

ITEC benefits 1,200 Bhutanese professionals over five years

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Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme has benefited about 1,200 Bhutanese professionals and officials over the last five years.

The milestone was highlighted during the ITEC Day celebration on November 28, an initiative that offers educational opportunities, professional training, and capacity-building support to individuals from over 160 countries worldwide.

Last year alone, about 1,700 Bhutanese students received scholarships from the Indian Government to pursue university-level degrees. The programme also extends to military, police, and security courses, training around 3,000 professionals in India annually.

Ambassador of India to Bhutan, Sandeep Arya, said that ITEC strengthens bilateral ties by connecting specialists, officials, and students while familiarising them with Indian society and culture.

"ITEC provides depth,



» Students and officials benefit from ITEC scholarships, strengthening professional expertise and ties with India

strength, and endurance to the relationship between our two countries. ITEC Day is very significant for India-Bhutan ties," he said.

The programme not only advances education and skill development but also fosters lasting friendships and enduring cooperation between the two nations.

Education and Skills Development Minister Yeezang De Thapa acknowledged ITEC's key role in human resource development in Bhutan.

"Many Bhutanese professionals across education, public administration, ICT, engineering, health, and other sectors have benefited

immensely from training and exposure in Indian institutions," Lyonpo said.

She added that education and skills are central to Bhutan's progress, and India has been a steadfast partner in building a knowledgeable, competent, and future-ready workforce.

ITEC continues to adapt

to cover emerging fields such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology, new materials, digital public infrastructure, semiconductors, space applications, and renewable energy.

Specialised courses are also organised on request, with the Embassy of India in Thimphu prepared to design programmes tailored to the needs of the Bhutan's government and other organisations.

In addition, ITEC supports the establishment of centres of excellence worldwide and deploys Indian specialists abroad to assist with capacity building and resource development.

Over six decades, more than 225,000 international officials and experts have participated in ITEC's short-term civil training courses.

Last year, India offered over 12,000 training seats across more than 120 institutions, along with over 3,000 scholarships for undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral studies to students from 180 countries.