

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Training Courses offered by the Government of India under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme and TCS of Colombo Plan for the year 2018 – 2019.

Attention is drawn to the training courses offered by the Government of India under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme and TCS of Colombo Plan for the year 2018 - 2019. This is a flagship programme of Government of India for up gradation of skills and human resource development in friendly countries like Bangladesh.

2. In this connection, you will be happy to note that a new updated user-friendly ITEC portal <https://www.itecgoi.in> has been launched for processing of applications for ITEC courses. The applicants are required to fill in the applications online at “**Apply for ITEC/SCAAP course**”- link at the new website. To access the portal, after opening the website, they have to create their own login and password. They can create their login by using their personal email ID and set their login password, which would be used by the system to keep them posted of the processing status. After a candidate has applied for a course, he/she must take a print out of the application and send it to the High Commission through the nominating Ministry/Organization. A customized Users’ Manual for the applicants is available inside the portal which can be accessed by clicking the ‘Help’ icon.

3. The details of Institutes and various courses offered during 2018-19 are available on <https://www.itecgoi.in>. The ITEC Course Brochure 2018-19 has also been uploaded in PDF format. A new feature has been added to this portal for the ITEC/TCS of Colombo Plan alumni last year. Now they could interact with their fellow course mates, participants of other courses from their own Country and also with participants from other Countries. They could also interact with the ITEC Institutes to update their knowledge on the subject with the reference materials uploaded by the Institutes.

4. The ITEC/TCS of Colombo Plan courses are offered to working professionals. The eligibility criteria for the candidates are that they should be employed in the Government/ Public Sector/ Universities/ Chambers of Commerce and Industry for at least 5 years; should be **in the age group of 25 to 45 years**; proficiency in English is essential. A proficiency test for English may be conducted by the Mission. Candidates shall be required to submit a medical fitness certificate from recognized hospitals. **However, the courses are not open to candidates who have already availed training under ITEC, Colombo Plan or Special Courses. Two candidates per course is the norm followed by Government of India.**

5. The entire cost of the training programme including course fees, return international airfare, accommodation, living allowance and book allowance shall be borne by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Accommodation for the selected candidates shall normally be arranged in hostels attached to the institutes.

6. All nominations only from **credible Government Departments, Universities etc.** may kindly be sent to First Secretary (Education), High Commission of India, Dhaka **preferably three months before commencement of the relevant course**, along with copies of National ID Card, Passport and Educational Certificates.

7. The details about the ITEC/TCS of Colombo Plan Courses are also available on High Commission of India, Dhaka website: www.hcidhaka.gov.in (under Education & Training).

With best regards,

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