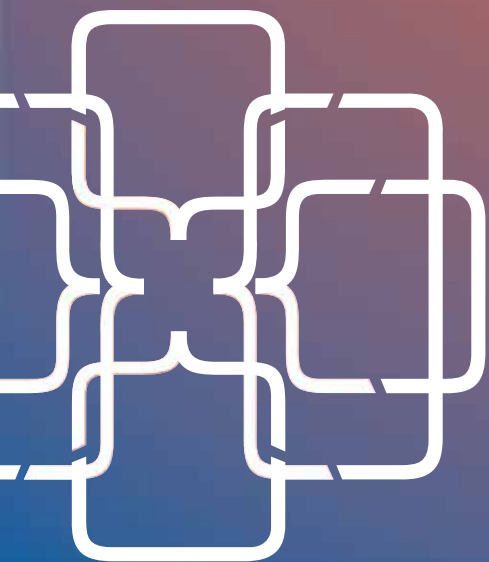




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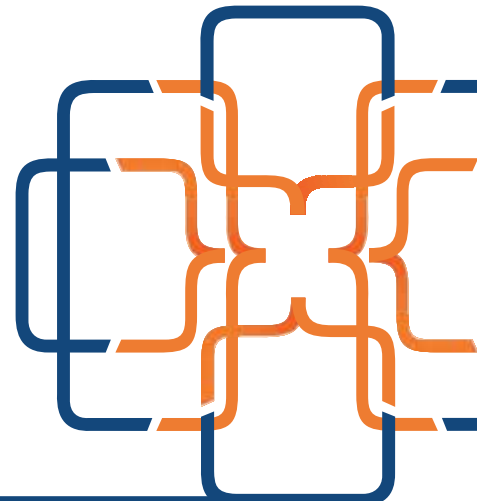
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PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER SIXTH ANNUAL AUSTRALIA INDIA YOUTH DIALOGUE

On behalf of the people of Australia – and in a warm spirit of friendship – I am pleased to provide a message of support for the sixth Annual Australia India Youth Dialogue.

Delegates at this year's event meet at a time of great momentum and excitement in the Australia-India relationship. Our Governments are working more closely than ever before and there are great opportunities for us to build our future prosperity and security together.

As strong democracies, Australia and India can work together to address shared challenges and help ensure our region remains open and stable.

New pathways are opening up in business and enterprise, with entrepreneurs capitalising on our complementary economies.

Australia's large and dynamic Indian community has already blazed a trail of achievement in our community. But we look to you, as emerging and future leaders, to drive our relationship forward.

As the world navigates the challenges of a profound global economic transition, it is the links and partnerships you form, and your energy and ideas, that will enable us to prosper in the 21st century.

That's why I am greatly encouraged by the convening of this year's Dialogue, and I thank everyone involved for your commitment to our shared future.

This is an important new era for Australia-India relations, and I have great confidence that together, our nations will make the most of the remarkable opportunities ahead.



The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

10 February 2017



His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Australia India Youth Dialogue 2017

The work of the Australia India Youth Dialogue to promote closer relationships between the next generation of leaders and thinkers of our two countries is of great importance.

Our future, indeed the future of people right around the world, depends upon engaging each other with an open spirit, mutual camaraderie and a genuine understanding. The AIYD contributes to this, and succeeds in bringing young people from our countries together for our mutual benefit.

There are so many reasons for optimism between Australia and India. We embrace a harmonious future based on a common appreciation and respect, we seek continued prosperity through free and open trade and we value the diversity and new ideas that are central to all productive and harmonious relationships.

As proud Patron, I commend the AIYD for the contribution it continues to make to Australia India relations. I wish you as AIYD delegates all the best for this year's conference—you are now part of a network of young leaders that can promote positive change in both of our countries.



WELCOME FROM AIYD CHAIR



It gives me great pleasure to write the introduction for this report on the sixth annual conference of the Australia India Youth Dialogue (AIYD) which was held in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia on February 15-18, 2017.

The launch of the AIYD in 2011 represented a significant step towards the creation of a sustainable, long-term relationship between Australia and India, based on greater mutual understanding, engagement, trust and friendship, initiated at the youth level.

Today, the AIYD is widely recognised as the most prominent track-II initiative between Australia and India at the youth level. The dialogue itself is unique and dynamic, and involves direct intellectual, social, cultural and economic exchanges between the best and brightest of Australia's and India's young minds.

The AIYD community now has 180 alumni - a spectacular engine and resource for driving the bilateral relationship forward in innovative and collaborative ways.

The AIYD 2017 delegates are now part of this powerful and distinguished alumni community. I am confident that the 30 new delegates will be warmly welcomed in the alumni community who continue to stay in touch and collaborate on various projects that have had a significant impact on the Australia-India bilateral relationship.

This year's conference allowed delegates to engage on issues that both Australia and India are grappling with in three broad areas: Health, Innovation and Skills. To identify and discuss potential areas for collaboration, AIYD 2017 delegates and speakers were selected based on their experience and impact in these and related areas. During the dialogue, the Steering Committee witnessed a rich exchange of knowledge and ideas which we hope will help foster new and lasting friendships and professional partnerships between participants for many years beyond the dialogue.

In addition to building strong people-to-people links between delegates, the AIYD actively encourages its delegates to develop novel ideas and projects through a group challenge project.

The fact that representatives from the highest levels of Government in India and Australia were involved in AIYD 2017 speaks volumes about how AIYD has grown over the past six years. During AIYD 2017, Ministers from Federal and State Governments in Australia addressed the delegation at various stages in the programme in both Sydney and Melbourne. In addition, the Secretary (East) of the Ministry of External Affairs, delivered a keynote speech at the opening dinner of AIYD in Melbourne. This represents a recognition by the Governments in Australia and India that youth will play a crucial role in the growth and sustainability of the bilateral relationship.

For AIYD as an institution, this is an exciting time. While the past six years has seen the AIYD go from strength to strength, a new chapter of the organisation has begun.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I would like to once again thank the AIYD community for their continued support. We are all now looking forward to AIYD 2018 in India.



Shaun Star
Chair - AIYD

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AIYD AGENDA

Theme: Innovation - Health, Entrepreneurship, Skills

DAY 0 - MELBOURNE (Arrival)

Wednesday 15 February 2017

Session	Agenda	Speakers
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Welcome Session @ mPavillion	
7:00pm	Welcome dinner @ Town Hall	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, India • The Hon. Frank McGuire, Parliamentary Secretary for Medical Research and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Innovation

DAY 1 - MELBOURNE (Health)

Thursday 16 February 2017

Session	Agenda	Speakers
9:00am - 10:00am	Welcome Session: "Introduction to the Australia-India Bilateral Relationship"	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle Rajendram, Policy Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John WH Denton AO, Corrs Chambers Westgarth • Manika Jain, Consul General of India in Melbourne
10:00am- 11:00am	Session 1: "Innovation in Healthcare from Boardroom to Bedside"	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Altman, Manager International Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suvir Khanchandani, Commercial Manager, Cipla Australia • Sue MacLeman, Chief Executive Officer, MTPConnect Ltd • Dr. James Dromey, Chief Operating Officer, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute
11:10am- 11:30am	Networking morning tea	
11:30am - 12:30pm	Session 2 - "IBM Watson Innovation Hour"	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sid Verma, Corazon Systems Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Mast, IBM • Andrew Lin and Hon Weng Chong, Clinicloud • Patrick Ferguson, Phoria

12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch @ State Library	
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Murdoch Childrens Research Institute Tour	
3:30pm - 5:30pm	Address and afternoon tea @ Australia India Institute	
7:45pm	Group Flight Melbourne - Sydney	

DAY 2 SYDNEY (Entrepreneurship)

Friday 17th February 2017

Session	Agenda	Speakers
9:30am	Welcome Session	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belinda Howell, General Manager, Market Development, UTS • Stephen Rutter, Manager Business practice Unit, UTS Business School
9:40am- 10:40am	Session 1: “Comparing Indian and Australian Start-up Ecosystems”	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avi Naidu, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Taronga Group Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anup Vikal, Chief Financial Officer, Snapdeal • Topaz Conway, Chair, Springboard Enterprises and Telstra, Advisory Board Member • Patrick Mooney, Chairman, Impact Tech Ventures
10:40am - 11:00am	Morning tea	
11:00am - 11:20am	Keynote Address	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Fitzpatrick, CEO, Australian Information Industry Association
11:20am - 12:20pm	Session 2: “Maximising Impact: Investing in Social Entrepreneurship”	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Sholl, Principal ShollCounsel Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Madhavan, Chief Executive Officer, Impact Investing Australia • Rob Fitzpatrick, CEO, Australian Information Industry Association • Karen Iles, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Tata Consultancy Services
12:20pm	Lunch @UTS	
1:20pm - 2:45pm	Group challenge working session	

