

**Embassy of India
Djibouti

Press Release - ITEC Day 2020

The Embassy of India in Djibouti organized the first ITEC Day celebration on 26th February 2020 at Acacias Hotel Djibouti. Around 50 ITEC Alumnus from diverse field participated in the programme along with Mr. Aboubaker Hassan Ali Secretary General, Ministry of Higher Education as the Chief Guest

2. Since its launch in 1964, ITEC has been the flagship programme of Government of India to share its own development experience with fellow developing countries. Under ITEC Programme, Officials from 161 countries from Asia, Africa, East Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean as well as Pacific and Small Island countries are invited to benefit from India's developmental experience. Every year India provides around 12,000 scholarships for around 300 short, medium and long-term training courses conducted in 47 state-of-art institutions of learning & excellence under this Programme. The ITEC Programme covers a diverse range of subjects from traditional areas like agriculture, SMEs, management, English language to IT, Science & Technology, biotechnology, etc.

3. Speaking on the occasion H.E. Mr. Ashok Kumar, Ambassador outlined the importance of ITEC programme in developing skills which facilitate human resource development, capacity building, skill upgradation and empowerment. He also spoke about the vast outreach of ITEC programme and the positive differences it makes in the lives of its beneficiary. He encouraged more working professionals to avail ITEC programme.

4. The Chief Guest of the programme Mr. Aboubaker Hassan Ali thanked the Government of India for extending ITEC for Djiboutian nationals. He also pointed out that the empowering and capacity building programmes under ITEC has not only benefitted the citizens but the country as a whole. He also urged the ITEC beneficiary to set a good example for future beneficiaries of ITEC programme and also to make the maximum use of the skill they acquired from trainings in India to benefit the country in its progress.

5. A sizeable number of Djiboutian nationals who benefitted from ITEC Programme participated in the event and saw this opportunity to get together to interact among themselves and learn from their experiences. Two ITEC Alumni namely Ahmed Kader ITEC Batch 2008-2009 and Mr. Aden Mohamed Raufa ITEC Batch 2015-2016 were also invited to speak and they shared their experience of training under the ITEC Programme in India. They also stressed on the benefits of ITEC courses not only as providing knowledge and expertise but in giving them an opportunity to interact with trainees from other countries and learn more about India

and its culture and traditions. 6. The exposures in highly competitive professional sectors of India prepared them for more challenges at the global level enriched their experience and knowledge. They feel that they certainly got back to their professional setup with renewed confidence and inspiration.

7. The interactive session was enriched by very positive comments and experience sharing by the participants.

Place: Djibouti

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