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PRESS RELEASE

Celebrations of Gandhi@150

In continuation of celebration of Gandhi@150, the Mission organised a 'Tree Plantation Drive' on 3rd October 2020 with the support of Ministry of Agriculture, Water, Livestock, Fisheries and Marine Resources and Mayor of Djibouti. 150 saplings of Neem (Azadirachta Indica) tree are being planted to mark 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at a public road, joining Avenue Nasser in Djibouti city stretching about 1.5 kilometers.

The Chief Guest of the event Ms. Fatouma Awaleh Osman, Hon'ble Mayor of Djibouti City along with Ambassador Shri Ashok Kumar and Mr. Ibrahim, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture and Mr. Wais Omar Bokore, Chief of Coast Guard, Djibouti inaugurated the Plantation Drive and planted the tree saplings.



H.E. Ms. Fatouma Awaleh Osman, Mayor of Djibouti planting a Neem tree sapling



Ambassador Ashok Kumar planting a Neem Tree Sapling



Ambassador Ashok Kumar addressing the gathering

In his address Ambassador highlighted the role of Mahatma Gandhi as an environmentalist and his vision and thoughts on sustainable development. Ambassador also referred to the Green Djibouti Drive launched by H.E. Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, Hon'ble President of the Republic on 16 October, 2019, which was supported by India by sending two Agricultural Scientists.



H.E. Ms. Fatouma Awaleh Osman, Mayor of Djibouti addressing the gathering

In her address Chief Guest Ms. Fatouma Awaleh Osman talked about Mahatma Gandhi, his principles of Truth and Non-Violence. She praised Embassy's effort of planting 150 trees and said that this is the best way to solve the harsh climate of Djibouti and people of Djibouti will remember that the Indian Embassy has planted these trees as a symbol of peace and non-violence.

The plantation Drive also expressed solidarity with Government of Djibouti's campaign for a Green Djibouti. Members from Indian diaspora, friends of India and representatives from Media participated in the event.



Community members participating in Tree Plantation Drive