

REPORT OF CONFERENCE ON

**“Engaging India and Canada: Landmarks and Roadmaps for Global Educational
Collaboration between Canada and India”**

INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, NEW DELHI

May 28, 2016



On the Dias: from right to left: Prof.K. Gayithri, Conference Coordinator; Prof.B.Hariharan, Member-Executive Council; H.E. Mr. Nadir Patel, High Commissioner of Canada to India, Canadian High Commission; Prof. Girish Shah, Vice-President/President-Elect, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute; Shri.Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development; Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute; Shri. Sunil Shastri; Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

On May 28, 2016, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute organized a conference titled **“Engaging India and Canada: Landmarks and Roadmaps for Global Educational Collaboration between Canada and India”** with support from MHRD, Government of India at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The thrust area of the Conference was broad based to feature disciplines and areas of research that has contributed to the shaping of Educational Collaboration between Canada and India, especially in the past two decades and in the canvas of research in specific disciplines. The Conference hoped to gain comprehension how beneficiaries of various SICI initiatives, area studies programmes, and individual initiatives have contributed to interdisciplinary research, opening up new avenues that can contribute in promoting partnerships in resource sharing and knowledge production and to help define priority areas and set time for future research.

The Conference provided a platform for a new cadre of researchers from India and Canada to present their work and discuss further academic and institutional collaborations between Indian and Canadian universities and research institutes (**For List of Participants refer Annexure 1 below**).

The President of Shastri Institute, Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay welcomed the participants from India and Canada. Prof. B. Hariharan, Conference Coordinator and Member – Executive Council gave an overview of the conference stating the focus Areas viz. Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Media, Education, Management, Law, Physical and Natural Science, Engineering & Applied Science and Health Sciences. He stated that the conference was a platform to share research already done and explore fresh research collaborations. He also shared the plan of the Shastri Institute of bringing out a publication on the papers presented at this conference by next year.

H.E. Mr. Nadir Patel, High Commissioner of Canada to India in his inaugural address congratulated Institute for convening the conference. He highlighted a few features of the new Government in Canada. He also spoke of the increasing trend in collaboration between India and Canada in various fields in past few years. He mentioned six important areas of collaboration between both the countries - movement of students both ways between India and Canada, Research Collaborations, Faculty exchanges, Technical & Vocational Skills and Executive Education.

Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi , Secretary, MHRD gave the Keynote address at the Conference. He started his address by paying tribute to Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri ji, former Prime Minister of India. He highlighted the challenges in India of providing good education to such large population. He spoke about the improvement required in Equity and Quality of Education and the ranking process of Indian Institutions. Mr. Oberoi emphasized that regulations in education must be catalytic. He also spoke of the online teaching and sharing of information. He said that despite all these challenges there are options also. He said that Joint research was one of the pillars of Indo-Canadian Collaborations and hoped to see more proposals from Canadian Faculty under Global Initiative of Academic Network programme (GIAN) of MHRD of which Canadian component is managed by the Shastri institute. Mr. Oberoi ended his address by noting that the conference covered a remarkable spread of topics and thanked the Institute for inviting him.

Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay proposed a Vote of Thanks for both H.E. Mr. Nadir Patel and Shri. Vinay Sheel Oberoi and also for Shri Sunil Shastri ji.

The Inaugural Session concluded with a panel discussion on “Future Prospects for Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute: Issues and Perspectives”. The Panellists were Mr. Alok Mishra, Director (ICC), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Mr. Anuj Bhasin, Trade Commissioner, Education, Canadian High Commission, Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, Dean-Academics, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta and Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR Hyderabad. The panel discussed about the building of corpus of funds to avoid over dependency of SICI on Government Grants, building of University to University linkages, autonomy of Universities, increase in SICI’s membership base, focus on Vocational Education and GIAN.

After the Inaugural session there were nine sessions - three parallel sessions each held from 12:20 pm to 1:20pm, 2:00pm – 3:30 pm and 3:45 pm – 5:15 pm where papers were presented

by twenty three (23) presenters from both India and Canada (**for detailed programme see Annexure 2 below**). The first parallel session on ‘**Learning and Sharing**’ was chaired by Prof. R.R.Jha from Banaras Hindu University and had two presentations – one each from India and Canada. These were:

1. The Training/Learning Paradox: A comparative Study of Employment training programs in Kolkata & Toronto ‘
2. New Directions for Educational Collaboration between India and Canada

The second parallel session on ‘**Building Connections**’ was chaired by Dr. Sucheta Pathania from University of Jammu and had only one presentation. The second presenter could not connect to the conference via Skype.

