



**Embassy of India  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ITEC Day was celebrated with fervor in Tunis**



To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the commencement of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme by Government of India in 1964, the Embassy of India in Tunis celebrated ITEC Day on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 by hosting a reception at Hotel Carthage Thalasso, Gammarth, for Tunisians who have availed of Government of India scholarships under ITEC over the last several years. The evening began with a welcome by the Ambassador of India in Tunisia, Nagma M. Mallick, who outlined some interesting aspects of the ITEC programme in Tunisia. Some Tunisian alumni who have availed of the scholarships also reminisced about their experiences in India. They also spoke about the courses they had followed in India, how much they had enjoyed their stay in India and how professionally useful the courses had been to them in their professions. Thereafter, Ms. Kavitha Reginald, an accomplished Bharata Natyam dancer, presented a depiction of an episode of the Indian epic Ramayana, to great acclaim from the audience.

2. The ITEC Programme, which is being offered since many years in Tunisia, forms an important part of our bilateral relations. There is growing interest among Tunisian in the ITEC courses in IT & communication, telecomm technology, English language, statistics & auditing, management, environment, water resources, sustainable development, rural development,

parliamentary programme, entrepreneurship etc. The number of ITEC slots being allotted to Tunisia every year is around 40-50.

3. Through this programme, India shares its experience and expertise in various fields with around 158 developing countries. Training or capacity building is one of the major activities under ITEC, whereby India offers training courses in different centres of excellence in India. There are currently 47 such centres spread all over India conducting about 280 short-term, medium-term and long-term courses every year in a wide and diverse range of skills and disciplines.

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