

## Vice Chancellors' & Presidents' Summit

### Dynamics of Higher Education in India and Canada: Envisaging Greater Collaborations and Opportunities to Network

25-26 November, 2019 | Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi

## Agenda

### DAY 1, NOVEMBER 25 (Diwan-I-Aam Hall)

08:30 – 9:00	Registrations & Networking
09:00 - 10:00	INAUGURAL SESSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome remarks</b> – Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Vice President/President Elect, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute</li> <li>• <b>Overview of the Summit</b> - Dr. John Reid, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute</li> <li>• <b>Special address</b> – Mr. R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India</li> <li>• <b>Special remarks</b> - Mr. Vikas Swarup, Secretary, Overseas Indian Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India</li> <li>• <b>Inaugural address</b> - Honourable Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Union Minister, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India</li> <li>• <b>Vote of thanks</b> – Dr. Anil Kumar Mehrotra, Secretary-Treasurer, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute</li> </ul> <p><b>Master of the Ceremony</b> – Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute</p>

<p><b>10:00 - 11:00</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>SESSION I: Challenges Facing Higher Education in India and Canada</b></p> <p>In order to provide a basis for the forward-looking discussions that will be central to the deliberations of the Vice Chancellors' Summit, this session will provide a foundational analysis of the current landscape facing higher education in India and Canada. What are the immediate challenges that must be addressed as a preliminary to moving forward productively? Are they similar in the two countries, or are there differences that must be taken into account in designing collaborative programming? In each country, what are the imperatives that must be incorporated in formulating new and creative visions for higher education?</p>
	<p><b>Chair</b> – Mr. R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India</p> <p><b>Co-Chair</b> – Ms. Deirdre Kent, Deputy High Commissioner of Canada to India</p> <p><i>Panelists</i> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST), GoI</li> <li>➤ Prof. D. P Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC)</li> <li>➤ Dr Ranbir Singh, Past president of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi</li> </ul> <p align="center"><i>Observations &amp; reflections from the floor</i></p>
<p><b>11:00 – 11:15</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>HEALTH BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>11:15 am - 12:45</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>SESSION II: Internationalization and Mobility in Higher Education &amp; Research</b> <b>Session with stakeholders</b></p> <p>There is general agreement that internationalization brings far-reaching benefits to higher education and, moreover, that internationalization in higher education profoundly enriches the relationships among countries, notably including the relationship between India and Canada. In contexts ranging from the enrolment of undergraduate and graduate students in university programs overseas to the productivity of international research networks, mobility is essential to the creation and nurturing of lasting international relationships. This session will consider what are the most effective and promising models for India-Canada mobility.</p>
	<p><b>Chair</b> –Ms. Neeta Prasad, Joint Secretary, International Cooperation, Policy, Media &amp; Publicity, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India</p> <p><b>Co-Chair</b> – Ms. Lissa Matyas, Vice-President, International Partnerships, Mitacs, Canada</p> <p><i>Panelists</i> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Akhilesh Mishra, DG, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)</li> <li>➤ Prof. Balram Bhargava, Secretary, DHR &amp; Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research</li> <li>➤ Prof. V Ramgopal Rao, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi</li> </ul>

	<i>Observations &amp; reflections from the floor</i>
<b>12:45 - 13:45</b>	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
<b>13:45 – 15:15</b>	<p><b>SESSION III: Collaborating to Shape the Future of Higher Education</b></p> <p>Collaborations, partnerships, and programming that is conducive to international cooperation in higher education – all are essential to creating an internationalized future for higher education. Between Canada and India, there are many important models that include joint degree-granting, credit-sharing arrangements, international recognition of qualifications, and other forms of collaboration. In the context of these configurations, identifying the potential partners and understanding areas of mutual interest is an important aspect towards collaboration. This session will examine all of these in gauging the potential for expanding the connections between the two countries in key areas of higher education.</p>
	<p><b>Chair</b> – Prof. Najma Akhtar, Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Milia Islamia University, India</p> <p><b>Co-Chair</b> - Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray, President &amp; Vice-Chancellor, Saint Mary’s University, Canada</p> <p>Panelists –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dr. Manju Singh, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India</li> <li>➤ Dr. Sunita Siwach, National Coordinator, Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India</li> <li>➤ Dr. Sandra M. den Otter, Associate Vice Principal, Research and International, Queen’s University, Canada</li> <li>➤ Dr. Talat Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir</li> </ul> <p><i>Observations &amp; reflections from the floor</i></p>
<b>15:15 – 16:45</b>	<p><b>SESSION IV: Expectations and Role of Governments in India-Canada Collaborative Opportunities</b></p> <p>Governments and institutions of higher education have a variety of productive relationships, and governments – for many sound policy-based reasons – also take an important role in facilitating international relationships in the higher education field. This session will explore these government-university linkages, and the similarities and differences that exist between India and Canada in this area. The discussion will also extend to ways in which, from the perspectives both of governments and of higher education institutions and organizations, these relationships can productively evolve in the years and decades to come.</p>

**Chair** – Dr. Faizan Mustafa, Advisor, SICI and Vice-Chancellor, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India

**Co-Chair** – Dr. Jacques Frémont, President & Vice-Chancellor, University of Ottawa, Canada

Panelists –

- Dr. Shakila. T. Shamsu, OSD and Secretary to National Education Policy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India
- Ms. Lindsay Margenau, Counsellor- Commercial and Senior Trade Commissioner, High Commission of Canada in India
- Dr. Karen Mossman, VP- Research, McMaster University, Canada

*Observations & reflections from the floor*

**END OF DAY 1**

**7:30 PM  
onwards**

**Networking Dinner at  
Silver Oak Lawn, India Habitat Center, New Delhi-110003  
(Entry from Gate #3), 7.30 PM – 10.30 PM  
organized by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute**

## DAY 2, NOVEMBER 26 (Diwan-I-Aam Hall)

09:00 – 10:15

### SESSION V: Championing Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Higher Education

Higher education institutions are, among other things, powerful engines of innovation, and this role can be seen in every discipline in every one of the SICI member institutions in both India and Canada. Furthermore, entrepreneurial values are especially significant in this context, whether through enterprising approaches to new developments in research or through fostering entrepreneurship in students in ways that include incubation of start-ups. This session will delineate many examples, from both countries, of the innovative role of higher education, and will look ahead to new and creative approaches to the harnessing of entrepreneurial qualities in the interests of accelerated educational and societal innovation.

