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India Ethiopia Cricket League 2017

Embassy of India in association with India Education Forum and India Business Forum had organized the India-Ethiopia Cricket League (IECL 2017) in Addis Ababa from 14-16 April 2017. IECL 2017 was a maiden attempt to host a sporting event focussed on the game of cricket in Ethiopia.

The opening ceremony on 14th April 2017 graced by H.E. Mr. Anurag Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Ethiopia, Djibouti and African Union along with the Guest of Honour H.E. Dr. Kaba Urgesa, State Minister of Agriculture & National Resource Development, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and H.E. Mr. Tsegab Kebebew, Director General for Asia Affairs Directorate Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. The dignitaries greatly appreciated this initiative to promote people to people ties through the game of cricket.

Twenty four teams from across Ethiopia participated in the qualifying matches of IECL 2017 which were played at venues all over the country. Of these, twenty two teams were fielded by Ethiopian universities. Eight qualifying teams played their deciding matches of the IECL 2017 in Addis Ababa. The event witnessed wide participation and enthusiastic turnout of lovers of the game of all ages.

In the finals played on 16th April, Adigrat University team emerged as the winner and first runner up was the Embassy team. The closing ceremony was attended by H.E. Dr. (Engg.) Getahun Mekuria, Minister of Science and Technology, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, H.E. Dr. Negeri Lencho, Minister of Government Communication Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Dr. Sumeet Jerath, Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and H.E. Mr. Anurag Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Ethiopia, Djibouti and African Union. The dignitaries congratulated the winning team, appreciated the efforts of all participating teams to make this event successful and expressed the hope that this event would see greater participation from Ethiopian teams and players in the coming years.

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