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Subject: Celebration of ITEC Day 2026

The Embassy of India in Paramaribo celebrated the 62nd Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day on 15 September 2026, with the participation of a large number of ITEC alumni, Government officials, and members of the media. Suriname Ministry of Education, Science and Culture was represented by the Permanent Secretary of Higher and Scientific Education, H. E. Ms. Haidy Lindveld.

2. The programme started with singing of 'Vande Mataram' the national song of India. A documentary on the ITEC programme and a video message on the India's exemplary leadership in Developmental partnership cooperation were screened during the event. The programme also had elements of Indian culture represented through performances like traditional dance forms. Surinamese ITEC Alumni shared insights on the impact of capacity building in their career, and elaborated on the training experience during visit to India.

3. H.E. Ms. Lindveld commended the uniqueness of India's development partnership model, which is shaped by the priorities and needs of partner countries. She encouraged ITEC alumni to apply their acquired skills toward Suriname's continued development.

4. In his address, the Ambassador highlighted that Suriname is one of India's valued ITEC partner countries, with over 600 Surinamese nationals having benefited from the programme's fully-funded training opportunities since its inception. He recalled that ITEC, launched in 1964, remains one of India's oldest and most successful bilateral capacity-building initiatives, now extending to more than 160 partner countries across fields such as public administration, information technology, renewable energy, agriculture, entrepreneurship, and rural development.

5. The Ambassador noted that this year marks the Golden Jubilee of India-Suriname diplomatic relations. He reflected on the depth of the bilateral partnership over the decades, including Lines of Credit spanning more than three decades that have supported crucial infrastructure in Suriname, as well as grant-funded projects in health, climate resilience, capacity-building, community development, public infrastructure, digital technology, and clean energy. He referred to the recent handover, alongside the Hon'ble Minister of Public Works, of the fifth Quick Impact Project under the first cycle, with further such projects under preparation to directly benefit local communities.

A few photographs of the event are enclosed below.









