

Celebrating Knowledge and Partnership: High Commission of India Observes ITEC Day 2026 in Dar es Salaam

DAR ES SALAAM, March 28, 2026 – The High Commission of India in Dar es Salaam today celebrated the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day 2026, marking another milestone in the deep-rooted developmental partnership between India and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The event, held at Hotel Hyatt Kilimanjaro in Dar es Salaam, served as a vibrant platform to honor the alumni of the ITEC program and to reaffirm India's commitment to "South-South" cooperation under the philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (The World is One Family).

The ceremony was honored by the presence of Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of Tanzania, as the Chief Guest. The event was attended by high-ranking government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, and over 150 ITEC alumni who have returned from various premier institutes in India.

In his keynote address, Hon. Minister Mahmoud Thabit Kombo commended the Government of India for being a "reliable and selfless partner" in Tanzania's journey toward its Development Vision 2025.

"The ITEC program is not just about training; it is about empowering our workforce with the specialized skills needed to navigate a 21st-century economy. From healthcare to digital governance, the impact of Indian expertise is visible across every sector of our civil service," the Minister remarked.

H.E. Shri Bishwadip Dey, High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, highlighted the evolution of the program:

- **Technological Shift** : He noted that in 2026, the focus has expanded significantly into Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Renewable Energy solutions, aligning with Tanzania's growing industrial needs.

- **Record Participation:** Tanzania continues to be one of the top beneficiaries of ITEC, with over 1000 ITEC slots offered annually, covering both short-term professional courses and long-term academic degrees.

A highlight of the evening was the testimonial session where ITEC alumni shared how their time in India transformed their professional outlook. One alumna, a senior engineer in the Ministry of Water, shared how her training in Rural Water Management in Rajasthan is currently being implemented to improve irrigation systems in the Dodoma region. Another testimony was from Former Minister Hon. Amb. Dr. Pindi Chana (MP), who has attended an Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Course in 'International Training Programme on Gender Issues in the World of Work' at V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, New Delhi between 16 February - 06 March 2026.

The celebration featured a captivating fusion of Indian and Tanzanian cultures, including a Sufi-Fusion performance by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre and traditional Tanzanian melodies. The evening concluded with a gala dinner, allowing alumni to network and discuss future collaborations.

Launched in September 1964, the ITEC program is the window of India's technical cooperation with the world. It provides training to approximately 12,000 professionals from 160+ countries every year. In Tanzania, ITEC has been a cornerstone of bilateral relations for decades, creating a vast network of "India-trained" experts who serve as a living bridge between the two nations.

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