On the Dias: from left to right: Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute; Prof. John Reid, Vice-President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute; Prof. Irfan Habib, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University; Dr. N. Saravana Kumar Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MHRD; Prof. Faizan Mustafa, President & Conference Coordinator, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute; Prof. Adrijit Goswami, Member-at-Large, Executive Council, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

On April 29 2019, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute organized a conference titled “Engaging India and Canada: Gandhian Approach to Sustainable Development Goals” with support from MHRD, Government of India at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi deliberations in the Conference focused on an opportunity to bring in his perspectives and values relevant in all seventeen aspects of United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals. Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation has inspired generations, not just in India but all over the world to work and adapt to sustainable growth. In this context, the life and vision of Mahatma Gandhi is more relevant today than ever before, especially in the arena of Poverty, Inequality, Consumption and Production, Equality, Sustainable Communities, Environment and overall Well-being.

The conference aimed to impart knowledge among scholars, researchers, young faculty members and students from Gandhian viewpoint and its interpretation and relevance in the contemporary world. It was an effort to bring back and introduce his knowledge, perspectives and ideas to create a better world for today and tomorrow.
The Conference provided a platform for an intensive mix of Lectures on identified SDGs by the eminent scholars and discussions in reference to applicability and adaptability of Gandhian ideology and perspectives to achieve the best and the ultimate outcome as envisaged by United Nations for its Sustainable Development Goals. *(For List of Participants refer Annexure 1 below)*.

The Inaugural Session began with the Master of the Ceremony, Prof. John Reid, Vice-President of Shastri Institute welcoming the participants from India and Canada and introducing the distinguished guests. President of Shastri Institute, Prof. Faizan Mustafa highlighted the role of the Shastri Institute in working towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals. President gave an overview of the conference and stated the theme areas of the conference - Poverty, Inequality, Consumption and Production, Equality, Sustainable Communities, Environment and overall Well-being.

Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Research Development gave the Inaugural address at the Conference. He started his address by talking about sustainability and said that Earth has enough to satisfy everyone’s need but not everyone’s greed. He added that the idea behind all the seventeen sustainable development goals were that no one should be left behind in the process of development. He asked everyone to think about Gandhiji’s principles and practices and bring it in the development. He further highlighted Gandhiji’s five principles- Swaraj, Swadeshi, Sarvodaya, Satyagraha and Ahimsa. He added that Gandhiji’s principles and teachings were relevant to everyone. He said that Gandhiji did not believe in preaching but practicing, which he said was important and the need of the hour. He highlighted the initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by holding 150 events abroad on Gandhian Philosophy. He ended his address by appreciating Shastri Institute for being good in organizing events and committed MHRD’s support for the Institute. He also wished the conference to be a big success.

Prof. Irfan Habib Professor Emeritus, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University gave the keynote address on ‘Mahatma Gandhi and Issues of Equitable Development’. He said that simple development is not adequate, but equitable development was necessary for any country. He further said that there is no one Gandhian theory of Society. He highlighted that Gandhiji’s own views of social problems and equity changed over time enormously. He spoke about Gandhian views presented in his book ‘Hind Swaraj’. He said that Gandhiji was very noble and believed that all religions were same.

The Inaugural session, ended with a vote of thanks given by Prof. Adrijit Goswami, Executive Council Member, Shastri Institute. He hoped that the conference would become a lovely learning experience for all participants.

After the Inaugural session there were six sessions held by fifteen (15) speakers from both India and Canada. The first session was on ‘Reducing Poverty, Reducing Inequalities, Peace and Justice’, and had four speakers. The topics of their talks were:

1. The Great Global Poverty Debate
2. What We Can Learn from Gandhi to Eliminate the Caste Based Inequalities
3. Gandhiji, Radical Love and Today’s Crises
4. Getting to the Root: Gandhi and Our Modern Problems (Video Talk)

The second session on ‘Gender Equality’ and had two talks:

1. Truth, not Consistency: The Changing Attitude to Women in Gandhi’s Thought and Practice.
2. SDGs and Policy Effectiveness for Gender Equality Case based Learning,

The third session on ‘Economic Development/ Responsible Consumption and Production/ Decent work and Economic Growth’ had two speakers. The topics of their talks were:

1. Economic Development, Responsible Consumption and Production
2. Gandhi’s Quest for Economic Justice

The fourth session on ‘Sustainable Cities and Communities’ had two (2) speakers from Indian and Canadian researchers. Papers were:

1. Sustainable Cities and Communities: Challenges, Prospects and Approaches
2. Sustainable Cities and Urban Habitat: Gandhian Perspective and Indian Experiences

This was followed by fifth session on ‘Environment/ Climate Action/ Life on Land’ which had two presentations. These were:

1. Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi for Mitigating Environmental Problems
2. Climate change and sustainable development: What can we learn from Gandhi?