**Chair** – Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

**Co-Chair** – Dr. Peter Stoicheff, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Saskatchewan

Panelists –

- Dr. Rizwan Haq, Interim Vice President, Office of the Vice-President, Research, Science, Engineering and Architecture, Laurentian University, Canada
- Dr. Archana Shukla, Director, Indian Institute of Management Lucknow, India
- Dr. Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, India
- Dr. Douglas Peers, Dean of Faculty of Arts, University of Waterloo, Canada

*Observations & Reflections from the floor*

10:15 – 10:30

HEALTH BREAK

10:30 – 12:00

### Session VI: Disciplinary Clusters (Parallel Sessions)

While there are many respects in which international collaboration is a goal that transcends all disciplinary boundaries, nevertheless there are also needs and opportunities that are particular to disciplines that can be clustered into certain groupings. The three parallel discussions that make up this session will consider the following combinations of areas: (1) Science, Technology, and Engineering; (2) Management, Humanities & Social Science, and Law; (3) Agricultural, Veterinary, Medical, and Health Sciences. In each case, members of the grouping will examine the particular requirements for effective international collaboration in their areas, and will map out future possibilities for India-Canada linkages and networks.

**Parallel Session One - Science, Technology and Engineering (Diwan-I-Aam Hall)**

**Chair-** Dr. Ajit Kumar Chaturvedi, Director, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee

*Speakers –*

- Dr. Rajender Singh Sangwan, Director, Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR)
- Dr. Sarit K Das, Director, Indian Institute of Technology Ropar, India
- Dr. Ujjwala Tripti Tirkey, Scientist F, International Cooperation, Department of Science & Technology (DST)
- Dr. Richard Poulin, Director of the International Bureau, Université Laval, Canada

*Observations & Reflections from the floor*

**Parallel Session Two – Management, Humanities & Social Science and Law (Aftab Mehtab Hall)**

**Chair –** Dr. Paul Mazerolle, President, University of New Brunswick

*Speakers –*

- Prof Ramesh Chandra Sinha, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research
- Dr. Poonam Saxena, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur
- Dr. Himadri Das, Director General, International Management Institute, New Delhi

*Observations & Reflections from the floor*

**Parallel Session Three - Agricultural, Veterinary, Medical, and Health Sciences (Diwan-I-Khas Hall)**

**Chair –** Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi

*Speakers –*

- Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal - Joint Director of Education & Dean, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)
- Dr. B. Prithviraj, Associate Dean, International, Associate Professor/Plant Stress Physiology Research Chair, Dalhousie University, Canada
- Prof. Malcolm M. Campbell, Professor & Vice-President Research, University of Guelph, Canada

*Observations & Reflections from the floor for each Parallel Session*

12:00 – 13:00	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
13:00 – 14:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION VII: Role of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in Navigating the Agenda: Joining Hands with Other Stakeholders (Diwan-I-Aam Hall)</b></p> <p>The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) has more than a half-century of experience in fostering India-Canada collaboration in higher education, and its networks in both countries include distinguished institutions that are geographically nationwide and offer expertise in every possible area of teaching and research. This session will provide a comprehensive briefing on the many opportunities that SICI offers, as well as providing insights on the exciting forward path that is envisaged for SICI as an organization for which the continual enrichment of the higher educational relationship between the two countries is its <i>raison d'être</i> and its guiding principle.</p>
	<p><b>Chair</b> – Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Vice President/President Elect, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dr. John Reid, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute</li> <li>➤ Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute</li> <li>➤ Dr. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India</li> <li>➤ Dr. Graham Carr, Interim President &amp; Vice-Chancellor, Concordia University, Canada</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Observations &amp; Reflections from the floor</i></p>
14:30 – 15:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION VIII: Summarizing Session (Diwan-I-Aam Hall)</b></p> <p>With a view to capturing the interconnected insights that have been generated by all sessions of this SICI summit meeting, this session will invite the chairs, co-chairs, and cluster chairs to summarize the principal outcomes of the respective discussions and to articulate the ways in which these can be combined and coordinated in shaping our understanding of higher education and its future in both Canada and India.</p>
	<p><b>Chair</b> – Dr. B.S. Ghuman, Executive Council Member, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rapporteurs from Sessions (five minutes for each Session)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Observations &amp; Reflections from the floor</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION IX: Looking Ahead &amp; General Discussion(Diwan-I-Aam Hall)</b></p> <p>Following on directly from the previous session, this final session will provide an opportunity for general discussion of the way forward for higher education in India and Canada, both in a broad strategic sense and in prioritizing specific planning for increased India-Canada collaboration and the future role of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.</p>
	<p><b>Chair</b> – Dr. John Reid, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Observations &amp; Reflections from the floor</li> </ul>

<b>16:00 – 16:15</b>	<b>VOTE OF THANKS</b>
<b>16:15</b>	<b>SUMMIT ENDS</b>
<b>7:00 PM onwards</b>	<b>Dinner Reception at Canada House, New Delhi Hosted by His Excellency Nadir Patel, High Commissioner for Canada to India</b>