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Press Release

Celebration of ITEC Day in Monrovia

Embassy of India celebrated ITEC Day with a special gathering of senior dignitaries of Government of Liberia, ITEC and ICCR alumni and other distinguished guests.

H.E. Cllr. Jeddi Mowbray Armah, Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the celebration as Chief Guest together with heads and representatives of partner organisations, including Liberia National Fire Service, Monrovia City Corporation, Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC) and Agricultural & Industrial Training Bureau (AITB).

In his address, Ambassador of India H.E. Manoj Bihari Verma highlighted the significance of the ITEC Programme, launched by Government of India in 1964, which marks its 62nd year in 2026. He described ITEC as a flagship initiative of India's development partnership and an important pillar of its foreign policy, providing opportunities for professionals from partner countries to acquire knowledge, develop skills and learn from India's institutional expertise and development experience.

Ambassador noted that ITEC offers nearly 10,000 fully funded training opportunities annually across a wide range of disciplines and has benefited more than 225,000 professionals from over 160 countries. He emphasised that the programme is founded on mutual learning and cooperation, noting that participants from partner countries also contribute knowledge, experience and perspectives to Indian institutions where they attend their training.

Highlighting Liberia's achievements under the programme, Ambassador noted that approximately 600 Liberian professionals have benefited from ITEC training opportunities over the years. He recalled that Liberia's initial allocation of 70 ITEC training slots for the financial year 2025-26 was fully utilised within the first six months. In response to the strong demand, an additional 86 slots were made available, bringing the total utilisation to 156.

For the current financial year 2026-27, Liberia has been allocated 140 ITEC training slots, with utilisation progressing well.

The Ambassador also highlighted India’s support for Liberian students through scholarships, including the ICCR India-Africa Friendship Scholarship Scheme. This year, 24 Liberian students have awarded ICCR Scholarship, including 20 scholarships for master’s and doctoral studies at prestigious Indian institutions, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

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, Liberia Petroleum Refiniing Company and various government ministries.

Ambassador encouraged the alumni to maintain their connections with India, their fellow participants and the institutions where they received training. He described the alumni as ambassadors of goodwill and living bridges of friendship between India and Liberia, whose professional contributions and personal relationships strengthen the bilateral partnership.

Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs, H.E. Cllr. Jeddi Mowbray Armah, underscored the importance of South-South Cooperation and expressed appreciation to Government of India for its sustained commitment to this partnership and its investment in the people of Liberia through capacity-building initiatives. He called on ITEC alumni to translate the knowledge and skills acquired through their training in India into service to their country.

The Deputy Minister also proposed documenting the achievements of ITEC alumni, including their current professional roles and how they are applying the knowledge and skills gained in India within their respective institutions. He highlighted the alumni's role as an important link between India and Liberia, noting that through their professional contributions, they can carry the spirit of friendship and cooperation into the institutions and communities they serve. He concluded by thanking the Government of India for its continued partnership and commitment to strengthening Liberia's human resource and institutional capacity.

Heads and representatives of partner organisations, including Liberia National Fire Service, Monrovia City Corporation, Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC) and Agricultural & Industrial Training Bureau (AITB), also addressed the gathering.

Selected ITEC alumni shared their experiences of training in India, reflecting on the professional knowledge acquired, exposure to Indian institutions and practices and the personal relationships developed during their programmes.

Acting President of ITEC Alumni Association in Liberia Mr. Alaskai Johnson also delivered remarks, highlighting the importance of maintaining an active alumni network, strengthening professional links and fostering continued engagement among former participants. The association serves as an important platform for sustaining the connections established through ITEC and for promoting closer cooperation between India and Liberia.

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