



PRESS RELEASE

ICCR CHAIR ON INDIAN STUDIES

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the Addis Ababa University has decided to establish an ICCR Chair of Indian Studies in Addis Ababa which will be funded by the Government of India and will be operative till the academic year 2017-18. A professor in the field of biotechnology will be sponsored by ICCR for a period of three years.

2. An MoU establishing the Indian Studies Chair was signed today by the President of the Addis Ababa University and the Ambassador of India.

3. This will be the first Indian Studies Chair in any Ethiopian University. This initiative adds to the already existing substantial partnership between India and Ethiopia in the educational sector. Currently, about 300 Ethiopians travel to India every year either for a training programme or under graduate / post graduate degree sponsored by the Government of India. Eighty Ethiopian students are also enrolled for degree programmes in Indian Universities through the Pan African E-Network programme.

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