2:45pm - 3:30pm	Start-up Pitches	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HashChing, Fintech - Mandeep Sodhi • Advanced Navigation, GPS - Chris Shaw • Tot Tok, Childcare - Ankita Mehta
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Keynote address	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP NSW Parliamentary Secretary to Premier and Treasurer
4:00pm - 4:45pm	Networking afternoon tea	
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Tour of Tyree Energy Technologies Building	
6:30pm	Reception at Michael Crouch Innovation Centre @ UNSW	Address by Veena Sahajwalla, Scientia Professor

DAY 3 SYDNEY (Skills)

Saturday 18th February 2017

Session	Agenda	Speakers
10:00am	Welcome Session	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Philomena Leung, Professor of Accounting and Associate Dean (International and Corporate Engagement), Macquarie University
10:10 am - 11:20am	Session 1: “The Challenge of Skilling India’s Millions and the Potential for Australia-India Collaboration”	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosiqi Acharya, Digital Content Producer, SBS Radio Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor C. Raj Kumar, Founding Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University and Director, International Institute for Higher Education Research & Capacity Building • Sue Freeman, Director, Australian Retail College India • Tim Beresford, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice Chancellor, Macquarie University
11:20am - 11:30am	Remarks	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Julian Knowles, Associate Dean (International), Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University
11:30am - 12:00pm	Morning tea	
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Session 2: “Skilling the Workforce: Skills and the Future of Work: Gender Matters”	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanushka Seomangal, Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola Hazell, Head of Diversity & Impact, BlueChilli and Director, She Starts • Dr Muireann Irish, Associate Professor, University of Sydney
1:00pm	Lunch @Macquarie	
3.00pm	Remarks	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon Mr Victor Dominello MP, NSW Minister for Finance, Services and Property
3:20pm - 4:20pm	Group Challenge Pitch Session	
7:00pm	Closing dinner @ Maritime Museum	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barry O’Farrell, Deputy Chair, Australia India Council and Former Premier of New South Wales, • B. Vanlalvawna, Consul General of India in Sydney • The Hon. Craig Laundy MP, Assistant Minister for Minister for Industry, Innovation & Science

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

The Australia India Youth Dialogue, the leading youth dialogue between the two countries, met in Melbourne and Sydney for its sixth iteration from 15 – 18 February 2017. AIYD 2017 focused on the overarching theme of innovation, with sub-themes of health, entrepreneurship and skill development. Thirty prominent youth leaders from business, start-ups, sports, NGOs, medical services, higher education, politics and media were selected to take part.

The closed-door discussions involved a candid exchange of insights which produced a range of creative policy ideas to deepen the Australia-India bilateral relationship. The delegation also visited the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute in Melbourne, and undertook a tour of the Tyree Energy Technologies Building at the University of New South Wales in Sydney.

Issues discussed included:

- Health innovation in Australia and India;
- Comparing Australian and Indian start-up ecosystems;
- Maximising impact through investing in social entrepreneurship;
- The challenge of skilling India's millions and the potential for Australia-India collaboration;
- The role of gender in skill development and the future of work.

The 2017 AIYD continued the group challenge activity introduced at the 2016 dialogue. The winning group aimed to reduce drowning deaths in India through training cooperation with Australian Surf Life Saving Clubs.

The delegation was addressed by Ms Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, the Hon. Frank McGuire, Victorian Parliamentary Secretary for Medical Research, Small Business and Innovation, Ms Manika Jain, Consul General of India in Melbourne, the Hon. Jonathon O'Dea MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the New South Wales Premier and Treasurer, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, New South Wales Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Mr Barry O'Farrell, former Premier of New South Wales and Deputy Chair of the Australia India Council, Mr B Vanlalvawna, Consul General of India in Sydney, and the Hon. Craig Laundry MP, Assistant Minister for Innovation, Health and Science.

Group Challenge

The AIYD group challenge was a key feature of the 2017 dialogue. The challenge aims to deepen connections between delegates and pushes them to explore ideas, opportunities and potential collaborations between Australia and India.

Delegates were divided into six teams of diverse country backgrounds and disciplines. Groups worked together over four days to explore, develop and present a solution in the form of a three minute pitch on the final day of the dialogue in Sydney.

The groups presented the outcomes in one of the following formats:

- a) Connect: An opportunity to implement a bilateral initiative in one country;
- b) Create: An NGO/private sector bilateral initiative; or
- c) Catalyse: Develop an initiative to enable governments to capitalise on an outstanding opportunity in the bilateral relationship.

Ideas were pitched to a judging panel comprising Professor Philomena Leung, Professor of Accounting and Associate Dean (International and Corporate Engagement), Macquarie University, Ms Belinda Howell, General Manager, Market Development, University of Technology Sydney, and the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, NSW Minister for Finance, Services and Property. The winning group aimed to reduce drowning deaths in India through training cooperation with Australian Surf Life Saving Clubs, and are currently working to operationalise their idea. Other proposals included:

- An initiative to train and develop a network of healthcare workers to provide maternal health services in rural India;
- An accelerator fund to foster greater collaboration between Australian and Indian start-ups in health innovation;
- An online tool to connect quality Indian service providers with Australian customers;
- A program which partners Australia's leading sports scientists to provide targeted support to India's burgeoning professional sports scene;
- A mobile app, 'Same Same but Different', which aims to increase understanding and tolerance of diversity among Australian and Indian children.

SESSION SUMMARIES

Day 1: Thursday 16 February 2017 – Melbourne

Welcome Session:

Introduction to the Australia-India Bilateral Relationship

The introductory session of the AIYD set the scene by exploring the state of the Australia-India relationship. Panellists discussed areas of bilateral collaboration, including business and economics, education, arts and culture. It was noted that although the texture of the relationship has changed for the better, there is significant potential to improve engagement in the economic realm. Youth engagement was identified as a key factor in enabling the relationship to move forward in more substantive ways.

Session 1

Innovation in Healthcare: From Boardroom to Bedside

The first official AIYD panel began with a discussion of the healthcare research and development (R&D) space. Indian pharmaceutical companies are working to meet challenges in the medical R&D space, and the industry is working together to move forward collectively. India has a very fertile R&D platform and researchers are able to look into how to develop newer speciality drugs at a lower cost. In India, affordability is critical, and there is potential for Australia and India to work together on this. Australia is taking leadership in the E-Health and telehealth sectors, driven by the demand for healthcare access in rural communities. There are strong complementarities here. In India, 60-70% of the population lives in rural areas, however only two per cent of the medical community is located in these areas. There is a significant opportunity to implement E-health and telehealth models in India, which could be a pilot case that could provide the data to scale such services globally. Panellists noted that getting the ecosystem and structures in place, including in government, industry, research institutes and hospital systems, is essential. Collaboration to solve healthcare problems can only be achieved if all elements work together effectively.

Session 2

IBM Watson Innovation Hour

Representatives from IBM presented their current work on the Watson artificial intelligence tool. Watson does four things: understands unstructured data; learns and teaches so that humans can understand; interacts with humans; and reasons in a genuine way. Watson is being deployed to support cancer treatment, and is being used in six hospitals in Manipal. Delegates also had the opportunity to interact with two med-tech start-ups. The first of these was Clinicloud, which aims to bring healthcare into the home with intelligent tools and services. Delegates also heard from Phoria – a company which provides immersive 360 degree video to hospital patients, and had the opportunity to try out the pre-loaded virtual reality experiences through VR headsets.

Day 2: Friday 17 February 2017 – Sydney
Session 1

Comparing Indian and Australian Start-up Ecosystems

This discussion began with a summary of India's current socioeconomic growth. Panellists highlighted the factors driving growth in the Indian start-up ecosystem, and the key stakeholders involved in the Australian start-up and impact ecosystem. Parallels were drawn between a recent shift in the Australian mindset towards risk in support of entrepreneurship and the genesis of the US start-up ecosystem. The panel discussed the level of government involvement and the role of the private sector in the start-up ecosystems of both countries. It was argued that Australian corporate incubators still needed to make a shift in mindset to understand and embrace start-up culture. The closing comments focused on the potential for collaboration between the Indian and Australian start-up ecosystems. Opportunities highlighted included technology collaboration with Indian talent, Australian entrepreneurs tapping into Indian markets, and promoting an exchange of business models or ideas. The Q & A session with the delegates was a charged and engaging discussion.

