

Media Release

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ITEC DAY 2019

The ITEC Day 2018-19 organized by the High Commission of India in Windhoek saw enthusiastic participation from more than 150 ITEC Alumni from Namibia who came together to recollect their training experiences in India. Hon. Itah Kandjii- Murangii, Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation and Hon. Christine Hoebes, Deputy Minister for International Relations and Cooperation, were the Guests of Honour.

High Commissioner Prashant Agrawal noted that Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation programme (ITEC) was India's flagship programme for development partnership. Since its inception in 1964, it has expanded and serves as a model of South-South Cooperation. Currently 11,051 training slots are being offered to 161 partner countries. About half of these slots are for Africa. ITEC programme is a valuable component of the close and special relationship between Namibia and India. More than 1,100 officials from Namibia have been trained under the programme, belonging to a large number of Ministries, regions, universities and institutions. Experts have also been deputed to Namibia under the programme. This year, so far, about 90 experts have benefited from the programme. Participants can choose from 370 courses in about 85 premier institutions in India spanning a wide range of skills and disciplines.

The Hon. Ministers handed over the acceptance letters and travel documents to six of the trainees present that day who are to travel to India shortly.

In the context of International Women's Day, High Commissioner also noted that about 57% of ITEC beneficiaries here were women.

Ms. Foibe Uahengo and Mr. Edward Nepolo, Lecturers from Namibian University of Science and Technology (NUST); Ms. Teopolina Iiyambo, Senior Education Officer from Omusati Region, Ms. Amenenge Mwaetako and Ms. Hambeleleni Iiyambo from Ministry of Finance also recounted their experiences in India, which besides enhancing their skills also helped build network of colleagues and friends from many different countries that participate in the courses.

Guests enjoyed lively performances by famous singer Ms Lize Ehlers and Yoga demo by students of Ms Nikhila Hiremath, Yoga teacher at High Commission.

