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National Day Reception to celebrate 70th Republic Day of India

On 24 January 2019, Ambassador Mr. Anurag Srivastava hosted National Day reception at Hotel Sheraton Addis, Addis Ababa on the occasion of 70th Republic Day of India. The reception was graced by former Prime Minister of Ethiopia Mr. Hailemariam Dessalegn and first lady of Ethiopia, Dr. Ergoge Tesfaye, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, other senior Ministers, Deputy Chairperson of African Union Commission, Ambassadors, members of diplomatic corps, senior government officials, representatives from UNECA, AU and prominent PIOs & NRIs.

Ambassador Anurag Srivastava in his remarks highlighted the significance of the occasion and of the year 2019, as we are also celebrating 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as well as marking the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Ethiopia. Dr. Ergoge Tesfaye, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs delivering her remarks on behalf of the Government of Ethiopia touched upon various facets of the partnership including the economic relationship and cooperation in capacity building as well as its future prospects and potential.

Ambassador felicitated Ms. Betty G., Ethiopian singer who sung the bhajan "Vaishnav Jan Toh" from Ethiopia by presenting her a letter of appreciation from Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs Smt. Sushma Swaraj. The album of the bhajan by Ms. Betty G. was screened during the event. Special videos prepared on India-Ethiopia bilateral relations and achievements of India in the year 2018 were also screened during the event.

An exhibition of khadi products received from Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) was also displayed on the occasion.

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