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India Ethiopia Cricket League 2017

The Embassy of India in association with India Education Forum (IEF) and India Business Forum (IBF) is organizing a friendly cricket tournament – India Ethiopia Cricket League 2017 (IECL 2017). This is a maiden initiative to promote people to people contacts between Ethiopia and India through the game of cricket.

H.E. Mr. Anurag Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Ethiopia, Djibouti and African Union welcomed the launch of the initiative as it would not only bring together the Indian community living and working in various parts of Ethiopia but also introduce the game of cricket in the country. He mentioned that cricket is gaining popularity in the African Continent – 22 countries are registered with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and there are three cricket playing countries recognized by the ICC in East and Southern Africa.

H.E. Mr. Anurag Srivastava also briefed the media about the tournament's structure, format, schedule and objectives that the organizers have envisioned through this initiative. 24 teams from different universities in Ethiopia are participating to qualify for the main league in Addis Ababa. On April 14, 15 and 16, 2017 all qualified teams will play simultaneous matches in Bole Community School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Everyone with their families are invited to come, watch and enjoy the game. **Entry is free.**

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