Session 2

Maximising Impact: Investing in Social Entrepreneurship

Panellists noted the global trend towards increased legislation of corporate social responsibility, which is creating significant opportunities for social enterprise. Social entrepreneurs are interested in measuring impact, and are focused on developing robust impact measurement frameworks. Convergence and integration were identified as key trends in the field. Discussion with delegates highlighted the importance of ensuring social enterprises are economically viable. Particularly in terms of social enterprises operating in India, it was argued we need to appreciate the scale of the issues being addressed through a business lens. A counterargument was made that not all social impact organisations need to be social businesses, and that it was up to organisations to demonstrate their impact. Delegates and panellists discussed the idea that major disruption of the job market may lead to more opportunities in the social impact and volunteering space.

Day 3: Saturday 18 February 2017 – Sydney
Session 1

Skilling India's Millions and the Potential for Australia-India Collaboration

This session focused on the complementarities between Australia and India's skill development needs and strengths. As a result of the demographic dividend, there are currently 850 million young people in India. It was noted that there needs to be significant investment in education, particularly in policy-level engagement and resource allocation, in order to meet the demand of skilling this burgeoning population. The opportunities for the Australian Vocational Educational and Training sector in India was discussed, particularly with regard to the challenge of scaling Australian courses to be delivered in India. The Australian model has had to be significantly adapted for the Indian context. The opportunities for implementing school-based traineeship models was discussed, in order to prepare students for their transition to the workplace. Discussion with delegates focused on the opportunities and challenges of entering the Indian market – and the importance of considering the different cultural and regulatory context was highlighted by panellists.

Session 2

Skills and the Future of Work: Gender Matters

This panel discussion opened with comments by panellists on the benefits of diversity in the workplace. The panel emphasised that in the future organisations will only be able to derive a competitive advantage if they are inclusive as workplaces. Panellists shared personal experiences of the challenges they have faced in their own fields. The importance of mentoring was highlighted by the panel, particularly in fields like science and technology. This was one of the most interactive sessions of AIYD 2017, with the moderator inviting the audience to share their own experiences. The discussion was robust. Delegates and speakers exchanged views on gender bias, the role of men in female empowerment, common practices in both Australia and India, and the way forward to greater gender parity.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

In 2016, we launched an AIYD Alumni Portal on our website to help our 180 alumni community members to connect and collaborate with each other more effectively. The portal creates a seamless experience for alumni to explore and reach out to the community. The portal will continue to include new tools and features to help AIYD drive our alumni engagement every year as we continue to grow.

AIYD alumni are pursuing opportunities to develop tangible collaboration in the Australia-India space. Some examples from 2016 are as follows:

- Shaun Star, former Chair of AIYD has launched the Centre for Australia-India studies at O.P Jindal Global University, India.
- 2015 alumna Talish Ray was awarded an Australia India Council grant in collaboration with University of Tasmania for an information resource for women and girls: "Girls Gotta Know".
- 2016 alumna Samantha Gash, an Australian ultra-marathon runner, ran 4000 kilometres across India over 76 days. Samantha's Run India project was associated with World Vision, and aimed to support six World Vision Area Development Projects in India that focus on education. AIYD was proud to award her the 2016 AIYD Alumni Grant in support of her project.
- AIYD 2016 alumni Sam Freeman and Lairenjam Niranjana Singh formed a partnership to deliver high quality skill development programs to the youth of North East India through their organisations, ARC India and JCRE Skill Solutions. The partnership will see JCRE delivering ARC's international standard course content in a number of their North Eastern centres. The initial focus is on training 100 youths in the retail sector, but will expand to many more sectors and much higher targets over the next 24 months. Sam and Niranjana formed this partnership and announced it during a signing ceremony in Manipur in April 2016, two months after they discussed it at AIYD 2016.

AUSTRALIAN DELEGATES 2017



Abhijeet Kumar Researcher, University of Sydney

Abhijeet is based in Sydney where is working as an aerospace engineer, policy researcher and freelance science communicator.

His past aerospace work has included systems engineering for a NASA lunar rover design competition, developing experimental and numerical diagnostics for thermoacoustic combustion instabilities in liquid fuelled rocket engines, and detailed design and aerodynamic analysis of components for a hypersonic spaceplane. Abhijeet also co-founded a youth-run space organisation that has now evolved to become Australia's largest such body and offers a critical intersection between academia, government and industry in advocating for Australia's space future.

Abhijeet has contributed to policy development in various international and national forums. Globally, he sits on the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC), a youth-led UN space policy working group. He has contributed to policy dialogue through SGAC conferences in Italy, China, Canada and Israel. Within Australia, Abhijeet works at a science/technology/innovation think tank and has engaged in policy work for the Australian National Transport Commission, Productivity Commission, House Committee for Education and Employment, House Committee for Agriculture and Industry, NSW Department of Transport, and the Department of Innovation, Industry and Science. Abhijeet also leads a content team that develops a weekly newsletter of innovation intelligence for the Australian academic, business and policy communities.

Abhijeet has previously lived and worked in Europe. He graduated with a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering (Hons) in 2015 and is currently at the tail-end of a Masters of Philosophy (MPhil) in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Sydney.

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Beau Leese

CEO, Intersective

Beau is co-founder and co-CEO of Intersective, an education technology startup which seeks to better connect work and learning. Our Practera platform supports collaborative project learning programs, tools and apps to enable thousands of high-quality work integrated learning experiences, from single internships to experiential case studies and large scale accelerator programs. We work with a range of leading education providers and employers in Australia and around the world.

Prior to joining Intersective full-time at the end of 2015, Beau was Head of Strategy, Innovation & International for the CSIRO - Australia's national R&D agency, with a budget of approximately \$1.4 billion. In this role, Beau led the development of CSIRO's Strategy 2020, led a major organisational reform and co-founded CSIRO's accelerator/entrepreneurship programme – CSIRO ON. Beau oversaw CSIRO's planning, performance, impact and investment functions and international operations in more than 80 countries. He was a member of CSIRO's Executive management, commercial and investment committees.

Beau was formerly a Director with Deloitte Consulting where he delivered strategy, innovation and performance improvement projects for universities, companies and government agencies, and previously co-founded two online startups. Beau was an Australian Financial Review (AFR) Boss Young Executive of the Year in 2013. He holds a Certificate in Executive Leadership, Masters in Marketing, Bachelor of Laws and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Ben Krynski

Founder & Head of Training, Real First Aid

For the past eight years, Ben has been immersed in the emergency pre-hospital field. Beginning as a medic with the Israel Ambulance Service overseas volunteer program, Ben quickly became a leader, educating others. As an Instructor, Ben ensured new medics were capable of working in an emergency ambulance under very high-pressure situations in a dynamic part of the world.

In Australia, Ben has been training emergency medical skills for the past six years, with a focus on simulation. As a member of the Simulation Australasia Human Dimensions Committee, Ben is at the forefront of evolving technologies and methodologies in simulation.

In a progression to ensure competency of qualifications in Australia, Ben transferred his skills and knowledge into an Australian Paramedics degree qualification that he completed in 2016.

As the founder of Real First Aid, Ben consistently strives for excellence by pushing the boundaries of what is possible. His work in Israel has taken him to the Gaza strip border, having to conduct transfers in and out of the Territories and Israeli hospitals, and the same in the north at the border of Syria, transferring casualties from army paramedics who have taken them from the end of the demilitarized zone.

His connection with India began in 2010 with his first trip to India. Since then, Ben has been returning to India as often as he can, most recently to train the Australian High Commission in New Delhi and to scope out the market for Real First Aid's services.



Chris Higgins

Business Head, Ideate Labs

Chris Higgins is a Business Head at Ideate Labs, one of India's most established digital marketing agencies. He oversees digital strategy and advertising for companies across India and the Middle East from the real estate, education, fashion, and retail industries.

Previously, Chris was the President of Annapurna International School of Film and Media (AISFM), a filmmaking, animation and liberal arts college in Hyderabad, India. He was a member of the founding team for the school, and helped to develop some of India's first university qualifications in film production. He was also a member of the founding team at Whistling Woods International, a Mumbai film school where he headed admissions and international affiliations. Chris was also the Indian National Head of Business Development for UK media sales agency SpaceandPeople.

Chris has a Bachelors of Business from UTS and is completing a Masters in Advertising from Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University (JNAFAU) in Hyderabad, India.

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Daniel Donnelly

Senior Policy Adviser, Victorian Department of Health and Human Services

Daniel Donnelly is the Senior Policy Adviser for Strategic Planning and Engagement in the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services. Daniel's focus is delivering Victoria's recently released International Health Strategy 2016-2020. Daniel provides advice and develops opportunities for Victoria's health sector to collaborate with partners across Asia and in particular India. Daniel has supported several initiatives that have facilitated positive outcomes between regions and enjoys building relationships with a diverse range of people. Daniel holds Master degrees in Health Administration and Business Administration and has been fortunate to live and work in several multicultural cities including Melbourne, London and New York. He has travelled to India for leisure and as part of his current role completed a six week assignment to identify collaborative opportunities between the health systems of Victoria and India.



