

In Gujarat, they learn the language of entrepreneurship

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Ahmedabad: They speak different languages, come from diverse world cultures but are bound by quest to learn to become entrepreneurs.

These 39 participants from 25 different countries are taking an International Programme on Entrepreneurship and Small Business Promotion organised by Indian Technical and Economic Co-operation (ITEC) under ministry of external affairs at Entrepreneurship Development of Institute (EDI).

Nangnigui David Kamara, development management officer, from economic commission for Africa, United Nations, one of the participant said, "African countries seriously need entrepreneurs and there is lot to imbibe from India and especially Gujarat, a land of entrepreneurs. Gujaratis in African countries have also provided lot of local employment."

"We are trying to instil entrepreneurship spirit among African people, as major parts of Africa has remained untouched from development standards. Lack of employment is also aggravating in the conflict-torn African countries Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia among others," added Kamara.

About the success of programme, SB Sareen, faculty, EDI said, "More than 300 international participants had been trained at EDI under this programme. The idea is to build their capacity to promote and strengthen entrepreneurship in their own



Participants from different countries at EDI

Participating countries

Armenia, Ivory Cost, Vietnam, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Surinam, Cambodia, Myanmar, South Africa, Madagascar, Ukraine, Sudan, Lesotho, Peru, Colombia, Togo, Uganda, Senegal, Slovakia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Uzbekistan and Mongolia.

country where potential is available."

"Unemployment is a serious problem worldwide especially in African countries and

other under developed countries. Entrepreneurship has emerged as one of the best alternative to fight it," added Sareen.

Entrepreneurship becoming a buzzword world wide, Talagat Mambedullaev from Uzbekistan, said, "The booming Indian economic growth credit goes to strong culture of entrepreneurs here, we have learned positive skills from here which can be implemented back in our country as we have to find potential entrepreneurs and nurture them well."

After the collapse of USSR regime in 90's, we are focusing on developing entrepre-

neurs as they will bring welfare of the nation," added Mambedullaev.

On the popularity of entrepreneurship, Sonam Tshokey, ministry of economic affairs, Bhutan said, "Becoming an entrepreneur is the last choice there, but we are constantly working to change this perception as entrepreneurs are going to be the main driving force for the growth of a country."

Gisella Ahumada, trainer, from Peru said, "The programme helped me in learning skills to recognise entrepreneurs and motivate youths to establish their business."