

Bharat Centre of Canada



Activity Report
March 2020 to March 2021

**RESEARCH
INNOVATION
COLLABORATION
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



BCC is Non Partisan Policy Think Tank works with the mandate to develop a strategic vision for India – Canada relations.

BCC priorities to address the research and educational demands arising from India's emergence. The BCC seeks to promote interdisciplinary study and research on India and on Canada-India with a focus on expertise in international relations, economy, modern history, geography and climate, health care sector, education, science and technology, information and communication technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, political and strategic studies, and on India-Canada comparative studies.

Bharat Centre of Canada fosters active links with universities, colleges, institutes, schools, think tanks, business entities, media, government and non-governmental organizations in Canada and India through applied research, teaching micro credential courses, training programmes, workshops and conferences, and to serve as a repository of knowledge and data grounded in first-hand research on India and Canada.

BCC Activities aim to:

- Lead**
public discourse with regard to India-Canada relations
- Promote**
research in multidisciplinary areas of India-Canada studies
- Conduct**
teaching programmes in Universities, Colleges, Institutes about India & Canada
- Build**
an international network of academics and scholars
- Train**
young students and researchers
- Facilitate**
Innovation, research, teaching & training options, internships
- Foster**
active links with academic institutions, business entities, government department
- Provide**
informed and objective inputs in policy formulation
- Publish**
books, monographs, working papers, briefs, reports, policy analyses
- Encourage**
international collaborations & exchange programmes

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International online conference on “Methods of Teaching and Learning used by the Educational Institutions during the period of lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic” held on May 8th, 2020.



KEY-NOTE SPEAKER

Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM (Retd.)**
He is Director of United Services Institution of India, New Delhi. He specializes in Strategic Net Assessments, Scenario Building and Strategic Gaming.

MODERATOR

Group Captain (Retd.) Ajey Lele
He is Ph.D in Security Studies, he is Senior Fellow in the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. Also heads Centre on Strategic Technologies.

The sudden outbreak of the pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus (covid19) has affected nearly all parts of the world. As a result, most of the Educational Institutions decided to go for online education and maintain the learning process.



SPEAKERS



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Discussion topics:

- Teacher-student online interaction in the time of COVID 19.
- Maintain equity, access and inclusion in learning process.
- Governance, partnership and collaboration during a pandemic.
- Support services for special needs students during online teaching at the time of COVID.
- Different models of course-delivery at the time of online teaching due to pandemic.

India's 74th Independence Day Celebration in Toronto with a special lecture and activities by the children.



"India's Foreign Policy Since Independence" Special Lecture by Captain Alok Bansal to celebrate 74th Independence Day of India held on August 15th, 2020.

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India's Multiculturalism, Diversity Celebrated

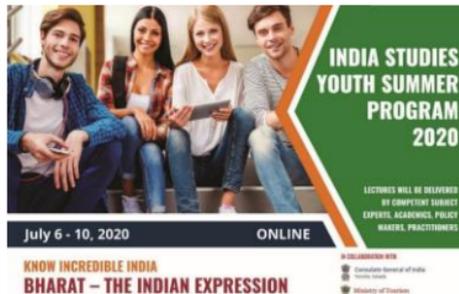
TORONTO's India International Centre for Canada (IICC) along with Multicultural League for Business and Technology, along with the India Foundation from India, in collaboration with the Consulate of India in Toronto, celebrated the 74th Independence Day of India virtually. The online event was organized to celebrate the oldest civilization, the diversity, the multiculturalism and the largest democracy in the world.

The program started with a virtual inauguration ceremony followed by an Independence day message by Consul General of India in Toronto, followed by a patriotic song and performance by "The Indo-Canadian Women's Association of 'Bharat Region'".

This diverse group of children and women from 'Bharat' enthusiastically prepared a programme for independent day celebration to show multiculturalism and diversity of India. Special Guest from India, New Delhi, Captain Shashi Naveet Malik, Retired, Minister, India Foundation, joined to give a special lecture on "India's foreign policy since independence". The lecture was very interesting and followed by questions and answer session. The last session of the event was a networking session, using by a Toronto multi-school student.

