan). There are about 200 Indian nationals in Hawassa – working in 6 Indian factories at Hawassa Industrial Park and faculty at Hawassa University.

Separately, the Embassy held a consular camp at Hawassa.



Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day was commemorated at Adama Science and Technology University (22 Jan). A discussion was also held about possible areas of collaboration between ASTU and India.

On the occasion, Ambassador and ASTU President formally launched the establishment of Alumni of Indian University Graduates.





Embassy in collaboration with Ambo University celebrated ITEC Day at Ambo (8 March). ITEC alumni shared their experiences.

About 400 Ethiopian nationals attend ITEC courses every year. During the last 50 years, about 3000 Ethiopian nationals have attended ITEC courses in India.

## *Cultural Events held by the Embassy*



Embassy participated in the joint celebrations of Nowruz in Addis Ababa (27 March). Indian community turned up in large numbers in their colorful traditional attires.



As part of the Nowruz celebrations, a tree plantation was held. India is home to the dynamic Parsi community that has played a vital role in the development of India. Nowruz marks the beginning of the Parsi New Year and is celebrated with much fervor.



Ethiopia at Surajkund Mela (March-April): A cultural group from Ethiopia participated at the Surajkund Mela. Their visit was sponsored by MEA and Govt of Haryana.



Culture Week at Ghion Hotel (23-25 Jan): Embassy participated at the Culture Week held at Ghion Hotel. Displays at the India Stand included Indian handicrafts, Incredible India, Study in India and India as a medical destination.



Holi was celebrated at the Embassy lawns (20 March). Indian nationals and friends of India turned up in large numbers. It was a colorful fun day with dance and water fights.



Holi - honored and thrilled by the presence of diplomatic friends from the Embassies of Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Mauritius and Germany.

Another Indian festival united all of us!





National Youth Day / Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (12 Jan) - volleyball matches were played in four different locations in Ethiopia.



Kite flying festival was organized at Embassy premises (15 Jan) and Bishoftu (16 Jan). Kite flying lovers enthusiastically participated in both the events.



India Cup (Cricket) was organized during the months of Feb and March. Addis Lions emerged as the champions, edging past Bole Super Kings. 17 teams from Addis Ababa, Bole Lemi, Debre Birhan, Gelan, Bishoftu, Adama, Hawassa, Bule Horra and Arbaminch had competed in the tournament.



Addis Lions had scored 137 runs and Bole Super Kings missed by 2 runs. Debre Birhan secured the third place defeating Hawassa Lions.



Adama Cricket tournament was held in March. 8 teams participated in the tournament and Debrezeit Lions emerged as the champions.



India Cup (Golf) at Addis Ababa Golf Course (17 & 19 March) - 64 golf enthusiasts participated in the tournament. Also, 48 caddies had participated in the tournament's curtain raiser.



## Business



47 companies from India participated at the Ethio Health Exhibition & Congress in Addis Ababa (3-5 March). Embassy organized a press conference and interaction with the Indian business community for the Indian delegation.

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry signed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation with the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce & Sectorial Associations.



A business interaction between the Indian business delegation and their Ethiopian counterparts was held in Skylight Hotel.



An Indian pharma factory - Glocare Pharma - was inaugurated at the Kilinto Industrial Park (9 March). Glocare Pharma was the first factory inaugurated at Kilinto Industrial Park.



Interaction with agencies in education and health (24 Feb) - a presentation on Study in India was made, which was followed by clarifications on visa regulations and procedures for student and medical visas.



Interaction with Indian Pharma companies (23 Feb) – participants exchanged ideas on how to facilitate Indian investors in Ethiopia.



Embassy organized an interaction with Indian companies in Ethiopia involved in road / infrastructure projects – consultants and contractors (17 Feb). They exchanged ideas on how to increase Indian presence in this important sector in Ethiopia.



## *Embassy's Outreach*



Tree Plantations were held at FDRE Defense Forces Club, Gambella University and Arba-minch University.



Screening of Indian Films were held in Kidane Mehret School in Nekemte, St. Mary's Convent School in Babich, Gambella University and Wal-laga University.



Embassy has reached out to various universities – Adama Science and Technology University, Gambella University, Ambo University, Wachemo University & Arbaminch University.



Embassy donated 10 computers to a local school (4 Jan).

## *Regular Yoga and Indian Dance classes*



Free yoga class at Indian Spice restaurant every Sunday (9-10 AM)



Free Indian Dance class at Embassy every Saturday (5-6 PM)



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## *Indian Women's Association*



IWA donated 100 kgs rice, 40 kgs pulses, 20 kgs sugar, 10 kg salt and 20 liters cooking oil to Kibre Aregawayan Megbare Senay Direjit, Bole Bulbula (1 Feb).



Basant Panchmi was a fun filled afternoon of good food, fun and games (12 Feb). The event was held at Chillies Addis restaurant.



IWA participated at Nowruz celebrations in Addis Ababa (27 March)



IWA commemorated International Women's Day by serving lunch to children at Kidane Mehret children's home in Addis Ababa (8 March).



IWA regularly conducts events for its members. Come, join us!

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IWA volunteers preparing the food



State Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Amb Redwan Hussein received the IBF executive committee (18 March). State Minister for Foreign Affairs listened to the issues raised by IBF delegation and assured them of early resolution.

IBF members interacted with the visiting Indian companies (2 March). Presentations on IBF and opportunities in pharma and health sector were made.



Breakfast meeting of IBF executive committee and Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations (17 March) discussed ways of collaboration between the two organizations.

IBF donated ETB 200,000 to Dr. Kannan Ambalam of Wallaga University for the low cost bridge and water springs projects.

## India Business Forum

IBF made a contribution of ETB 150,000 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (18 March) to support the rehabilitation drive for the conflict affected communities in the country.



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Ato Daniel Hume (Mahaprasad) has translated books into Amharic - Introduction to Bhagwad Gita, On the Way to Krishna, Teachings of Prahlad Maharaj, Easy Journey to Other Planets, and Sri Isopanisad.



Dr. K. Sekhar and his colleagues have written books specially designed for foreigners to learn Ethiopian languages - Amharic for foreigners, Speak with the hearts of the Hadivya, Amharic – Speak with the hearts of Ethiopians, Awigna – Speak with the hearts of Awi. Learn Kambaatissa – Speak with the hearts of Kambaata.

