

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Embassy of India in Paramaribo observed the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day on 12 March 2022 at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center (SVCC), Paramaribo.

2. Mr. Dew Sharman, Hon'ble Acting Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname was the Chief Guest. Ms. Maria E. Pawiroredjo-Levens, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Science and Culture was the Special Guest of Honour at the event. Ms. Niesha Jhakry, Mr. Sham Binda, Members of Parliament, Ms. Senrita Gobardhan, DC of Nickerie, Ms. Sherien Bansie Durga, DC of Saramacca, Ms. Suraksha Hirasingh, DC of Wanica North West, Ms. Lalita Adhin, Policy Adviser, Directorate of Culture, Senior Officers and ITEC alumni attended the Event.

3. The programme began with a lighting of the traditional lamp and Ganesh Vandana performed by Ms. Anjana Kumari, Kathak Dance Guru of the SVCC.

4. In his welcome remarks, the Ambassador spoke about the ITEC programme and reiterated India's commitment to working closely with the Government of Suriname to further contribute to capacity building and skill development of Suriname's human resources. Over 300 Surinamese have benefitted from ITEC since 2007. The Ambassador appealed to the ITEC alumni and the authorities to disseminate information about ITEC throughout Suriname with a view to broad base the beneficiaries.

5. A video containing the message of the Indian Prime Minister and a documentary on ITEC was screened. Three ITEC alumni Ms. Nisha Jhakrie, also a Member of Parliament, Ms. Ashna Mahepal and Ms. Astrita Ramlochan Tewarie shared their ITEC training experiences in India. This was followed by a cultural performance by SVCC students.

6. The Hon'ble Minister of Education, Science & Culture narrated her own experience of visiting India several times in her various capacities and said India's developmental experience was relevant for Suriname adding that she would take the help of ITEC Alumni in supporting some projects. Dr. Dew Sharman said he was himself an alumnus of the ITEC programme and benefited immensely. He thanked India for the world class training being provided to Surinamese.

7. Shri Sreekumar Bhanuprakash, Counsellor (Pol) proposed a Vote of Thanks.

8. Nearly 200 guests attended the event.

A few photographs of the event are enclosed.

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