The Independence day ceremony coordinated by IICC was from the organization and with the India's National Anthem.

Around 150 people from Canada, India, Russia, Ukraine, USA and France joined through Zoom to celebrate the 74th Independence day event.



India Studies Youth Program was conducted from July 6th, 2020 to July 10th, 2020 in collaboration with Consulate General of India in Toronto and Ministry of Tourism.

BHARAT: THE INDIAN EXPRESSION

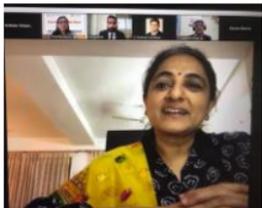
A 5-day long youth summer program covered a wide range of subject for the youth to understand and learn about India.

Youth got familiarised with the India's technological transformation, space science and innovation, tourism in India Pathways for Canada India Collaborations, India's education system, international students in India, Indian diaspora and India's economic reform: a snapshot.

Lectures were delivered by eminent professionals and subject experts, academics, policy makers and practitioners.

“Know India” Workshop

An incredibly successful online workshop was held on November 9 & 10, 2020 for the students of Seneca College and Sathya Sai School, Toronto.



India's economic snapshot and the reform journey.

A wide variety of topics were covered which was relevant to the present time and provides a thought process for the future development. Our eminent faculty and other experts presented on India's Space Program & Innovation, India's advancement in information and communication technology, India's economic snapshot: the reform journey & the current snapshot.



COVID-19 pandemic being a burning topic among all the sectors, was covered in the economic development and growth projection.

Other topics covered were Pathways for Canada India Collaborations: Contribution of Indian Diaspora, India's education System: Recent Changes, Tourism in India.

Consul General of India in Toronto Hon'ble Ms. Apoorva Srivastava presented on the 'Discover India' to the college and young students in the 'Know India' workshop.



Penetration of digital technology at the grass-root level in India.

Nearly three hundred students, teachers and other professionals attended enthusiastically. The Workshop concluded with distribution of Certificates and Prizes for participants of quiz competition.



Complementarities Driving India – Canada Relations

Workshop

72nd Republic Day
Celebration was held on
January 29, 2021.



Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Deepening ties to deliver new solutions in the sectors of health & medicine, education, science & technology, information & communication, artificial intelligence, food security to name some.



Event was featured in the newsletter of the Consulate General of India, Toronto, issue no. 10 on Feb 11, 2021.



Our panelists comprised of Consul General of India in Toronto, UCW President and Vice-Chancellor, BCC Advisors, Directors President, Adjunct Faculty members and BCC Fellows.

To commemorate India's 72nd Republic day a workshop was organised jointly by Bharat Centre of Canada a policy think tank and University Canada West, in association with the Consulate General of India in Toronto. On 29th January 2020, from 11:30 am – 01.30PM (EST) on "Complementarities Driving India-Canada Relations". The topic of discussion was on "Collaborative Innovation and Entrepreneurship".



Mr. Brock Dykeman, President & Vice-Chancellor, University Canada West welcomed participants and shared plan for joint activities in coming months.

Dr. Nivedita Das Kundu, President Bharat Centre of Canada welcomed students, participants and professionals.



Mr. Dave Keighron, Head of Innovation & Entrepreneurship Centre, University Canada West explained the importance of team work in bringing ideas into actions to support the growth in the journey of collaboration.

Mr. Sandeep Goel, CEO and President, ICICI Bank and BCC Advisor speaking on "Collaborative Innovation and Entrepreneurship".



CanadaWatch

PRactical and Authoritative Analysis of Key National Issues

Indian students in Canada

Canada has become one of the most successful destinations to pursue higher education for Indian students. The number of Indian students who are signing for higher education in Canada is on the rise. In response, Canada has recently introduced faster and easier visa processing mechanisms for the Indian students.