The sixth session on ‘One Health / Good Health and Well Being’ and had three presentations:

1. Air Pollution and Health
2. Heart of the Liver
3. Learnings from Gandhi for Healthcare Providers and Sustainable Systems

The Conference ended with Valedictory Session where in Prof. Upendra Baxi, Emeritus Professor of Law in Development, University of Warwick, United Kingdom and Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi addressed all the participants of the conference. Prof. Baxi said that Shastri Institute has deepened global reach and understanding between India and Canada, He spoke about the one thing that India can learn from Canada is the regard for indigenous persons. He said that we need to be aboriginal in our approach to face up the problems of climate change and global warming. He further spoke about the development of citizenship of world to make the world have a common agenda for achieving SDG’s. He further spoke that multinationals in both Indian and Canadian societies should be given a role in achieving the SDG’s. The President of the Institute, Prof.Mustafa thanked Prof. Upendra Baxi and all the other speakers and participants of the conference. Prof. John Reid summed up the conference discussions held at each of the sessions and also thanked all the speakers and participants of the conference. The conference ended with the formal vote of thanks by Dr.Prachi Kaul, Director of the Shastri Institute.
Annexure 1

List of Participants

Speakers

1. Dr. N Saravana Kumar  
Joint Secretary (ICC), Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Government of India

2. Prof. Irfan Habib  
Professor Emeritus, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University

3. Prof. Neera Chandhoke  
Formerly Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi

4. Dr. Nishikant Kolge  
Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)

5. Shri Harsh Mander IAS (Retd)  
Director, Centre for Equity Studies and a Special Commissioner to the Supreme Court of India in the Right to Food case.

6. Prof. Michael Nagler  
President of the Metta Center for Nonviolence, Professor Emeritus of Classics and Comparative Literature at University of Berkeley, California, U.S.A.

7. Prof. Shireen Moosvi  
Former President, Indian History Congress

8. Dr. Lekha S. Chakraborty  
Associate Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi

9. Prof. Manoj Panda  
Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi

10. Prof. Venu Madhav Govindu  
Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

11. Prof. Madhav G. Badami  
School of Urban Planning and McGill School of Environment, McGill University, Canada

12. Prof. R.B. Singh  
Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

13. Prof. Brij Gopal  
Centre for Inland Waters in South Asia (CIWSA)

14. Prof. Abhik Gupta  
Professor and Former Dean, Department of Ecology & Environmental Science, Assam (Central) University

15. Prof. Randeep Guleria  
Director, All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi
16  Prof. Ritupriya Mehrotra  
Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

17  Dr. Shiv K. Sarin  
Senior Professor and Head, Department of Hepatology Director, Institute of Liver and Biliary Science (ILBS), New Delhi

18  Prof. Upendra Baxi  
Emeritus Professor of Law in Development, University of Warwick, United Kingdom and Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi

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20  Rajani Ranjan Jha  
Banaras Hindu University

21  Balabhadra Tripathy  
Berhampur University

22  D. Laura Dameris Chellajothi  
Bharathidasan University

23  Suman Kapur  
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24  Asis Kumar Chattopadhyay  
Calcutta University

25  Zakia Firdaus  
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59 Palok Aich  National Institute of Science
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PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE ON ENGAGING INDIA AND CANADA:
GANDHIAN APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Monday, April 29 2019
The Theatre Hall, India Habitat Centre
New Delhi

8:45 – 9:15 AM     Registration & Tea

INAUGURAL SESSION – 9:15 am-10:35 am

9:15 – 9:20 am     Master of the ceremony, Prof. John Reid,
                   Vice-President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

9:20 – 9:35 am     Welcome and Overview of the Conference by Prof. Faizan Mustafa,
                   President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

9:35 – 9:45 am     Inaugural Address by Dr. N. Saravanan Kumar IAS
                   Joint Secretary (ICC), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of
                   Human Resource Development

9:45 – 10:25 am    Keynote Address by Prof. Irfan Habib, Professor Emeritus,
                   Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University on ‘Mahatma
                   Gandhi and Issues of Equitable Development’

10:25 – 10:30 am   Vote of thanks and way forward by Prof. Adrijit Goswami, Executive
                   Council Member, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

10:30 – 10:35 am   BREAK
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VALEDICTORY SESSION
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5:00 – 5:40 PM Valedictory Address by **Prof. Upendra Baxi**, Emeritus Professor of Law in Development, University of Warwick, United Kingdom and Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi

5:40 – 5:45 PM Sum up of the Conference and Vote of Thanks by **Prof. Faizan Mustafa**, President, Shastri Indo Canadian Institute