



**Embassy of India
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Embassy of India, Conakry celebrated the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day 2022 on September 24, 2022 at the Riviera Royal Hotel Conakry. Around 40 ITEC alumni, Guinean Government Officers viz., Mr. Ansoumane Diallo, Sub Director of Ceremonial and Official Visits, Mr. Moussa Bomba Oulare, Head of Section in the department of International Organization etc., Indian community members and friends of India attended the event. The event was graced by Mr. Mohamed Lamine Traoré, Director General of the Training Center and Diplomatic improvement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, African Integration and Guineans Abroad of the Republic of Guinea as the Chief Guest. India celebrates ITEC Day every year on 15 September. It was a great opportunity for the ITEC Alumni in Guinea to reconnect with each other. All of them deeply appreciated the ITEC Day event organized by the Embassy of India, Conakry.

2. The ITEC Day 2022 celebration began with the opening remarks by Chargé d' Affaires a.i., Shri Suresh Kumar in which he highlighted the importance of ITEC training programmes administered by the Development Partnership Administration Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. He also underlined that ITEC Programme which was launched by the Government of India on 15 September 1964 is a fully funded development cooperation program. The professionals from ITEC partner countries are offered unique training courses in different centers of excellence in India. He further emphasized that ITEC programme is a paramount platform for strengthening the bonds of friendship and this programme aims at further enhancing the bilateral relations between India and Guinea.

3. The opening remarks of Cd'A were followed by the address of the Chief Guest of the ITEC Day, Mr. Mohamed Lamine Traoré, Director General of the Training Center and Diplomatic improvement. On behalf of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, African Integration and Guineans Abroad of the Republic of Guinea, he thanked the Government of India for the opportunity given to the aspirants from Guinea to attend ITEC training programmes in India. He also highlighted the importance of South-South Cooperation. He deeply appreciated the Indian culture and tourism. Especially, he highlighted his memories of visiting the Taj Mahal. He spoke about the long-standing bilateral relations between India and Guinea and also expressed his desire for continued bilateral cooperation between the two nations. The address of the Chief Guest was followed by the screening of a video on ITEC. Thereafter, the ITEC Alumni shared their experiences in India during their training programmes and also shared their views about how they could contribute to their country from what they have learnt under ITEC programmes. Refreshments were served to all at the conclusion of the event.

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