



**Embassy of India
Harare**

Press Release

Embassy of India, Harare organised ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) Day on Thursday, 19 March 2026 at 1200 hrs, at Hyatt Regency (The Meikles) in Harare. While Mr. P.T. Chigiji, Chief Director (Political Affairs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade was Guest of Honour, H.E. Mr Bramha Kumar, Ambassador of India to Republic of Zimbabwe officiated the event with his opening remarks.

2. Senior officers from the Government of Republic of Zimbabwe, ITEC Alumni from various Provinces of Zimbabwe were present at the event. Over the past years, Embassy of India celebrated ITEC Days and interactions in Harare.

3. Welcoming the Alumni, H.E. Mr Bramha Kumar, Ambassador of India to Republic of Zimbabwe stated that the interaction with ITEC alumni from time to time gives a chance to bring all ITEC Scholars together and to learn their experiences in India. Ambassador recalled the excellent and historical people-to-people contacts between India and Zimbabwe from the time of Munhumutapa kingdom.

4. Ambassador Bramha Kumar highlighted that capacity building is an important pillar of Development Partnership with India. As part of the Government-to-Government collaboration, India offers more than 250 scholarships to Zimbabwe under Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) program. Separately, ICCR has also offered 68 fully funded courses for PhD and Post Graduate courses in various fields in the past six years. This year, ICCR has announced 10 such scholarships for Zimbabwe and are fully utilized. Government of Zimbabwe sent 71 officers to attend Train-the-Trainer program organized by Centurion University, Bhubaneshwar.

5. Ambassador reiterated India's contribution to the development of Zimbabwe. Indian investors have invested more than USD 600 million in various Industries that has provided more than 15,000 direct and indirect employments to our youth. Zimbabwe also appreciates India for her consistent humanitarian assistance in time of needs including donation of 1,000 MT of rice in 2024. Under India's initiative, a US\$ 1 million grant project announced in 2021 from the India-UN Development Partnership Fund for climate resilient agriculture in the districts of Chiredzi and Mangwe of Zimbabwe is completed and delivered. The work on Deka Pumping and River Water Intake System, with the help of Government of India's Line of Credit of US\$ 48.1 million has been completed and commissioned in August 2024.

6. Recently, the Embassy of India organized ITEC Alumni Meet in Mutare on 27 February where ITEC alumni from Chimanimani, Nyanga, Buhera, Mutare and surrounding areas interacted and shared their experiences. Earlier in November 2025, the Embassy of India celebrated ITEC Alumni Meet in Bulawayo, Matabeleland in which alumni from Bulawayo, Lupane, Gwanda, and surrounding areas interacted.

7. Out of 217 ITEC slots allotted for this year 2025–26, 194 seats were utilized so far, and Public Service Commission utilised most number of slots which stands at 20, followed by Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Home Affairs at 19 slots each. 169 officers from Harare Metropolitan region have attended ITEC Training programs this year. Government of India also offers ITEC slots for ZDF. For the year 2024-25, 13 ZDF personnel availed of ITEC courses whereas defence personnel attended 20 ITEC courses for 2025-26 so far.

8. During the event, Ms. Varaidzo Ruocha (Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare); Dr. Samson Mutapure (Ministry of Health and Child Care); Ms. Pamela Magaya (Ministry of Local Government); and Wg Cdr F Watadza (Airforce of Zimbabwe) fondly remembered their pleasant stay in India and shared their experiences of ITEC and provided an insight on how valuable the courses were. Applicants who are leaving for their ITEC courses in India, also learned from the experiences of those who have already been there.

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