

Celebration of ITEC Day 2025

To commemorate 61 years of capacity-building partnership between India and nations across the world through the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme, the Embassy of India in Djibouti celebrated ITEC Day 2025 on September 18, 2025.

2. Ambassador of India to Djibouti H.E. M. Keivom graced the occasion, which was attended by around 70 participants, including ITEC and ICCR alumni from Djibouti, as well as officials and professionals from diverse sectors who have benefited from various training courses in India under different ITEC programs.

3. In his address, Ambassador Keivom lauded ITEC initiative for not only serving as a conduit for knowledge exchange but also as a bridge fostering strong bilateral ties built on cultural, and economic affinities. The Ambassador highlighted India's commitment to international cooperation through the ITEC program, which focuses on capacity building, knowledge sharing, and skill development for partner countries. He also welcomed the contributions of ITEC alumni, whose expertise strengthens bilateral relationships and enhances global collaboration.



4. Ambassador of India Keivom also acknowledged the keen interest Djiboutian officials have shown in the ITEC programme over the years. He emphasized India's commitment to supporting Djibouti's various sector including health, higher education, agriculture and others. He further informed that in addition to the 184 ITEC alumni, more than 90 Djibouti students have received scholarships under ICCR program since opening of the Mission in 2019.

5. On the occasion, Shri Mihir Kumar Thakur, SS(Pol) highlighted the diverse range of training areas, including inclusive governance, climate

change, renewable energy, digital transformation, startup ecosystems, artificial intelligence in governance, higher education, cyber-security, quality management, quantum computing, information science, AI, and fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. These programs under ITEC equips participants with valuable insights and practical skills, enabling them to drive progress and contribute effectively to their respective fields.



6. Launched in September 1964, ITEC is a flagship programme of the Government of India aimed at extending technical assistance and enhancing capacities in developing countries. It has become a key instrument in India's contribution to human resource development, with over 225,000 individuals from 160 partner nations having participated in the programme. 'ITEC Day' is celebrated each year by Indian diplomatic missions worldwide, underscoring this unique pillar of Global South cooperation.



7. The event concluded with question & answer and experience sharing session, feedback from the ITEC alumni, followed by national anthem of both countries and interaction with ITEC alumni over refreshments.

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