



HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA  
MBABANE (Eswatini)

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Celebrations of ITEC Day 2022**

High Commission of India, Mbabane celebrated the ITEC Day 2022 on 13 October 2022 at the High Commission of India, UN House, Mbabane. H.E. Senator Thulisile Dladla, Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation was represented by Mr. Newman Sizwe Nsthangasi, Principal Secretary for the event. In her speech delivered by the Principal Secretary, Hon'ble Foreign Minister said the following:

**“Eswatini has benefited, together with many other nations from the programs offered under ITEC and this is symbolic of how India – Eswatini’s healthy and cordial relations have in themselves developed. The Kingdom of Eswatini fully appreciates the Republic of India’s commitment as development partners and will continue to support India’s initiatives around the globe for the mutual benefit of the two nations.**

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**As I conclude, may I recognize His Majesty King Mswati III’s relentless efforts to turn Eswatini into a better country, economically and otherwise, His Majesty has demonstrated his ambitions through establishing relations with countries committed to the development of African States such as the Republic of India, Eswatini is one privileged country in Africa to have hosted the former President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind on a State Visit in April 2018. This has ensured that the relationship between the two countries, that acts as a bedrock for our interactions, has continued to flourish.”**

2. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Susan Joseph, Charge d’Affaires a.i. of India informed the gathering of the forthcoming eITEC/ITEC programmes for the Kingdom of Eswatini and called upon Emaswati to make efforts for realising the vast potential of the Development Cooperation opportunities available through the ITEC programme.

3. A video was screened on the occasion containing messages of Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Mr. V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State of External Affairs and Mr. Dammu Ravi, Secretary (Economic Relations) of the Ministry of External Affairs. Another video containing detailed information of various ITEC/eITEC opportunities availed by Emaswati in recent years was also screened.

4. This was followed by testimonies of ITEC trainees who shared their experiences undergoing ITEC courses in India as well as on eITEC courses held virtually.

5. For more information on various activities of High Commission of India in Mbabane, please visit [www.hcimbabane.gov.in](http://www.hcimbabane.gov.in) and connect with us on our social media platforms:

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