

Embassy of India
Rabat

Press Release

Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation Day, known as ITEC Day was celebrated in the Embassy of India Rabat on September 15, 2021. Ambassador of India H E Rajesh Vaishnav delivered the keynote address to the ITEC *alumni* from Kingdom of Morocco and expressed his satisfaction over the growing interest in Morocco in various ITEC programmes being offered by the Indian institutions.

2. The ITEC programme, fully funded by Government of India, is the flagship capacity building programme started by India in 1964. It is based on the belief of shared growth and prosperity by sharing our knowledge and resources with our partner countries . It also reflects centuries old Indian philosophy of "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*" or the whole world is one family.

3. Under ITEC programme, premier Indian institutions provide nearly 14000 scholarships every year to nationals from partner countries. These scholarships are for more than 380 short, medium and long-term courses including Engineering and Technology; Government Functions; Environment & climate Change; Agriculture; Banking & Finance; Accounts & Audit; English Language; Petroleum; Information and Communication Technology; Journalism; Management & Leadership; Renewable Energy; Rural Development; Women Empowerment etc. Even during COVID-19 pandemic, ITEC capacity building programmes have continued, with Indian institutions organizing online programmes for the benefit of our partner countries.

4. ITEC programmes are extremely popular in Kingdom of Morocco, especially in the field of Information Technology, Financial services and Audit, Management of public resources & utilities, Environment and renewable energy and Health-care management. More than 270 participants from Morocco have benefited from several courses offered by Indian institutions during last 12 years.

5. The approach of ITEC programme is human centric and in line with vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that India's development partnership would be guided by priorities of the partner country and on terms that are comfortable to our partners. With this guiding principle, a special programme on Water Transmission and Distribution Engineering was arranged for nearly 30 Moroccan participants by Fluid Control Research Institute this year. There has also been great interest from Morocco in Cyber security and big data management and programmes have been conducted as per request of the Govt of Kingdom of Morocco.

6. Ambassador expressed hope that with new modalities of e-ITEC, ITEC-Onsite and ITEC Executive (online courses) will be more useful especially during Covid times and more Moroccan participants will avail benefit of large number of course offerings.

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