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## *Prime Minister's meeting with Ethiopian Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed (24 Aug)*



Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a productive meeting with PM Abiy Ahmed of Ethiopia on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg. PM congratulated PM Abiy Ahmed on Ethiopia's membership of BRICS. PM Abiy Ahmed appreciated India's support for Ethiopia to join the BRICS family. PM Abiy Ahmed felicitated PM on the success of Chandrayaan mission, terming it as a moment of pride and inspiration for Ethiopia and the Global South.

Discussions covered ways to expand bilateral cooperation in areas like parliamentary contacts, development partnership & capacity building, trade & investment, defence, ICT, agriculture, skilling of youth and people-to-people linkages.



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On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of BRICS, we have taken the decision to expand this forum. India has always fully supported this expansion. Such an expansion will make BRICS stronger and more effective.

In that spirit, India welcomes Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and UAE into the BRICS family.





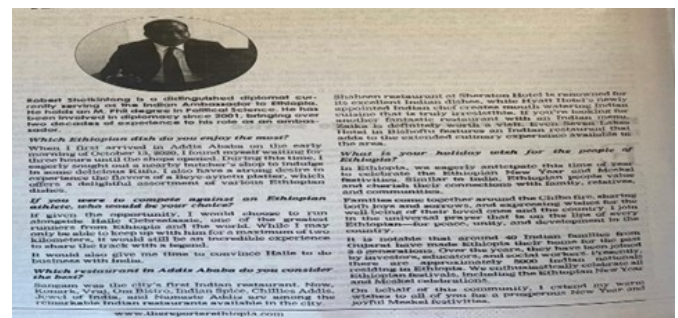


India's Chandrayaan-3 successfully touched down on the Moon's southern polar region (23 Aug). India joined US, Russia & China to have successfully landed on the Moon. In fact, it was the closest landing yet of any space vehicle to the lunar south pole.

PM Narendra Modi described it as a symbol of India's progress and ascent on the global stage. It represents a vision of progress, self-reliance and global leadership.



**Independence Day – Flag hoisting ceremony (15 Aug):** Indian nationals and friends of India celebrated 77th Independence Day of India at the Embassy of India premises in Addis Ababa. The event included reading of the Hon'ble President's address to the nation which was followed by patriotic songs and dance. An exhibition on Partition Horrors Remembrance was also held.



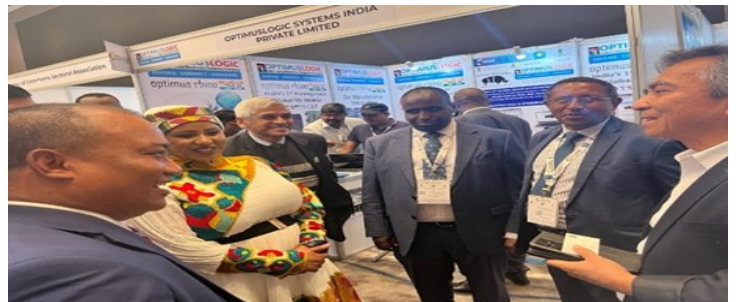


## **Business**

**Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce & Sectoral Associations – business opportunities with India (24 Aug):** On the occasion of the annual thanksgiving reception by the Addis Ababa Chamber of Commerce & Sectoral Associations, Embassy made a presentation on business opportunities with India including on some of the star sectors of India. Video of Incredible India was also shown. Also, representatives of Indian companies participated in the networking reception.



**India Africa ICT Expo at Addis Ababa (9 Aug):** About 30 ICT companies from India and 50 Ethiopian companies participated in the event. The Expo was organized Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council and Ethiopian Ministry of Innovation and Technology with the support of Embassy of India. Supporting partners are Addis Ababa Chambers of Commerce & Sectoral Association & ICT Association Ethiopia



**Business Roundtable in Adama (18 July):** Embassy in collaboration with Adama Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Association organized a business roundtable in Adama. About 80 businessmen from Adama attended the event. Presentation on India-Ethiopia bilateral relations, economic opportunities between India and Ethiopia and star sectors of India was well received.







Mr. Shailesh K Pathak, FICCI Secretary General visited Addis Ababa and met Ambassador. Also, he held discussions with H.E. Ms Lelise Neme, Commissioner of Ethiopian Investment Commission and at the African Union Commission. He also interacted with the executive committee of the India Business Forum over lunch.

**Interaction with medical and educational agencies (31 Aug):** Embassy organised an interaction over lunch with medical and educational agencies. It was a useful exchange of ideas.



**Indian Samaj Bishoftu – outreach (14 Aug):** Indian Samaj Bishoftu donated ready to eat food to community in Bishoftu.





## Culture



***Children's Quiz Competition (12 Aug):*** Children's Quiz competition was held at the Embassy. Mitti Ki Khusboo – Mitti Ki Yadein: some of our community leaders shared stories connected to growing up years in India. Community leaders narrated stories of lesser known heroes of our freedom movement – Helen Lepcha (Sikkim), K Kumar (Kerala) and Mridula Sarabhai (Gujarat). The afternoon event ended with the taking of Panch Pran Pledge.



***Hindi Diwas in Addis Ababa (16 Sept):*** About 100 Indian nationals and friends of India attended the event. Performances included poetry recitation, rendition of popular Hindi songs and an excellent short skit in Hindi by Ethiopian friends.





### Onam in Addis Ababa (3 Sept)



### Raksha Bandhan (31 Aug)







**Ganesh Chaturthi in Addis Ababa, Bole Lemi & Bishoftu (Sept)**



**Tree Plantation (14 Aug):** Embassy organized tree plantation drive in Ethiopia. Ambassador and his colleagues planted saplings at the embassy. Also, we were joined by more than 20 Indian companies/factories.







***Free Medical Camp at Bole Lemi Industrial Park (6 Aug):*** More than 230 people visited the camp for free general and eye checkup. The medical camp was organised by Embassy in collaboration with IPDC, WGGa Institute & Eye Centre, Hind Optics, Appasamy Associates and Grace Nursing Home Care. About 110 glasses were also distributed. Thank you Ashton Apparel, Jay Jay Textiles and Arvind Lifestyle for making the event possible!



***Mission's outreach:*** Embassy officials visited Hawassa, Dire Dawa, Bahir Dar, Gelan & Bishoftu and interacted with Indian nationals living in these places.





## **Sports**

***Day Out at the Embassy (30 July):*** Embassy organized sporting day out at the Embassy premises. More than 300 Indian nationals and friends of India participated in various sporting events – Table Tennis, Carrom, Chess and Kho Kho. Games were also organized for children.



***National Sports Day (28 Aug):*** Embassy organized a trekking / exercise morning at the popular Entoto park in Addis Ababa (27 Aug). Indian nationals and friends of India participated in the event. Volleyball matches were also held at the Bole Lemi Industrial Park and in Gelan.



**Sports Day at Ashton Apparels (9 Sept)**





## **Indian Women's Association**



**Enkutatash (9 Sept):** IWA celebrated Ethiopian New Year with Ethiopian friends.



**IWA donation (14 Aug):** IWA visited Hope for Justice, Ethiopia for an interactive session with the officials of the HFJ and spent quality time with the children. Hope for Justice is an NGO that works to reduce the risk of violence, abuse and exploitation of vulnerable children, including the urban poor, those living on the streets, and children on the move.

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

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**Embassy celebrates New Year with Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (5 Sept):** Indian Embassy family was delighted to celebrate this festival in advance with our friends from Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation.



**Free Yoga classes at Embassy every Saturday (5-6 PM) and Indian Spice restaurant every Sunday (9-10 AM)**

