

**Embassy of India  
Ashgabat**

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**Press Release**

**Celebrations of the ITEC Day-2026 in Ashgabat**

The celebrations of the ITEC (*Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation*) Day-2026 were organized by the Embassy of India in Ashgabat on 24 March 2026. Representatives of the Government of Turkmenistan, Alumni of ITEC Programme/ ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations) Scholarships and the local media representatives enthusiastically took part in the celebrations.

2. In his speech, Ambassador Bandaru Wilsonbabu noted that the ITEC Program is the flagship platform of the Ministry of External Affairs of India, for sharing India's experience with the fellow developing countries, in the field of capacity building. He said that more than 500 civilian officials and about 100 defence personnel from Turkmenistan have so far undergone ITEC training courses in India. Ambassador hoped that the Alumni of ITEC and ICCR Scholarships will contribute towards further strengthening of the India-Turkmenistan partnership, in the coming days.

3. The event included sharing of their professional training experiences in India by prominent ITEC Alumni, a special Yoga demonstration and vibrant Indian cultural performances. Special Exhibitions to commemorate the 150 years of India's National Song "Vande Mataram" as well as the ODOP (*One District One Product*) Initiative were also organized on the occasion. The celebrations concluded with the tasting of Indian cuisine.

4. In the true spirit of South-South cooperation, ITEC Program is offered by India without any ulterior motive or pre-condition, while taking into account the needs and priorities of the partner countries. India considers Turkmenistan as a fellow developing country in its "Extended Neighborhood", with which India shares traditionally close bonds of friendship. In line with the ancient Indian philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (*World is One Family*), India will continue to share its developmental experience and expertise with Turkmenistan, for the mutual benefit of the peoples of the two countries.

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