Erin Watson-Lynn

Director, Diplomacy, Asialink (University of Melbourne)

Erin Watson-Lynn is Director of Diplomacy at Asialink, which is based at the University of Melbourne. She was recently appointed as Chair of the Advisory Board of the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education. Erin is also the co-founder of DICE (Digital, Innovative, Creative, and Entrepreneurial) Kids, whose patron is Lucy Turnbull AO.

In 2015, Erin won the Australian Federal Government's Policy Hack and was an Australian delegate to the G20 Youth Summit in Turkey. In 2016, Erin was an Australian delegate to the G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance in China. Erin has published academically and with the Lowy Institute of International Policy, the Interpreter, Australian Policy Online, Women's Agenda and Startup Smart. She has appeared on ABC's Q&A and Radio National, and KIIS FM. Erin was featured by Smart Company as one of nine female entrepreneurs to watch in 2016 and by StartCon as one of five female-led startups to watch in 2016. Erin was a 2016 finalist in the Women's Agenda Leadership Awards not-for-profit category.

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Kelly McJannett

CEO, Food Ladder

Kelly McJannett is the CEO of Food Ladder, an innovative NGO creating social enterprises to address food security internationally.

Kelly is passionate about using business to create sustainable solutions to pervasive social issues affecting communities around the world, and galvanising the power and passion of organisations and governments to the movement.

In four years, Food Ladder has transformed from the seed of an idea to an award-winning business funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade that has collectively created employment for over 300 people previously living in poverty or suffering from long-term unemployment.

With a background in communications, Kelly is experienced in developing start-ups as well as designing innovative and compelling strategies to deliver growth. Kelly has held management roles in Indigenous education, employment and development sectors before pursuing her dream of addressing food security challenges on a global scale.

With a unique model that promotes the self-sovereignty and economic independence of communities, Food Ladder is empowering disadvantaged people to grow their own produce using its hydroponic greenhouses in the slums of India through to Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory of Australia.

Working with governments to scale its reach, Kelly's vision is to provide a socially, environmentally and economically sustainable solution to food security for impoverished communities around the world.

Kelly is the recipient of the Sydney University 2016 Anstice Community Leader MBA Scholarship.

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Kuppal Palaniappan

Consultant, Deloitte

Kuppal is a member of the Social Impact Consulting and Technology Advisory teams. The Social Impact practice is a specialised team that works at the intersection of government, business and the nonprofit sector to tackle society's most complex challenges, and ignite and inspire social change.

Kuppal has over seven years' experience in the public, private and social sector. Her areas of expertise include IT strategy, governance, growth strategy, operating model design and innovation. Kuppal is also working on executing Deloitte's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan.

Kuppal is the co-founder of Soleful Shoes, an online designer shoe store for women with size 4-5 and size 10-11 feet. Our shoes are made in Bangalore, India, and our business model aims to make an impact to communities without access to shoes. When a customer purchases a pair of shoes, they have the option of donating a lightly worn pair of shoes to our impact partner, Dress for Success Sydney.

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Linh Do

Editor-in-Chief, The Verb

Linh Do is a social change advocate and has been working on environmental issues since 2006. She has a background in community organising, campaigning, journalism, and strategy development. Linh has worked with a wide array of individuals, from high school students to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Reuters Foundation. Linh co-founded OurSay, a technology service, and is currently the editor-in-chief at The Verb, an environmental newswire service telling the stories that matter. It specialises in covering UN processes through localising and humanising climate change stories.

Linh obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and Environmental Studies) from the University of Melbourne. She has completed a fellowship at the Centre for Sustainability Leadership and further professional studies at the Harvard Kennedy School.

In 2013, Linh was named a World Economic Forum Global Shaper, Australian Geographic Young Conservationist of the Year and one of Junior Chamber International Outstanding Young Persons of the World. She is signed with BookedOut Agency and Claxton Speakers. Linh is based in Melbourne with extensive overseas experience.

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Michael O'Sullivan

Managing Director, Formula Advisory Network Pvt Limited

Michael O'Sullivan is the Managing Director of an advisory practice called Formula. Before starting up Formula Advisory Network Pvt Limited and taking his role as Managing Director, Michael had close to 15 years experience with a leading Chartered Accounting Firm in Sydney, Australia. During this period Michael specialised in the field of outsourced accounting and financial services. Before he left the firm in December 2013 he had successfully developed and implemented their outsourcing business model which was turning over more than \$10 million AUD per annum.

Michael spent a majority of those years travelling to India and spent his final 12 months with the firm based in India, living there full time. It was during those 12 months that Michael came to realise an opportunity existed for him to start his own company in India. By drawing on his expertise and experience, he could help other businesses around the world implement their own outsourcing business models.

Formula was incorporated in January 2014 which saw Michael actively involved in the development of IT, recruitment and training. Formula now has more than 60 staff on the ground that report to him every day. Michael is always available for his member firm clients and continues to liaise with member firm offices on a daily basis, he plays a key role in aligning cultures between the offices and ensuring workflow between offices remain accurate and timely.

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Monique Schafter

Journalist, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)

Monique Schafter is a Walkley Award winning journalist and documentary filmmaker who reports for the ABC's nightly flagship current affairs program, 7.30.

She has interviewed icons such as Academy Award winner Jodie Foster, Russian feminist punk collective Pussy Riot and rock legend Iggy Pop, and has sought out the voices of young asylum seekers, LGBTI trailblazers, domestic violence survivors, and an assortment of everyday heroes with fascinating stories.

Previously, Monique co-hosted the ABC's ground-breaking current affairs / comedy program Hungry Beast, produced by Andrew Denton.

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Neil Pharaoh

Consultant

For over a decade, Neil Pharaoh has led public policy, advocacy, and business issue campaigns on behalf of corporations, foundations, and nonprofit organisations. He created and chaired the Australian Labor Party's core national rights organisation for social justice and equality issues. His chairmanship and campaigning led to over 200 significant legislative and regulatory changes in Australia. Neil's deep knowledge of government relations positions him as a leading authority on the intersection of civil society, business and government.

Neil has developed and executed the strategic frameworks, corporate social responsibility and advocacy initiatives for a number of major international and Australian businesses including Samsung, Shell, Accenture, Westpac, and Bank of Melbourne. In civil society, his business development and lobbying expertise resulted in over \$100m of additional government investment into social service programs.

Neil serves on the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) panel on Civics and Democracy, and is the Australian Co-Chair of the Nexus Global Philanthropy Movement. Neil holds a Juris Doctorate in Laws and a degree in Commerce from the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia.

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Rikki Jayne Mawad

**Researcher & Sessional Lecturer, Tasmania Law Reform Institute,
University of Tasmania**

Rikki is an Arts/Law/Hons graduate of the University of Tasmania. She holds a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice and was admitted as a Legal Practitioner in the Supreme Court of Tasmania in 2009.

In 2012, Rikki completed her Masters in Conflict and Dispute Resolution at James Cook University, and in 2013 graduated from the Tasmanian Leaders Program – all while working as an Adviser in the Federal Parliament, the Senate and the Tasmanian Parliament (2010 – 2014).

Rikki is passionate about education. The recipient of numerous awards for the furtherance of education, she has continued to make contribution on the Boards of organisations which support equity of access: the former Tasmanian Academy, the Colony 47 Partnership Brokers Scheme, the Link Youth Health Service, and now, Chatter Matters.

Rikki is currently a Sessional Lecturer in the Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania, and is also working across a range of projects within the Tasmania Law Reform Institute. Her primary work relates to measures to improve access to justice for people with disability and complex communication needs in the criminal justice system. She has also been involved in a project with the Women's Legal Service and TRS Law Offices in India.

An experienced traveller, Rikki has been through close to 50 Countries, including working and volunteering in Eastern Africa and South America.

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Sahil Shekhar

Management Consultant, McKinsey & Company

Sahil is a Management Consultant at McKinsey & Company, where he helps governments and leading companies solve strategic and operational problems.

He has previously worked as a Consultant with the World Bank and with various federal and city governments. He worked with Mumbai's Municipal Government to implement a city-wide school reform program. He has also worked with the Government of India to help draft the National Policy on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and to launch the Skill India campaign. Sahil is a Director of Tappl, a mobile-based platform that uses peer-feedback to better match job seekers to jobs.

