

**Embassy of India
Addis Ababa**

Press Release – DAY 1

A multi-party Parliamentary delegation led by Hon'ble Ms. Supriya Sule, MP, Lok Sabha, reached today in Addis Ababa for a short visit. The visit is taking place in the context of April 22 terrorist attack on innocent civilians in Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir in India. The terrorists from across the border murdered 26 people, including one national of Nepal, causing the largest number of civilian casualties in a terrorist attack in India since the 26 November 2008 attacks in Mumbai. The attack in Pahalgam was marked by extreme barbarity, with the victims mostly killed with head-shots from close range and in front of their families.

The manner of the attack was also driven by an objective of provoking communal discord, both in Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the Nation and convey their terrorist motives to rest of the world. This was followed by a measured, non-escalatory, proportionate, and responsible response by India on the mid-night of 06/07 May 2025 under Operation Sindoor.

In order to convey India's clear and precise message on zero-tolerance against terrorism, India has sent 07 Multi-party Parliamentary Delegation which is visiting 32 countries across the continents. During the 03-day visit to Ethiopia, the multi-party delegation will hold meetings and discussions with leadership of Ethiopia and have interaction with wide ranging stakeholders like media, civil society, academicians and the Indian community.

The members of multi-party Parliamentary delegation are:

- I. Ms Supriya Sule - MP, Lok Sabha, NCP-SCP and Leader of Delegation;
- II. Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy - MP, Lok Sabha, BJP and former Minister of State (Independent Charge) Skill Development & Entrepreneurship; Civil Aviation, Parliamentary Affairs, Commerce & Industry;
- III. Mr. Manish Tewari - MP, Lok Sabha, INC and former Minister of State (Independent Charge) Information & Broadcasting;
- IV. Mr. Anurag Singh Thakur - MP, Lok Sabha, BJP and former Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports; and Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs;
- V. Mr. Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu - MP, Lok Sabha, Telugu Desam Party;
- VI. Mr. Vikramjeet Singh Sahney - MP, Rajya Sabha, Aam Aadmi Party;
- VII. Mr. Anand Sharma - former Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Textiles, and Minister of State for External Affairs;
- VIII. Mr. V Muraleedharan - former Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs; and
- IX. Amb Mr. Syed Akbaruddin - former Permanent Representative of India to UN.

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Today, the delegation met His Excellency Mr. Hailemariam Dessalegn, former Prime Minister of Ethiopia. It is worthwhile to mention that as Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Ethiopia His Excellency Mr. Hailemariam had played crucial role in holding the Second India-Africa Forum Summit in May 2011 at Addis Ababa. As Prime Minister of Ethiopia, he visited India for the Third India-Africa Forum Summit in October 2015. At the outset, His Excellency Mr. Hailemariam expressed heartfelt condolences to the victims of Pahalgam terror attack and correlated it with the terrorist activities in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel Region of Africa. He committed to take forward the message of 'zero tolerance against terrorism ' with the elders and wise groups of Africa and build consensus on dealing with this at regional and global level.

Hon'ble Ms. Supriya Sule and the other members of the delegation conveyed India's 'zero-tolerance against terrorism' and India's resolute commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

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Addis Ababa