

Embassy of India  
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**ITEC Day 2019**

Embassy of India celebrated the 55<sup>th</sup> ITEC Day on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 which saw participation of over 350 ITEC trained alumni who are working in the Afghan Government as an experts participated in the celebration.

H.E. Dr. Mustafa Mansoor, Minister of Economy graced the occasion as Chief Guest. H.E. Mohammad Shafiq Gul Agha Sherzai, Minister of Border & Tribal Affairs, H.E. Dr. Ferozuddin Feroz, Minister of Public Health, H.E. Mr. Abdul Tawab Balakarzai, Deputy Minister of Higher Education, and Abdul Hai Rauf, Deputy Minister of Defence and senior officials of the Government also attended the event.

The Chief Guest H.E. Dr. Mustafa Mansoor thanked the Government of India for its continued support in the field of capacity building for providing ITEC and ICCR Scholarships to Afghan nationals. Besides this, he also thanked Government of India's commitment for Afghanistan's socio-economic development and capacity building in various sphere.

ITEC is the flagship programme of the Indian Government's capacity building effort, not only because of its magnitude and wide geographical coverage but also for promoting innovative forms of technical cooperation. Afghanistan is one of the biggest beneficiaries. The Government of India offers 500 slots under civilian ITEC Programme each year to Afghanistan.

A cultural programme was held on the occasion, in which students of the Afghan National Institute of Music (ANIM) performed with Hindi and Dari songs.

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