An economist by training, Sahil completed his Masters at the Harvard Kennedy School, where his research focused on strategies to make India's labor and education markets more efficient and meritocratic. His thesis, 'Putting India to Work: Resolving Information Failures to Fill the Skill Gap' was awarded an Honorable Mention for Distinguished Performance. He has also worked with the McKinsey Global Institute, a leading think-tank, to produce and publish 'Reverse the Curse: Maximizing the Potential of Resource-Driven Economies'.

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Stephanie Rice

Entrepreneur, RACERiCE/Rice Enterprises

Becoming an Olympic Swimmer was my childhood dream. I was fortunate enough to reach the absolute pinnacle of my career as an athlete and now be able to use my success as a platform to connect, share and contribute to organisations that are meaningful to me.

Being an entrepreneur allows me the freedom to dream big and create a company that aligns with my core values of health, empowerment and giving back to those less fortunate than myself.

Knowing that I have been able to have a positive impact on other people's lives, and contributing to causes that will change the world is what fulfils me the most.

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INDIAN DELEGATES 2017



Anukriti Pandey

Writer, Star India Private Limited (21st Century Fox)

An ex-civil servant with the Government of India and a current Writer/Creative Director in the Indian film and television industry, I am having an exciting life journey. I work with 21st Century Fox and specifically for the Content Studio of Star India Private Limited.

I come from a small town, studied in the national capital and work in the financial capital of India. Each phase of my life has contributed to a more holistic world-view, and am still growing daily. Formally having studied English Literature and Sociology at Lady Shri Ram College and Delhi School of Economics respectively, I am immensely interested in the world and its people.

Storytelling is my way of both coping with life and living it meaningfully. I want to take Indian TV and cinema to a level where we are truly proud of what we produce. I am resolved to work towards that end ceaselessly.

Books, music, theatre, cinema and the arts in general are things that I surround myself with, all the time. I travel a lot and love learning from every new experience. I hope more and more people realise how important it is to celebrate variety and cultural relativity, especially in the context of today's world when we are mostly drifting apart. I incorporate those themes in my stories and execute the thought too.

I love sports and play badminton, table-tennis and basketball. And I think every problem in the world can be solved with good food.



Atrey P Sawant

Business Head, Mandovi Drydocks

Atrey P Sawant is the Business Head at Mandovi Drydocks. He has a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Gogte Institute of Technology, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (PGDBM) from the Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS).

Mandovi Drydocks is based out of Goa and the company is into shipbuilding of aluminium and steel vessels. The company has started building support vessels for the navy and is now working on unmanned surface vessels.

Currently, Atrey is the Vice-Chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) Goa Chapter and also Honorary Secretary of the Shipyard Association of Goa. Atrey is also on the Institute Management Committee of the Industrial Training Institute, which focuses on skill development.



Deepak Gauri

Aide-de-Camp to the Governor of Mizoram, Mizoram, India

I am an officer of the 2011 batch of the Indian Police Service (IPS), one of the three All India Services. I possess a degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Thapar University, Patiala, Punjab (formerly known as TIET, Patiala). Immediately prior to joining the IPS, I briefly worked as a Parliamentary Fellow with Sh. Naveen Jindal, the then Member of Parliament of Kurukshetra in Haryana. Since joining IPS in 2011, I have served with distinction for three years in various capacities in the Delhi Police, tackling sensitive law and order issues, investigations into gruesome crimes and preventing crime with an unwavering focus on ensuring the safety of women.

During my two-year stint as Assistant Commissioner of Police of Defence Colony in South District of Delhi, I supervised the arrangements for two legislative assembly elections and a general election, which were peacefully concluded. The sheer numbers and resources directly commandeered by me to maintain law and order in the area – 1,300 personnel of paramilitary, 800-900 personnel of the district police, anti-riot equipment, vehicles, water cannons, etc – indicate the magnitude of the responsibility shouldered as a young police officer.

I have also served in the Delhi Traffic Police as Deputy Commissioner of Police for a brief period and was part of the core group of field officers which executed the traffic arrangements for the India-Africa Forum Summit held in October in New Delhi. I am currently posted as Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor of Mizoram at Raj Bhawan, Aizawl, Mizoram. I have a keen interest in geopolitics and strategic affairs besides core policing subjects such as law and order management, investigation, prevention of crime, tackling cyber crimes, etc.

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Guru Prakash

Senior Research Fellow, India Foundation

Guru Prakash completed his graduation in Law from National Law Institute University, Bhopal, and Masters in Law (LL.M) from Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. He is presently pursuing his doctoral research (Ph.D. in Law) on the topic of Article 370 of the Constitution of India from the University of Delhi. He writes on socio-political issues on a freelance basis with various publications. He is also looking after the youth outreach program of Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DICCI, www.dicci.org). Guru is also working with Human Rights Defense International, a New Delhi-based NGO working for the issues of Human Rights concerning the Indian diaspora. He is presently working as a Senior Research Fellow and Project Head at a New Delhi-based think tank called India Foundation.

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Kushan Mitra

Managing Editor, The Pioneer

Kushan Mitra is the Managing Editor of The Pioneer. His career in journalism started a decade and a half ago, when as a Masters student he started working in The Hindustan Times as an intern covering the booming Indian business sector. As the India story started to take off in various sectors such as telecom, automotive and aviation, he carried on writing and reporting stories from across the country and quit his studies because seeing the India story unfold in front of him was fascinating. He moved on to Business Today, India's leading business magazine, as a features writer and wrote stories on virtually every sector of the Indian economy as well as Indian polity. He rose through the ranks in nine years, ending up as a Senior Associate Editor.

Kushan then moved to The Pioneer, India's second-oldest English daily, to write on various sectors, look after digital initiatives and at extending the brand. In addition to writing stories on Indian business, he is a long-time motorhead and a motoring journalist, although he prefers the term 'motor noter' and has been reviewing life on four wheels for his publications and others over the years.

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Mitali Mukherjee

Special Education Consultant & Business Journalist

Mitali Mukherjee is one of the most well known faces in the world of business journalism in India. With over 15 years' experience in the television industry, she has handled a wide range of issues — from politics to global and local economics.

She has also worked on issues of socio-economic importance with organisations like The World Bank .

In Television, she has worked with the TV18 Network, The TV Today group, Doordarshan (India's National Broadcaster) & BBC World.

As former News & Markets Editor at CNBC TV18, Mitali curated & anchored a gamut of issues including equity markets, global economic trends and investor education. She has also reported and anchored on key environmental and social issues such as the power crisis in India and the agri sector .

A gold medallist in Television Journalism from the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Delhi and a gold medallist in Political Science (Honours) from Delhi University, Mitali brings a unique perspective to her interaction with expert panels and viewers alike.

In the field of education, Mitali holds a postgraduate qualification in teaching children with learning disabilities and works on assessing and remediating children with dyslexia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia. She has also created learning tools specifically for children where English is not the primary language.

With a strong people-connect, Mitali brings a deep understanding of India's socio-economic strengths and weaknesses and a passion for the twin fields of journalism and education.

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Neeraj Gupta

Co-Founder & Director, FormulateIP/Excubator

Neeraj is Founder & CEO at FormulateIP based in India and USA. Applying his business and technical background, he assists clients in protecting and expanding their domestic and international knowledge-based businesses using IP protection, licensing and strategic planning.

He is a Co-founder and Director at Excubator, which provides guidance and support needed to entrepreneurs for building a successful entrepreneurial practice. Additionally, he is Founder and Managing Director at Lawcubator, a technology firm in the legal domain.

Neeraj is CEO at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee's startup incubator called TIDES. He is Co-founder of PanIIT Mentors, a Nation Building Initiative under PanIIT.

Neeraj is also Executive Council member and Treasurer for IIT Alumni Centre Bangalore. He is founding EC member of the Federation of Indo-Israeli Chamber of Commerce (South). He is one of the experts at Swissnex India (www.swissnexindia.org) and advises Swiss startups.

Neeraj is the author of the book *Creating & safeguarding a strong Intellectual Property Portfolio*, written in collaboration with SIDBI, Adelphi and KFW Bank Germany.

He holds a Bachelors of Technology degree from IIT in Metallurgical and Material Sciences. He completed his M.S. in Mathematics from KTH in the year 2004 and has completed PGPM in General Management from UCLA Anderson School of Management. Neeraj is Chairman for KTH Alumni India Chapter. He is a senior mentor and visiting faculty in several engineering and MBA colleges and also serves on the board of advisors of several organisations.



Priyanka Chaturvedi

National Spokesperson, Indian National Congress

Priyanka Chaturvedi is the National Spokesperson of the Indian National Congress. She is a regular on television channels on various issues on Indian politics, women empowerment, child rights, education and health. She was a part of ISB's 10000 Women programme, a scholarship programme by Goldman Sachs for women entrepreneurs. She was selected to be a part of a delegation of young political leaders chosen by the UK High Commission and CPA UK to visit London to understand their democracy better. Recently, a website named her amongst the top 10 upcoming Indian women politicians.

