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PRESS RELEASE

Four Ladies from Timor-Leste return from Barefoot College in India

The four ladies from Timor-Leste returned from India after successfully completing 'Solar Electrification and Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting Program' from Barefoot College situated in Tilonia, Jaipur, India. The six months training program was organized under the Indian Technical Economic Cooperation (ITEC) of the Government of India, in association with East Timor Development Agency, Government of Timor-Leste. The training program was fully funded by the Government of India.

The course in 'Barefoot College' is designed for illiterate or semi-illiterate rural women from poor agricultural communities. At the end of the program, participants are able to build, repair and install solar panels and solar lanterns, harvest rainwater from rooftops in rain-fed areas and are also able to train other members of their community.

The ladies who attended the Barefoot College looked confident and full of energy on their return. This morning they met with H.E. Ms Emilia Pires, Minister of Finance, Government of Timor-Leste and her Chief-of-Staff Mr Helder Lopes. During the meeting the ladies proudly explained what they learnt and presented their products.

H.E. Ambassador Gurjit Singh, Ambassador of India, conveyed his felicitations and best wishes to the four trainees and hoped that the knowledge gained by them would go a long way in improving their lives and that of their communities. Ambassador Singh also thanked the East Timor Development Agency (ETDA) for their cooperation.

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