

## **High Commission of India**

### **Nairobi**

#### **Press Release**

### **Celebration of 61<sup>st</sup> ITEC Day**

The High Commission of India in Nairobi celebrated the 61st ITEC Day on 26 February 2026 at the Apa Pant Auditorium, High Commission of India Residential Complex, Parklands. The event brought together senior representatives of the Government of Kenya, members of the diplomatic corps, ITEC and ICCR alumni, and friends of India.

2. H.E. Ms. Mercy Wanjau, Secretary to the Cabinet, Government of Kenya, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Other distinguished participants included senior officials from the State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development, representatives of the Kenya Defence Forces, members of the Executive Office of the President, academia, and prominent ITEC alumni.

3. In his welcome address, H.E. Dr. Adarsh Swaika, High Commissioner of India to Kenya, underscored the centrality of capacity building in the India-Kenya development partnership. He highlighted that under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme, India offers over 400 fully funded short-term training slots annually to Kenyan professionals across diverse sectors, including public administration, information technology, finance, renewable energy, agriculture, entrepreneurship and defence. He further noted that many of these courses are customized and tailored in consultation with the Government of Kenya to align with its specific institutional and sectoral requirements. Over the past few years alone, more than 2,500 Kenyan professionals have benefited from ITEC training, with alumni today serving in key positions across Kenya's public institutions and contributing meaningfully to national development.

4. The Chief Guest, in her address, appreciated India's long-standing support in capacity building and emphasized the transformative impact of skills development and knowledge exchange. She noted that wherever she travels across Kenya, she encounters ITEC alumni who speak highly of their training experience in India and the professional networks built through the programme.

5. The celebration featured experience-sharing by ITEC and ICCR alumni, who spoke about the practical knowledge, exposure to best practices, and enduring personal connections gained during their training in India. A specially curated alumni video was also screened.

6. The evening was marked by vibrant cultural performances by Kenyan alumni, including traditional Isikuti drum performances, musical renditions in Hindi and Swahili, and dance performances, symbolizing the close cultural affinity and people-to-people ties between the two countries.

7. Launched in 1964, the ITEC Programme is one of India's flagship capacity-building initiatives, partnering with over 160 countries across the Global South. Over the decades, it has emerged as a cornerstone of India's development partnership with Kenya, reflecting a shared commitment to human resource development, mutual learning, and South-South cooperation.

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