1. Youth & Education: Interrogating Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Canada and India Canadian

The third parallel session on ‘**Building Bridges**’ chaired by Prof. Abdul Nafey from Jawaharlal Nehru University had two (2) papers from Canadian and Indian researchers. Papers were:

1. Building Bridges across Canadian and Indian History: Interrogating the ‘twin disasters’ of Indo-Canadian migration through Literature and Films
2. India-Canada Collaborations: Innovative approaches to University-community engagement in the area of women, education and development

In the post lunch sessions the first parallel session was on ‘**Learning with Roadmaps**’. Prof. Arti Nanavati of M. S.University of Baroda chaired the session with three (3) presentations on the following topics:

1. Community Colleges in Canada and India
2. Development of Educational Resources in the Northeast Region: A Roadmap for Canada India Collaboration
3. Pluri-lingual Education: Step towards Multicultural Citizenry in India and Canada

The second parallel session from 2:00 pm to 3:30pm on ‘**Healthy Living**’ was chaired by Prof. Jamuna Duvuru, from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. The papers presented were titled as:

1. The use of the Vitalograph COPD-6 device as a point-of-care screening tool for COPD in resource-limited settings
2. Triggering Conversations about Mental Health

The third parallel session from 2:00 pm to 3:30pm on ‘**Comparing Legal Systems**’ was chaired by Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR Hyderabad. The three papers presented were titled as:

1. Impact Assessment of Canada-India FTA on Canada and India and Other Regional Blocks like TPP, NAFTA and TTIP
2. Promoting India Canada Comparative Research in Teaching of Law, Dispensation of Justice and Conduct of Arbitration Proceedings

3. An Institutional History of National Human Rights Commission: The Comparative Study of India and Canada

The first parallel session after tea break from **3:45 pm to 5:15 pm** on **'Learning Natural Resource Management'** was chaired by Prof.O.P. Sha from IIT Kharagpur. The three papers presented were titled as:

1. Closing the Value Gap: Canadian and Indian Experience in use of Economic Instruments Water Demand Management
2. Examining the Cosmopolitan and the Local in Science and Nature: Building a Canadian/Indian Research and Education Partnership
3. Climate Change and Interlinking Indian Rivers: Lessons from Canadian Inter Basin Water Transfer Experiences

The second parallel session after tea break from **3:45 pm to 5:15 pm** on **'Travelling the Word'** was chaired by Prof. S. Armstrong from University of Madras. The four papers presented were titled as:

1. Sport History as an Area of Comparative Study between Canada and India
2. The Body in Space as the Basis for Perception: the Kalaripayat Model
3. Paradigm of Art Practice: The Artist within the Community
4. Training in the Homeland: Negotiating Artistic Travel between Canada and India

The third and the last parallel session after tea break from **3:45 pm to 5:15 pm** on **'Social Cost of Living'** was chaired by Dr. Aloka Parasher Sen from University of Hyderabad. The three papers presented were titled as:

1. Social Cost of Marine Juvenile Catch in India and Canada: Lessons learned for Marine Fishery By-catch Management
2. Empowering Tribals: Implementing 'Eco- Museum' for Sustainable development for the Meenas of Western India & Metis (First Nations of Western Canada) Empowering Tribals: Implementing 'Eco- Museum' for Sustainable development for the Meenas of Western India & Metis (First Nations of Western Canada)
3. Foreign policy of Canada vis-a-vis India under Stephen Harper: from cold storage to warmth of billion dollar trade

The Conference concluded with Valedictory Session where Prof. K.Gayithri, Conference Coordinator summed up the conference discussions. Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay, President, SICI gave a vote of thanks.

