

**Embassy of India
Djibouti**

Press Release

Opening of “India Corner – Bharat Ek Parichay” at University of Djibouti & interactive session by professor Ramesh C. Bhardwaj on 20.1.2020

India Corner

The Embassy of India in partnership with University of Djibouti organized a programme at the University complex to celebrate the inauguration of “India Corner – Bharat Ek Parichay” at the Library of the University.

The establishment of “India Corner -Bharat Ek Parichay” was the initiative of Government of India which was launched in 2018 with a aim to establish it globally in eminent educational institutions. These corners are single point reference for information and knowledge about Indian art, culture, religion, philosophy, economy, etc. through select books sent from India.

A total of 51 books in 22 languages from diverse writers in diverse fields were placed at the “India corner - Bharat Ek Parichay”.

The programme began with the inauguration of the India Corner in the University Library in presence of the Dean of the University Mr. Abdourahman Yacin Ahmed, H.E Mr. Ashok Kumar Ambassador, Dr. Ramesh C Bhardwaj along with faculty members of the University and students. The Dean in his brief remarks welcomed the “India Corner Bharat Ek Parichay” initiative in the University. The Ambassador explained briefly the purpose of India Corner and the relevance of the books placed there.

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A short film titled “Gandhi the Visionary Dreamer “was also screened in the University Auditorium. The Ambassador in his address underlined the inspirational principles of Mahatma Gandhi and talked about the India Djibouti partnership in capacity building and Educational outreach through scholarship and ITEC programmes.

A keynote address was delivered by renowned Gandhian Scholar Dr. Ramesh C. Bhardwaj, Director of Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi. The address focused on Gandhi’s ideals and its relevance in the contemporary world and also his views on self-sustenance and a better world for downtrodden sections of the society.

The students also engaged enthusiastically in interactive session. One of the faculty member pointed out the relevance of Indian scholarship among Djiboutian students of which he was also a beneficiary. He urged the Indian Embassy to increase the number of scholarship from 11 so that more students from deprived sections can benefit in Djibouti. The Ambassador Mr. Ashok Kumar assured the students that he will recommend favorably to ICCR to increase the number of Scholarships for Djibouti in case a large number of Applicants enroll for the same this year.

Place: Djibouti

Dated: 20th January 2020