

## **ITEC Day Celebration 2018**

ITEC Day was celebrated on 14 December, 2018 in the Embassy of India, Budapest. Dr. Sándor Sipos, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

H.E. Ambassador Kumar Tuhin, opened the event with his welcome speech and in his inaugural address, he gave an overview of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme.

Following Ambassador's speech, Ms. Sonali Roy, Kathak Dancer welcomed the audience with her performance.

The performance was followed by presentations of three ITEC participants - Mrs. Melinda Irtl Földiné, Yoga teacher, who attended a 'Special Training Programme for Yoga Trainers' in 2016 presented along with her student, Ms. Ágnes Demeter, who also attended the same course but in 2018. Then, Ms. Edina Barna, author and digital artist shared her experiences who participated in a web designing course in 2014.

They all offered positive insights into the training programmes, and also spoke about this great opportunity offered by the Government of India and how much they enjoyed their studies in India.

After these Ms. Sonali Roy, Kathak Dancer and Pandit Rajesh Gangani, Tabla Artist presented a unique combination of Kathak dance, a traditional classical dance form of India, performed under the rhythm given on percussion instrument Tabla.

This was followed by a mesmerising classical raga fusion where Pandit Rajesh Gangani played on Tabla and Mr. Zoltán Lantos, performed on Violin, presenting a beautiful confluence of music.

The amazing cultural performances were followed by a dinner reception. Around 70 people attended the ITEC Day celebration, which included officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, prominent members of the ministries, ITEC & ICCR alumnis, members of press, representatives of universities, educational institutions and members from Indian community.