Priyanka is a trustee of two NGOs that are closely working in the space of children's education and women empowerment. Priyanka contributes her opinion columns in various newspapers and online sites. Priyanka's book review blog is also amongst the top ten blogs on books in India. In 2015, she was nominated for and participated in the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and Zeit Stiftung's programme Asian Forum on Global Governance.

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Puneet Jhajharia

Founder and Director, CropConnect Enterprises Pvt Ltd.

Puneet Jhajharia is the co-founder and director of CropConnect Enterprises Pvt Ltd. CropConnect was established in 2013 with an aim to connect Indian farmers directly to markets. Puneet along with the CropConnect team travelled over 70,000 kms and across 21 Indian states to identify the problem they wanted to solve. They found thousands of smallholder farmers including women growing nutritious indigenous crops more suited to the local agro-climatic conditions. These farmers were struggling to market these products beyond local markets.

Puneet wants to change the way Indians, farmers and consumers, grow and consume their food. Through his initiative, Original Indian Table, Puneet empowers and incentivises Indian smallholder farmers to grow indigenous crops by creatively marketing them directly to consumers looking to source sustainable, socially responsible products. Today, Original Indian Table sources from over 8,000 farmers across nine states and 13 farmer groups, of which four are women-owned.

Prior to CropConnect, Puneet started and led the India office of Grassroots Business Fund (an impact investing venture capital fund) and also worked as Vice President Technology at Goldman Sachs, New York. Puneet holds an MBA from New York University and a Masters of Engineering from Cornell University, Ithaca, USA.

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Rohini Rau

Doctor, Kauvery Hospital

Rohini Rau is India's top woman sailor. Her best World ISAF Ranking is 94 and 5th in Asia. She created history by winning India's first international gold medal by a women's youth team at the Asian Sailing Championship in 2004, three months before her Class 12th board exams. She has participated in eight World Championships and numerous international events, winning six international medals and 32 National Medals, including eight Consecutive National titles in the Laser Radial. She campaigned for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Rohini completed her degree (MBBS) at Chengalpet Govt. Medical College and is now working as a Duty Medical Officer at Kauvery Hospital, Chennai. She also works as a Mentor with Villgro (a Nonprofit organisation that focuses on spotting, mentoring and incubating innovations that have maximum potential to change lives in rural India.)

Rohini is the Outgoing Curator of the Chennai Hub Global Shapers Community (an initiative of the World Economic Forum) and a 2009 TEDIndia Fellow. She had participated in an International Design Development Summit (IDDS) in Chennai in July 2015, where she was a part of a team that was developing prototypes of 'Baby Tempit', an axillary specific thermometer for neonates. Recently, she has been appointed to the Global Shapers Alumni Advisory Council.

Rohini's latest involvement has been with the 'Medical Clowning' programme started by The Little Theatre, Chennai. She actively does sessions at the government children's hospital once a week.

Rohini is currently working as a health researcher with the National Geographic Okavango Wilderness Project. She was in Angola for three weeks for a basic health care needs assessment.

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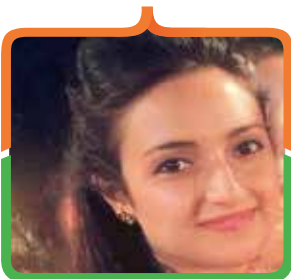


Seemant Jauhari

CEO, Apollo Research & Innovations (ARI), Apollo Hospitals

Seemant Jauhari is a visionary in healthcare research and innovations. He has over 14 years' experience in General Management, Strategy, Business Consulting & Innovations. Seemant is currently the CEO of Apollo Research & Innovations (ARI), a division of Apollo Hospitals, India. He also heads Apollo Hospitals Educational & Research Foundation (AHERF), an entity focused on facilitating clinical research. Seemant is also a Director on three Apollo Hospitals joint venture entities focused on Bio-banking, cord blood banking. His forte has been commencing new initiatives and establishing enterprises through innovative business models. He has been instrumental in architecting new businesses and collaborations in Life Sciences, Genetics, Medical Devices and Software converging multiple healthcare related interfaces.

In his previous assignments, Seemant has had diverse experiences across business consulting at Ernst & Young, including investment promotion for one of the most progressive states in India, Strategy & Transformation at Nokia Solutions Networks and IT consulting at Tata Consultancy Services. An avid sportsman, Seemant never misses his game of tennis. He is widely travelled internationally and has actively contributed to community services through Rotary International. Seemant is a post graduate from the Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad and an engineer from the Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra.



Shilpa Dhamija

Founder, Editor in Chief, Luxuryvolt

Shilpa Dhamija is the founder of LuxuryVolt, one of southeast Asia's most influential luxury lifestyle editorial startups. LuxuryVolt also maintains presence in popular offline mediums like The Telegraph, The Hindu Business Line and Hello! Magazine, with luxury trend reports and expert opinion articles.

Shilpa completed a long stint with NDTV, India's most respected English news channel, before venturing on the LuxuryVolt journey. She is also a gadget and consumer technology reviewer, who produced and directed a tech show, which during her stint became the highest rated 'tech show' in the history of Indian Television.

Shilpa's work as a TV journalist started with CNBC TV 18 and CNN-IBN, the former Indian partner of CNN, where she covered politics, business, crime beats. She has also worked with the Times of India newspaper, prior to her job at this network.

As an AIYD 2017 delegate, she hopes to encourage the growth of young entrepreneurs and initiatives to promote tourism & culture between India and Australia.

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Shutapa Paul

Group Editor, Newsd Media Pvt. Ltd.

Shutapa Paul has been a journalist for almost 11 years, having worked across various mediums such as television, newspapers and magazines. Currently, she is Group Editor of a digital media startup called Newsd, where she leads the editorial team. Newsd has short news apps, a website, YouTube channels etc. Shutapa has also started a YouTube channel dedicated to startups called NewCrop in association with NASSCOM's 10,000 Startups.

Hailing from Kolkata, Shutapa is based out of New Delhi. After completing her Bachelor's in English (Honours) from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, Shutapa went on to pursue her Post-Graduate Diploma in Broadcast Journalism from Asian College of Journalism, Chennai. She also represented India at Thomson Reuter's Editorial Judgement programme held in London, UK in 2014.

During the span of her career, Shutapa has worked for well-known brands such as NDTV, NewsX, India Today, The Week, and Forbes India. She is a keen observer of politics, economy, policy and current affairs. Interviewing people who matter, simplifying complex economic and policy matters, unearthing human interest stories and diving deep into every story, keeps Shutapa motivated. She has also founded a media consultancy startup called Dharma Media Consultants.

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Sudip Chakraborty

AFL & EFC Community Officer, Essendon Football Club

I have been passionately and voluntarily developing Australian Football in India since 2011. After representing India in the sport in 2008, I took up charge to grow the game in India along with leading the team on field to India's first international victory in the sport.

I completed my Masters in Sport Management from the UK, and spent time in footy-playing countries in Europe to learn how the sport is being grown overseas. I also did my Masters thesis on 'How to promote Footy in Europe.' I then returned home to dedicate myself to grow footy in India.

I travelled around India at my own expense to start footy in the diverse areas of India as most of our players come from poor families living in the slums or distant villages.

I was able to successfully receive the Australian Government's Sport Outreach Programme grant, which helped establish the national federation of the sport, 'Australian Rules Football Association of India.' This programme saw 3,000 kids play footy across three states of India. I was also successful in receiving the Direct Aid Programme grant from the Australian High Commission in India and work with 1,700 indigenous kids in Odisha.

I managed both the AFL International Cups in 2011 and 2014 for the Indian team, and got the Richmond Football Club to support us.

At the moment, I am working as a 'Community Officer' with Essendon FC and AFL Victoria, focusing on engaging Indian communities in Australia with Footy.

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Vikram Sampath

Author/Historian/Director

Vikram Sampath is the author of three acclaimed books of non-fiction: 'Splendours of Royal Mysore: the untold story of the Wodeyars', 'My name is Gauhar Jaan! : the life and times of a musician' and 'Voice of the Veena: S. Balachander, biography'. The book on Gauhar Jaan won him several laurels, including India's National Academy of Letters, the Sahitya Akademi's first Yuva Puraskar in English literature and the Association of Recorded Sound Companies (ARSC) International Award for Excellence in Historical Research in New York. The book has been adapted to a play directed by Lillette Dubey and written by Mahesh Dattani. Vikram was among four artists and writers to be selected for the prestigious Residential Programme at the Rashtrapati Bhawan by the Honourable President of India.