By Nivedita Das Kundu

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passed the TOEFL or IELTS (both in English as a foreign language) before enrolling in Canadian universities or colleges, they face the problem of understanding Canadian's colloquial use of English words and phrases. Learning the pace, accent, and the tone of the language takes time.

Another major concern is that Indian

BCC & Strategic Eye Articles

A regular column on current affairs – relating to India and/or Canada and looking at ways to promote Indo-Canadian relations in many spheres.



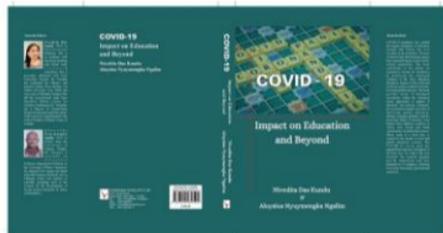
Bharat Centre of Canada strictly believe in giving back to the community. We get affected and feel connected with the society. Our members takes initiative and volunteer enthusiastically for important causes of the society.

Among many some of the drives were noticed by the local and city of Toronto community, when we distributed food to international students due to COVID-19 lockdown.

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Book: "Covid-19: Impact on Education and Beyond"

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By Nivedita Das Kundu, and Aloysius Nyuyemngka Ngalm, VI Books India

COVID-19: Impact on Education and Beyond

**Nivedita Das Kundu &
Aloysius Nyuyemngka
Ngalm**

The book contributes to the debate on experiences during the pandemics by portraying the virus's continued virulence, education disruption, impact on the social and economic sectors, medical concerns, and local and global responses. The book provides a variety of stimulated innovations within the education sector, approaches in support of education and training continuity, the accelerated changes in modes of delivering quality education, distance learning problems and the promising future of learning.



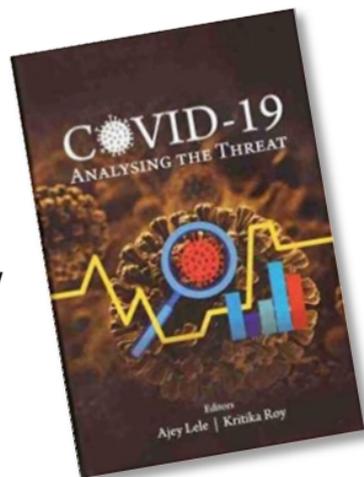
Case Studies from different countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America have examined the massive efforts made in a short time to respond to the shocks to local and global education systems.

In Addition to BCC in-house publications, our faculty members, Fellows are involved in writing and publications with others as well.

The current pandemic has caused a cataclysmic disruption in the 'daily routine' across the nations and sectors. The damage this crisis has brought to lives and economies is unimaginable. This pandemic is a wake-up call to bring about systemic and structural changes to deal with such unanticipated menaces that can bring the world to a sudden halt. This book attempts to contextualise and examine the nature of the ongoing pandemic. The experts who have contributed to the book analyse key geopolitical and technological aspects of the COVID-19 crisis.

COVID-19: Analysing the Threat

**Editors
Ajey Lele & Kritika Roy**



Micro – Credential Course “Know India”



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India @ 75
MICRO CREDENTIAL COURSE
ENTREPRENEURIAL &
CAREER-ORIENTED PROGRAM
ONLINE
WINTER & SUMMER SEMESTER 2021

Know India Course provides knowledge and shares information on India and the Canada-India Relations. The curriculum of Know India is multi-disciplinary and structured to explore the possibility to understand the scope and opportunities exists in this fascinating country.

Programme Provides a sound basis in a range of essential areas of knowledge. This course takes a critical look at selected topics, selected readings, class discussions, expert's lectures, quiz, podcasts, workshops, symposiums.

Instructors are competent subject experts, academics, policy makers and practitioners.

Course Duration: 20 hours (10 Working Days)
Additionally, the course includes workshop, lectures, symposium

Start Date: TBD

Credential: Certificate given after the completion of the course.

Medium of Instruction: English language.

Course Programs Include: Course materials, curriculum delivery, certificates.

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Future Activities

Workshop and Symposiums For Celebration of India@75

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