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India-Maldives Capacity Building Cooperation - achieving new heights!!

In October 2023, more than 170 Maldivians traveled to India to participate in different in-person capacity building training programmes.

October 2023 witnessed a new milestone in India-Maldives Capacity Building Cooperation with **sending-off ceremonies for 172** Maldivian officials who travelled / are travelling to India to participate in 5 different customized in-person training programmes & different ITEC training programmes of varied duration. The programmes are:

- 20 Maldives Customs Service (MCS) Officers travelled to attend a customized training programme from 9-14 Oct 2023 on "CREATING & MANAGING OF CANINE CENTER" at National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics (NACIN), Bengaluru. **With this batch, the total number of MCS officer trained in India under MoU is 210.**
- 20 Human Rights Commission of Maldives officials visited National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India, New Delhi, India from 16 – 20 Oct 2023 to attend a customized ITEC training programme on Human Rights.
- 26 Senior Officers from Information Commission Office of Maldives (ICOM) and various Maldivian Institutions incl. Civil Society travelled to attend a customized training programme from 23-28 Oct 2023 at NCGG, New Delhi in collaboration with Central Information Commission (CIC) of India.
- 40 Maldivian Civil Servants has travelled to attend the **28th Capacity Building Programme** in Field Administration for Civil Servants of Maldives from 30 Oct to 10 Nov, 2023 at National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) under the 2019 MoU signed between NCGG and Civil Services Commission of Maldives (CSC). **With this batch, the total number of Maldivian Civil Servants trained under MoU would be 870** against a total offered slots for 1000 civil servants.
- 50 Maldivian Judicial Officers (judges) has travelled to attend **3rd Customised Training Programme** for Maldivian Judicial Officers from 30 Oct to 02 Nov, 2023 at National Judicial Academy of India (NJA), Bhopal under under the 2020 MoU signed between NJAI Bhopal and Judicial Service Commission (JSC) of Maldives. With this batch, the total number of Maldivian Judicial Officers trained under MoU would be 149 against a total offered slots for 200 Judicial Officers.
- Apart from that 15 Maldivians attended Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation **ITEC (in-person)** training programmes on topics viz "Digital Public Infrastructure" at Indian Institute of Management Indore; "Enhancing Leadership Skills" at National Labour Institute; "Developing Women Leadership" at Bankers Institute of Rural Development; "Energy Efficiency Practitioners Course in Industrial Utilities" at Institute of Productivity; "Audit of e-Governance" at International Centre for Information Systems & Audit; "Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Management at National Institute of Financial Management; etc.
- In addition, one Diplomat from Maldives MoFA attended "Raisina Forum for Future of Diplomacy 2023 : Serving People, Planet & Prosperity" organised by MEA India & Observer Research Foundation at New Delhi.

India-Maldives Capacity Building Cooperation: The partnership between India and Maldives is multifaceted. Collaboration in the area of training and capacity building is one of the key pillars of this partnership & is further growing. In the past few years, institutional linkages between organisations on both sides have increased adding heft to capacity building and training initiatives. Various MoUs have been signed focusing on capacity building of Human resources. Since 2019, more than 2600 Maldivians have traveled to India to participate in various capacity building programmes in areas ranging from Civil Services & Good Governance, Defence & Security, Policing, Customs, Fire & Rescue, Media, Parliamentary cooperation, Judiciary, Audit & finance, Aviation, Health, Agriculture, Good Governance & Decentralization, Environment, Technology, Youth & Sports, Diplomacy, Higher Education, etc under various bilateral MoUs, ITEC scheme, ICCR fellowship, etc. Besides the in-person trainings, around 1800 virtual training slots have been utilised in various areas. The virtual training programmes were very beneficial especially amid COVID19 pandemic led travel restrictions.

Need based capacity building training Programmes. Most of the training programmes offered by India, especially under MoUs, are customised as per the requirements of respective Maldivian institutions. The training programmes are reviewed from time to time as per the feedback received from past participants.