Vikram is an Electronics Engineer and Mathematician from BITS-Pilani, an MBA in Finance from SP Jain, Mumbai and is finishing his PhD in Music History from the University of Queensland, Australia. He has worked in several leading multinational companies like GE Money, Citibank and Hewlett Packard, the Government of India's Ministry of Culture where he headed the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and as the Director of Symbiosis School of Media and Communication (SSMC).

Vikram has established India's first digital sound archive for preservation of vintage gramophone records of the country called the Archive of Indian Music (AIM) and co-founded India's second largest literary conclave, the Bangalore Literature Festival (BLF) in 2012. He is currently a Fellow of the Aspen Global Leadership Programme, has been a visiting Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Study) in Berlin, and serves on several Government bodies like the Karnataka Knowledge Commission, Karnataka Tourism Vision Group, Sam Pitroda Commission on national archives and Prasar Bharati core committee on archives. He is also a member of the International Society for Music Education (ISME) and one of the representatives of India in this group. A trained Carnatic vocalist under several eminent gurus such as Vid. D V Nagaraj, Smt. Bombay Jayashri and Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh, he writes regularly for newspapers and magazines.

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AIYD PROGRAMME SPEAKERS

Day 0: 15 February 2017
Welcome Dinner: 7.00pm

Speakers



Preeti Saran

Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, India

Ambassador Preeti Saran is Secretary (East) of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). She joined the MEA in 1982, and has most recently served as Ambassador of India to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. She has also undertaken diplomatic postings to Toronto, Geneva, Cairo, Dhaka and Moscow. In New Delhi, she has served as Joint Secretary (SAARC/North), Deputy Secretary / Director (Establishment) / East Asia, and Under Secretary (ICCR/AMS). She is married to Pankaj Saran, Ambassador of India to Russia, and has two sons.



Frank McGuire

**Parliamentary Secretary, Medical Research,
Innovation for Small Business**

Frank McGuire has enjoyed significant careers as a Member of Parliament, internationally acclaimed innovator, businessman, and dual winner of Australian journalism's most prestigious honour, the Walkley Award.

He is Victoria's first Parliamentary Secretary for Medical Research and is also Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Innovation. Frank has driven Victoria's medical research strategy since December 2014 to lead Australia in a bigger and bolder fashion globally.

Day 1: 16 February 2017
9.00am - 10.00am

Welcome - Introduction to the Australia-India Relationship

MODERATOR



Danielle Rajendram

**Policy Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade,
Australia (AIYD 2014 Alumnus)**

Danielle Rajendram is a Policy Officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. Previously, Danielle worked as a Research Associate in the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, where her work focused on Indian foreign and domestic policy, China-India relations and broader Asian strategic issues.

Danielle holds a Master of International Law from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of International Studies from the University of New South Wales, with a major in Asian Studies. During her undergraduate degree she spent a year studying international relations and Japanese language at Keio University in Tokyo.

Danielle participated as a delegate in the 2014 Australia India Youth Dialogue in Hyderabad and New Delhi, and has been a member of the Steering Committee since 2015.

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SPEAKERS



John WH Denton AO

Partner and Chief Executive Officer, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

John is a Partner and Chief Executive Officer at Corrs Chambers Westgarth. He is a Co-Chair of the B20 'Financing Growth and Infrastructure' Taskforce, Chair of the BCA's Global Engagement Task Force; member of the BCA's Business Reputation Workgroup; board member of Asialink; board member of Teach for Australia; Chairman (emeritus) of the Experts Group on Trade and Investment in Indonesia, and a founding member of the Australia China CEO Roundtable meetings.

He is one of two originating members of the B20, the business reference group of the G20, and is a Member of the Australian B20 Leadership Group. He was also a member of the Australian Government advisory panel overseeing the development of the 'Australia in the Asian Century' White Paper.

A former diplomat, John was a Panel Member of the Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness and has been Chairman of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Australia for more than a decade.

In 2015, John was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to the business community, the arts and the rights of refugees.



Manika Jain

Consul General of India, Consulate General of India, Melbourne

Upon completion of her Post Graduation in Law from the University of Delhi, Manika Jain joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1993.

During her diplomatic career, Ms. Jain served in Indian Missions in Portugal, Myanmar and Indonesia. At Headquarters, she has been on deputation to the Ministry of Commerce and worked in the Trade Policy Division dealing with matters related to W.T.O. In the Ministry of External Affairs, she has worked in Divisions which look after relations between India and countries of East Asia and India's Eastern Neighbours. She has also served as Director at the Indian Council of World Affairs, and Head of Division at Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi.

She has been Consul General of India, Melbourne since 17th October 2013.

Session 1: 10.00am - 11.00am

Innovation in Healthcare: From Boardroom to Bedside

MODERATOR



Rachel Altmann

Manager International Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet

Rachel has over 15 years experience working within government, managing portfolios such as innovation, clinical skills training, health, research, and social insurance. She has worked in Europe and Asia, and has post graduate qualifications in health and business.

Rachel is currently Manager, International Engagement with the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet, where her responsibilities include the provision of advice around Victorian Government engagement with India.

In 2017, Rachel will lead the development of a Victorian Government strategy for engaging with India. Previously, Rachel was Manager, International Health at the Department of Health and Human Services, where she led the development of Victoria's International Health Strategy 2016-20, and was responsible for Victorian Government engagement on health and medical research.

Rachel is passionate about social policy, health system design and delivery, and innovation in public services, with a particular interest in the application of collaborative commerce principles to public service delivery.

SPEAKERS



Suvir Khanchandani

Commercial Manager-Business Development, Cipla

Suvir Khanchandani originally hails from Mumbai, India and has graduated with an MBA (Marketing) from the University of Technology, Sydney. He also holds a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Mumbai and has completed a three-week study tour at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, focusing on topics like Global Strategies in Emerging Markets, Microfinance, Entrepreneurship and IT Outsourcing in India.

Suvir is now employed by one of India's leading pharmaceutical companies, Cipla Ltd., and is stationed out of their ANZ Corporate Office in Melbourne as Commercial Manager-Business Development. Prior to joining the team in Melbourne, he was a member of the International Business division at Cipla's HQ in Mumbai, working with the Global Marketing Services and Global Oncology teams of the organisation. He has also been involved in the Australian Sporting Goods industry as a Sales Executive in Sydney. Prior to that worked with one of Australia's prominent telecommunications providers catering to the backpackers/travellers segment.

Suvir was also part of the UTS Peer Network and graduated from the BUiLD (Beyond UTS International Leadership Development) programme at the UTS Business School. He also developed sound leadership skills and completed an internship with an organisation funded by the Department of Mental Health & Ageing with a focus on improving the organisation's business in the digital space.

Suvir commentates on sports and current political trends via twitter, maintains a cricket blog and follows the AFL during the Aussie winter.

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Sue MacLeman

CEO & MD, MTPConnect

Sue MacLeman has more than 25 years' experience as a pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical technology executive. She has held roles in corporate, medical, commercial and business development at Schering-Plough Corporation (now Merck), Amgen, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Mesoblast Ltd.

Sue has also served as CEO and Board Member of several ASX and NASDAQ listed companies in the sector and is currently a Non-Executive Director at Reproductive Health Sciences Ltd and Oventus Medical Ltd.

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SPEAKERS



Dr James Dromey

Chief Operating Officer, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute

James is Chief Operating Officer at the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute (MCRI), one of Australia's largest research institutes with close to 2,000 researchers working across all areas of child and adolescent health.

Prior to this, he was General Manager – Business Development & Strategy at MCRI, where he led the development and commercialisation of a pipeline of more than 400 research projects on new drugs, devices, diagnostics and digital health technologies.

James championed the Murdoch Childrens' drive into digital health and has positioned the Institute as an international leader in this area. He led the development and implementation of a new model in medical research that facilitates greater collaboration and knowledge transfer across health and technology, engineering and ICT sectors.

James has over 17 years' experience in health and medical research, both as a research scientist and in technology innovation and commercialisation. Previously, James was Business Development Manager at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne, where he led a number of strategic collaborations with industry partners ranging from SMEs, to top five international pharmaceutical and Fortune 500 companies. As a research scientist, he was part of a team that developed a first-in-class vaccine for celiac disease that went on to raise over \$35 million and is now in clinical trials. His work has resulted in the filing of three patent applications, two of which have been commercialised. James is currently a Non-Executive Director of GI Therapies, an unlisted spin-out from the Murdoch Childrens.