List of Participants

1. Prof. Rajani Ranjan Jha, Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh
2. Prof. Ram Narayan Panda, Berhampur University, Orissa
3. Prof. Geetha Manvasagam, VLT University
4. Prof. B. K. Biswas, IFMR , Chennai
5. Ms. Ekta Talwar, Jawaharlal Nehru University
6. Prof. Krishna Deva Rao, NLU Orissa
7. Prof. Chana Basavaiah , Osmania University, Hyderabad
8. Prof. Usha Rani N., University of Mysore, Mysore
9. Prof. K. Gayithri, Institute for social and economic change, Bangalore
10. Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay, Jadavpur University, West Benagl
11. Prof. Devashish Bose, Dr. H.S. Gaur University, Saugor
12. Dr. B. Hariharan, Kerala University, Kerala
13. Dr. S. Armstrong, Madras University, Chennai
14. Prof. Arti Nanavati, M.S. University Baroda, Gujarat
15. Ms. Nupoor Singh, Springer Nature
16. Prof. Sucheta Pathania, University of Jammu, Jammu
17. Prof. Jamuna Duvuuru, Sri Venkateswara University
18. Prof. Rishi Singhal, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad
19. Prof. Nutan Kotak, University of Gujarat, Ahmedabad
20. Prof. O.P. Sha, IIT Kharagpur
21. Dr. Sachin Labade University of Mumbai, Mumbai
22. Prof. M. S. Shirahatti, UAS Dharwad
23. Dr. D. Parthasarthy, IIT Bombay
24. Dr. Amit Mishra, Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath
25. Prof. Preetam Kumar , IIT Patna
26. Prof. Abdul Nafey, Jawaharlal Nehru University
27. Prof. Faizan Mustafa, NALSAR Hyderabad
28. Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, IIM Calcutta
29. Prof. Omkar Desai, IIM Indore
30. Prof. Malavika Deo, Pondicherry University
31. Prof. Girish Shah, Laval University, Quebec
32. Shri. Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary , Ministry of Human Resource Development, Delhi
33. Mr. Alok Mishra, Director MHRD, India
34. H.E. Mr. Nadir Patel, High Commissioner of Canada to India, CHC
35. Prof. Braj Sinha, University of Saskatchewan, Canada
36. Dr. Usha Ramachandran, IFMR LEAD, Chennai
37. Sharon Buteau, IFMR Lead, Chennai
38. Mr. Ajay Kumar, Jawaharlal Nehru University
39. Dr. Charu Sharma, Delhi University
40. Dr. Lynn Vaiphei, Indra Prastha University, Delhi
41. Dr. Suprita Suman, Jawaharlal Nehru University

42. Mr. Faisal Beg, Director India, University of British Columbia
43. Prof.A.S.Narang, Retired from Indira Gandhi National Open University

Paper Presenters

44. Mr. Brijendar Singh Panwar, Solan, HP
45. Mr. Suwa Lal Jangu, Mizoram
46. Prof. Debashree Dattaray, Kolkata
47. Dr. Papia Sengupta, JNU, New Delhi
48. Prof. Pramod K Mishra, New Delhi
49. Prof. Srabani Maitra et al. Calgary
50. Dr. Jeena Srinivasan, Hyderabad
51. Prof. Gordon McOuat, Dalhousie Univ
52. Dr. Somesh K Mathur, IIT, Kanpur
53. Prof. Kishore Dere, New Delhi
54. Prof. John Reid, St. Mary's University
55. Mr. Hans Wolfgramm. University of Toronto
56. Prof. Gitanjali Kolanad, Noida, UP
57. Ms. Sitara Thobani
58. Ms. Urmi Sengupta, Kolkota
59. Dr. Deepak Kumar Das, Cuttack
60. Dr. Radhika Banka
61. Prof. Anuradha Sovani, SNDT University Mumbai
62. Mr. Subodh Kumar Sajjan, JNU
63. Dr. Jyothis Sathyapalan, Hyderabad
64. Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Indira Gandhi National Open University
65. Ms.Kumari Mansi
66. Prof. Chandra Mohan

Shastri India office

67. Mr. Naresh Roy
68. Ms. Zakiya Tasnim
69. Ms. Reshma Rana Verma
70. Ms. Meenakshi Malhotra
71. Ms. Anju Taneja
72. Dr. Prachi Kaul
73. Mr. Manohar Lal
74. Mr. Gokul Joshi
75. Mr. Anil Kumar

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77. Mr.Sabu Alexander



PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE ON

ENGAGING INDIA AND CANADA:

**Landmarks and Roadmaps for Global Educational Collaboration between
Canada and India**

**May 28, 2016, The Theatre, India Habitat Centre
New Delhi**

9.15-9.30 AM

Registration

INAUGURAL SESSION – 9.30 AM – 12.15 PM

9.30 – 9.34 am

Welcome by **Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay**
President, Shastri Indo -Canadian Institute

9.34-9:38 am

Overview of the Conference by **Prof. B.Hariharan**, Executive
Council Member, Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute

9:38-9:40 am

Pledge for observing 'Cleanliness Fortnight' by SICI

9:40-10.00 am

Opening of Conference and Inauguration by H.E. High Commissioner
of Canada to India, **Mr. Nadir Patel**

10.00-10.30 am

Keynote Address by Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource
Development, **Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi**

10.30-10.45 am

Tea Break

10.45-12.15 pm

Panel Discussion on Future Prospects for Shastri Indo-Canadian
Institute: Issues and Perspectives

Panellists:

