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## **Inauguration of International Training Programme for Overseas professionals under MEA, ITEC**



Shri Sanjay Kulshrestha, Chairman & Managing Director, HUDCO inaugurated the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India sponsored Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) International Training Programme on “Housing the Urban Poor – Policy, Planning and Implementation – Indian Experience” in the presence of Shri M. Nagaraj, Director (Corporate Planning), Shri D. Guhan, Director (Finance), and other senior officials of HUDCO and HSMI. Shri Kulshrestha expressed in detail about the use of emerging technologies in the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - the largest housing programme being implemented in the country. He also urged regarding sharing of best practices between the participants and the decarbonisation of the habitats.

This training programme aims to promote technical cooperation and experience sharing amongst the developing countries in the areas of policy, planning and implementation of housing programmes for urban poor with special focus on housing for economically weaker sections, affordable housing, universal provision of services, security of tenure, technological interventions and appropriate financing options.

This training programme is being attended by 27 professionals, Architects, Town Planners, Engineers, Administrators, Urban Designers, Community Development Sociologists from 15 countries, namely, Albania, Argentina, Cote D' Ivoire, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lesotho, Maldives, Nizer, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. CMD also encouraged the participants to share their experiences so that there is mutual learning.

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