

**Embassy of India
Paramaribo**

PRESS RELEASE

The Embassy of India in Paramaribo celebrated the 61st Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day with the participation of large no. of ITEC alumni and Government officials and journalists joined by Hon'ble Ministers from Suriname government at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) in Paramaribo.

2. The programme commenced with the welcome remarks by Ambassador Subhash Gupta in which he highlighted the contributions made by over 500 ITEC- trained professionals in the national development of the Republic of Suriname, in areas ranging from agriculture to food security, safety and security, economy to finance, engineering and technology to industry, public administration to policy making, history and culture. He underscored despite challenges from within, India always shared resources in the true spirit of the world as one family. He also appealed to ITEC alumni and the authorities to disseminate information about ITEC in order to broadening the base of beneficiaries.

3. The Chief Guest, Hon' ble Minister of Education, Science and Culture of Suriname, H.E. Mr. Dirk Currie appreciated the development partnership, ongoing initiatives, political engagement and uniqueness of the Indian development partnership model, which takes into account the priorities and needs of the receiving state. He said that previous year 36 participants from Suriname benefitted from ITEC courses and assured that the number will be higher in this fiscal year. He appealed to the ITEC alumni to apply their acquired skills for Suriname's development.

4. H.E. Ms. Lalinie Gopal, the Minister of Youth Development and Sports, and H.E. Raj R. Jadnanansing, Vice-Minister of Health, Welfare & Labour and senior officials from the Suriname government also graced the occasion.

5. During the event, ITEC alumni Mr. Jason Menso, Ms. Ratna Bahadoersingh and Mr. Ashik Persad shared their ITEC training experiences in India. A couple of cultural performances by SVCC Dance Teacher Ms. Ambili Chidangil joined by senior student of SVCC Ms. Shanita Bhagwandin. The programme ended with a reception.

The event was concluded with vote of thanks and a reception. A few photographs of the event are enclosed.

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