Mr. Alok Mishra, Director (ICC), Ministry of Human Resource
Development

Mr. Anuj Bhasin, Trade Commissioner, Education, Canadian High Commission

Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, Dean- Academics, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta

Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR Hyderabad

PARALLEL SESSION 1 A: Learning and Sharing

The Theatre, Time: 12.20-1.20 PM

Paper	Speakers
Chair: Prof. Rajani Ranjan Jha, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University	
The Training/Learning Paradox: A comparative Study of Employment training programs in Kolkata & Toronto	Dr. Srabani Maitra (via Skype) Dr. Saikat Maitra Affiliation: Eyes High Post-doctoral Fellow, Werklund School of Education University of Calgary Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen
Discussion/QA	
New Directions for Educational Collaboration between India and Canada	Dr. Pramod K. Mishra Affiliation: Associate Professor (Retd.), Ram Lal Anand College, Delhi University
Discussion/QA	

PARALLEL SESSION 1 B: Building Connections

The Theatre, Time: 12:20-1.20 PM

Paper	Speakers
Chair: Dr. Sucheta Pathania, Director, Centre for New Literatures, Culture and Communications, University of Jammu	
Teaching & Learning Women's & Gender Studies: Building Connections between India and Canada	Dr. Sunera Thobani (via Skype) Affiliation: Associate Professor in the Institute of Social Gender, Race, Sexuality and Justice at the University of British Columbia
Discussion/QA	

Youth & Education: Interrogating Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Canada and India	Dr. Debashree Dattaray (via Skype) Affiliation: Assistant Professor Deputy Coordinator Centre for Canadian Studies Department of Comparative Literature Jadavpur University
Discussion/QA	

PARALLEL SESSION 1C: Building Bridges

The Theatre, Time: 12:20-1.20 PM

Paper	Speakers
Chair: Prof.Abdul Nafey, Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, Coordinator for Canadian Studies, Dean of Students, Jawaharlal Nehru University	
Building Bridges across Canadian and Indian History: Interrogating the 'twin disasters' of Indo-Canadian migration through Literature and Films	Urmi Sengupta Affiliation: Junior Research Fellow, Department of Comparative Literature Jadavpur University
Discussion/QA	
Bi-national India-Canada Collaborations: Innovative approaches to University-community engagement in the area of women, education and development	Prof. Chandra Mohan, Prof. Rama Singh Affiliation: Advisor, International Higher Education, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhi Nagar McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada
Discussion/QA	

1.20-2.00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

PARALLEL SESSION 2 A: Learning with Roadmaps

The Theatre, Time: 2.00-3.30 PM

Paper	Speakers
Chair: Dr.Arati Nanavati, Professor, Department of Economics, M.S.University of Baroda	
Community Colleges in Canada and India	Brijender Singh Panwar Affiliation: President, M.S.Panwar Community & Technical College, Rajgarh Road ,Shanti, Solan (H.P)

Discussion/QA	
Development of Educational Resources in the Northeast Region: A Roadmap for Canada India Collaboration	Dr. Suwa Lal Jangu Affiliation: Assistant Professor Department of Political Science School of Social Sciences Mizoram University
Discussion/QA	
Pluri-lingual Education: Step towards Multicultural Citizenry in India and Canada	Dr. Papia Sengupta Affiliation: Assistant Professor, Centre for Political Studies School of Social Sciences II Jawaharlal Nehru University
Discussion/QA	

PARALLEL SESSION 2 B: Healthy Living

The Theatre, Time: 2.00-3.30 PM

Paper	Speakers
Chair: Prof. Jamuna Duvuuru, President, AGI & Chairperson ISCGG-08, Centre for Research on Aging, Department of Psychology, Sri Venkateswara University	
The use of the Vitalograph COPD-6 device as a point-of-care screening tool for COPD in resource-limited settings	Banka R ¹ , Sharma U ¹ , Lonkar S ¹ , Walkar M ¹ , Pabidha G, Bourbeau J ² , Mullerpattan J ¹ , Pinto LM ¹ . Affiliation: ¹ Department of Respiratory Medicine, P.D.Hinduja Hospital and Medical Research Centre, Mumbai, India ² Respiratory Epidemiology and Clinical Research Unit, Montreal Chest Institute, McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, Canada
Discussion/QA	
Triggering Conversations about Mental Health	Prof. Anuradha Sovani Affiliation: Professor and Head, Department of Psychology, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai
Discussion/QA	
Effect of Bioactive Okra on Insulin Signaling Pathways in Nematodes	Kalyani Kulkarni ^a , Tanmayee A. Joshi ^a , <u>Dr. Pratima A. Tatke^{a*}</u> , Dr. Peter Roy ^b Affiliation:

	^a C. U Shah College of Pharmacy, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai, ^b Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto, Toronto
Discussion/QA	

PARALLEL SESSION 2 C: Comparing Legal Systems

The Theatre, Time: 2.00-3.30 PM

Paper	Speakers
Chair: Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR Hyderabad	
Impact Assessment of Canada-India FTA on Canada and India and Other Regional Blocks like TPP, NAFTA and TTIP	Dr..Somesh Kr.Mathur, Dr.Amrita Roy Affiliation: Associate Professor of Economics, HSS Department, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
Discussion/QA	
Promoting India Canada Comparative Research in Teaching of Law, Dispensation of Justice and Conduct of Arbitration Proceedings	Dr. Kishore Dere Affiliation: Supreme Court Advocate and Visiting Prof. of International Relations and Law
Discussion/QA	
An Institutional History of National Human Rights Commission: The Comparative Study of India and Canada	Subodh Kumar Sajjan Affiliation: Research Scholar; (<i>Centre for Political Studies</i>) Jawaharlal Nehru University
Discussion/QA	

3.30-3.45 PM TEA BREAK

SESSION 3 A: Learning Natural Resource Management

The Theatre, Time: 3.45-5.15 PM

Paper	Speakers
Chair: Dr. O.P. Sha, Dean, Continuing Education & Professor, Ocean Engineering and Naval Architecture, IIT Kharagpur	
Closing the Value Gap: Canadian and Indian Experience in use of Economic Instruments Water Demand Management	Jeena Srinivasan Affiliation: Associate Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Nizamiah Observatory Campus, Begumpet , Hyderabad
Discussion/QA	

Examining the Cosmopolitan and the Local in Science and Nature: Building a Canadian/Indian Research and Education Partnership	Prof.Gordon McOuat (via skype) Affiliation: Professor, History of Science and Technology Programme University of King's College/Dalhousie University Director: SSHRC Partnership Development Project, "Cosmopolitanism and the Local in Science and Nature, East and West"
Discussion/QA	
Climate Change and Interlinking Indian Rivers: Lessons from Canadian Inter Basin Water Transfer Experiences	Dr.Deepak Kumar Das Affiliation: Associate Professor (Water Resources Engineering) ,Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI Orissa), Pratapnagari, Telengapenth, Cuttack
Discussion/QA	

SESSION 3 B: Travelling the Word

The Theatre, Time: 3.45-5.15 PM

Paper	Speakers
Chair: Prof.S. Armstrong, Professor & Head , Department of English, University of Madras	
Sport History as an Area of Comparative Study between Canada and India	Prof.John Reid Affiliation: Department of History and Gorsebrook Research Institute Saint Mary's University
Discussion/QA	
The Body in Space as the Basis for Perception: the Kalaripayat Model	Dr.Hans Wolfgramm Affiliation: A University of Toronto graduate with majors in cognitive science and philosophy with a special emphasis in embodied cognition.
Discussion/QA	
Paradigm of Art Practice: The Artist within the Community	Prof. Gitanjali Kolanad Affiliation: Professor, Dept of Art, Design and Performing Arts, Shiv Nadar University
Discussion/QA	
Training in the Homeland: Negotiating Artistic Travel between Canada and India	Sitara Thobani (via Skype) Affiliation: University of British Columbia
Discussion/QA	

SESSION 3 C: Social Cost of Living

The Theatre, Time: 3.45-5.15 PM

Paper	Speakers
Chair: Dr. Aloka Parasher Sen, Professor of History and Director, International Affairs, University of Hyderabad	
Social Cost of Marine Juvenile Catch in India and Canada: Lessons learned for Marine Fishery By-catch Management	Dr. Jyothis Sathyapalan Affiliation: Associate Professor at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, N O Campus, Begumpet P O Hyderabad
Discussion/QA	
Empowering Tribals: Implementing 'Eco-Museum' for Sustainable development for the Meenas of Western India & Metis (First Nations of Western Canada)	Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur Affiliation: Former Director incharge , School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Study , IGNOU Ph D Programme Coordinator, SOITS Indira Gandhi National Open University
Discussion/QA	
Foreign policy of Canada vis-a-vis India under Stephen Harper: from cold storage to warmth of billion dollar trade	Kumari Mansi Affiliation: Research Scholar, Canadian Studies, Center for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Discussion/QA	

CONCLUDING SESSION

The Theatre, Time: 5.15 – 5.30 PM

Conference Summary and Future Steps by Prof. K. Gayithri, Executive Council Member,
Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute

Vote of Thanks by Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo Canadian Institute