



**Consulate General of India
Erbil**

Press Release

Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC)

Consulate General of India in Erbil celebrated the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day at Rotana Hotel in Erbil on 1st October, 2023.

2. Consul General in his speech highlighted that since its launch in 1964, 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. So far more than 100 participants have been benefited from ITEC courses in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

3. He emphasized the importance of the ITEC programme in developing skills that facilitate human resource development, capacity building, skill upgrading, and empowerment. As part of his presentation, he also mentioned that capacity building is at the core of India's development philosophy and we have offered training to 200,000 individuals from over 160 countries, prioritizing the needs of our partners. ITEC is a program that is designed for working professionals, and he encouraged more to take advantage of it.

4. The Chief Guest of the programme H.E. Mr. Saman Hussein Muhammad, Minister of Health thanked the Government of India for providing training courses to several participants from Kurdistan Region of Iraq. He also mentioned that the ITEC beneficiaries are to set a good example for future beneficiaries of ITEC programme and also to make the maximum use of the skill they acquired from training in India to benefit the Region.

5. The event was attended by a significant number of ITEC alumni including high dignitaries, officials from Department of Foreign Relations, and Academician from the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. In this session, participants were able to interact among themselves and learn from one another. In the event, three ITEC alumns namely Mr. Aso Faruq, Mr. Pweist Ali, and Dr. Dlovan Fatih, shared their perspectives on what they experienced during their training in India. All emphasized that ITEC courses not only provide knowledge and expertise but also give trainees an opportunity to interact with trainees from other countries and learn more about Indian culture and traditions. The interactive session was enriched by very positive comments and experiences shared by the participants.

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