

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

**Celebration of ITEC Day in Monrovia and Launch of ITEC Alumni
Association of Liberia**

The Embassy of India in Monrovia hosted a special celebration of ITEC Day on 5 February 2026, honoring the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme, one of the flagship capacity-building initiatives of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The event was attended by senior dignitaries of the Government of Liberia, ITEC and ICCR alumni and other distinguished guests.

The programme was graced by H.E. Mr. R. Matanokay Tingban, Minister of Mines and Energy; H.E. Ambassador Ethel Davis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Elijah F. Rufus, Commissioner General of the Liberia Immigration Service; Hon. Nat Bayjay, Deputy Minister for Technical Services, Ministry of Information; Hon. John-Charuk Siafa, Mayor of Monrovia City Corporation, along with senior functionaries of key national institutions and law enforcement agencies.

In his remarks, the Ambassador of India highlighted the significance of the ITEC Programme launched in 1964, which has trained over 225,000 professionals from more than 160 countries, including over 500 Liberians. He noted that India offers annual ITEC training slots to Liberian professionals, which have been increased from 70 to 120 for the current financial year following full utilization of the previous allocation.

The Ambassador also highlighted India's support for Liberian students through scholarships, including the ICCR India-Africa Friendship Scholarship Scheme. This year, several Liberian students have been admitted to prestigious Indian institutions, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), for higher education.

Recent ITEC training programmes for Liberian professionals were highlighted, including a specialized course for mining officers on Occupational Health and Safety, a programme for nurses in Nursing Leadership and Management, as well as the participation of personnel from

the Liberia National Police, Liberia Immigration Service, Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency, Liberia Revenue Authority, Monrovia City Corporation and various government ministries. The participation of officials from the Liberian Legislature in the Parliamentary Internship Programme in New Delhi was also acknowledged.

The event also marked the launch of the revamped ITEC Alumni Association of Liberia, aimed at strengthening networking among alumni, promoting professional collaboration, and further enhancing people-to-people ties between India and Liberia.

The Ambassador reaffirmed India's commitment to supporting Liberia's development through capacity building, knowledge sharing, and technical cooperation, guided by the philosophy of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* — “the whole world is one family.”

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