MODERATOR



Siddharth Verma

Founder and Managing Director, Corazon Systems

Sid is an Entrepreneur, HealthTech Evangelist, STEM advocate and community curator. He has diverse industry and consulting experience, with a focus on innovation, startups, strategy and operations.

Sid is a Health Technology Evangelist with over 20 years' experience in ICT. His health technology consulting business, Corazon Systems, specialises in designing, implementation and managing a secure, paperless and efficient cloud-hosted practice for small to medium healthcare practitioners (GPs, Specialists, Surgeons and Allied Health).

Sid is an active member of the digital health community in Australia and is a Co-Founder of Startup HealthTech. Over the last three years, he grew that community to become the fourth largest healthtech meet-up group in the world with over 2,000 members. As a Co-Founder of Peak15 Healthtech, he is building Australia's most powerful Healthtech commercialisation and mentoring network.

Continuing his entrepreneurial journey, he launched BrainSTEM (a nont-for-profit organisation) in June 2016. BrainSTEM is a research and innovation based program, which offers high school students practical experience, working on real world problems to produce innovative solutions - while being mentored by some of Australia's top scientists. With a goal to create a 'Global STEM Collaboration platform' BrainSTEM has a strong focus on gender equality as well as inclusion of students from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

Sid has been a Mentor (IBM Smart Camp 2015, Health XL Aging Hackathon 2015 & 2016, Hacking Health 2016, Swinburne University ARC Bio Devices PhD program) and is also a guest lecturer at the University of Melbourne Masters in Health IT program.

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Day 2: 17 February 2017
Entrepreneurship

Welcome Address: 9.30am



Belinda Howell

Chief of Market Development at UTS:INSEARCH

Belinda Howell joined UTS:INSEARCH in November 2011 and has extensive experience in senior marketing and corporate affairs positions within a diverse range of services industries – financial services, professional services, travel and tourism, and higher education – in respected organisations such as Royal Doulton, British Airways, Macquarie Bank, Rabobank and KPMG. Through her leadership of sales, marketing, product development, market intelligence and corporate communications, Belinda is responsible for attracting International and Australian students to UTS:INSEARCH and for the institution's reputation and profile.

Belinda has a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in French, a Graduate Diploma in Management and a Master of Business Administration. She has been awarded the Company Directors Diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has also completed the Advanced Management Programme at INSEAD in France. Belinda has served on several not-for-profit boards and runs a small beef cattle property. She has a particular interest in mental health and is currently undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Counselling.



Stephen Rutter

Manager, Business Practice, University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

Stephen Rutter comes to the UTS Business School as Manager of the Business Practice unit with over 15 years' experience in global business environments of entertainment travel and logistics. He has worked for Cathay Pacific Airways and as General Manager, Showfilm, a \$30m business unit of Show Group, Australia's largest entertainment logistics company. Graduating from the Executive MBA at UTS in 2013, Stephen was seconded to Flinders University as an Executive in Residence and provided their New Venture Institute with a strategic business plan. This plan aims to further the University's commitment to entrepreneurial and innovative initiatives. In conjunction with postgraduate programs, Stephen is managing Business Practice that facilitates the Business School's engagement with UTS faculty and industry on open programs, customised corporate offerings, unique events, MBA programs (such as Integrated Business Consulting and Entrepreneurial Integrated Practice) as well as entrepreneurial activities.

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Session 1: 9.40am - 10.40am

Comparing Indian and Australian Startup Ecosystems

MODERATOR



Avi Naidu

Managing Director, Taronga Group (AIYD Alumnus 2016)

Avi is a Co-Founder and Managing Director of the Taronga Group of companies. Taronga is an Australian-based investment house specialising in technology and real estate-related investment for institutional and high net worth clients globally.

Prior to founding Taronga, Avi founded and served as Managing Director of Aura Funds Management. Prior to establishing Aura Funds Management, Avi was an investment banker with a leading independent corporate advisory firm, and before that, a solicitor in the Mergers & Acquisitions team at Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King & Wood Mallesons).

Avi has worked across sectors including industrials, telecommunications, media & technology (TMT), resources, and financial services, advising both public and private companies on a range of complex M&A transactions and general corporate advisory work. As a lawyer, Avi specialised in M&A, equity capital fundraisings, public takeovers, private treaty acquisitions/disposals, funds management, and general corporate advisory work. Avi has significant experience advising public company boards, management and government.

Avi holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance and Economics) from the University of Sydney, a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) and is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW and the High Court of Australia.

SPEAKERS



Anup Vikal **Chief Financial Officer, Snapdeal**

Anup is currently the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Snapdeal, India's most impactful digital commerce ecosystem that creates life-changing experiences for buyers and sellers. Started in 2010, Snapdeal is India's largest online marketplace, with the widest assortment of over 15 million products across more than 500 diverse categories from thousands of regional, national, and international brands and retailers. With millions of users and 200,000 sellers, Snapdeal is the shopping destination for internet users across the country, delivering to over 5,000 cities and towns in India. Snapdeal has partnered with several global marquee investors and individuals such as SoftBank, BlackRock, eBay Inc., Premji Invest, Intel Capital, and Ratan Tata, among others.

Anup is a seasoned business leader with over 25 years of experience and exposure to multiple geographies including India, USA, Western Europe, UK and Japan. In his vast career, he has gained invaluable experience of working in diverse sectors such as Banking and Financial services, Telecom, ITES, and Aviation and Hospitality.

Over the years, Anup has exhibited strong leadership competencies in funding and treasury, Mergers and Acquisitions, customer and technology orientation. He possesses strong entrepreneurial and commercial acumen, and the ability to build and motivate large teams to drive and achieve results.

Anup has extensive exposure to funding, transactions including M&A, managing liquidity events, creating and managing joint ventures and managing complex legal and regulatory environments. He is also credited with building and nurturing very robust governance structures in high growth and complex regulatory environments.

Prior to joining Snapdeal, Anup was the CFO of Aircel, one of India's leading innovative telecom services providers. His past assignments include being the Group CFO and Head of strategy & IT at InterGlobe Enterprises, Chief Planning Officer at Bharti Airtel Limited and stints with Colt Telecom Plc, Citicorp and Tata Home Finance.



Topaz Conway

Chair Springboard Australia, Director Telstra Industry Advisory Board, Director StartupAUS, Commercialisation Advisor AC Program.

Topaz Conway has been growing businesses for over 20 years, including two of her own. She started working with start-up companies in Seattle, USA in 2000, as a Founder, CEO, Venture Capitalist and finally as an Investor. Her experience spans a number of industries, including IT, e-commerce, bio-engineering, and med-tech.

Her current investments include IOT, hi-tech, software, and respiratory protection and she continues to guide these and other companies through investment, development, manufacturing, product launch and exit, in the US and Australia.

She is immediate past Chair of PAFTEC Pty Ltd, a respiratory protection device company, that has grown from startup to global sales of \$6.4m in the past three years. Springboard Enterprises Accelerator Program, a not-for-profit that she also chairs, is a globally recognised accelerator, network and ecosystem for women-led companies to access investment and grow global businesses. Topaz is a Director on the Telstra Industry Advisory Board, Director of StartupAUS, and is a Commercialisation Advisor to the Accelerating Commercialisation Grant Programme and is continually accessing Australia's top innovation companies.

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Patrick Mooney

Chairman, Impact Tech Ventures

Pat is Co-Founder and Chairman of Impact Tech Ventures (ITV), a company specialising in accelerating social impact technologies in the APAC region. ITV has a significant regional network of entrepreneurs, corporate partners and investors, and plays a hands-on role in building partnerships, creating and managing regional operations. These partnerships have included Indian energy corporations and investment groups.

He has nearly 30 years' experience in technology commercialisation and APAC business development in telecommunications, software, energy, education and professional services, including work with major companies in the Indian ICT sector. He has founded three companies, been an angel investor in three, and held global responsibilities for sales, marketing, partnering and strategy.

Pat has provided funding or commercialisation support to more than 700 early stage companies. For five years, he was an Adviser to Commercialisation Australia and its successor, Accelerating Commercialisation, and subsequently was Director of that national program. His personal portfolio as an Adviser achieved a more than 6X valuation lift in four years.

Pat has held board and advisory board roles in technology and non-technology companies and regularly delivered programs in entrepreneurship and growth strategy in Sydney and Hong Kong. He is co-author of 'Enterprise & Venture Capital' (2009), sponsored by AVCAL and launched by the industry minister, considered a reference book for the industry. He is a contributing author and co-editor of 'Angel Financing in APAC' (2016), covering early stage investing activity and tech ecosystems across the region.

Pat's original qualifications are in economics and statistics and he holds an MBA from the AGSM.

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Keynote by Rob Fitzpatrick

Chief Executive Officer, Australian Information Industry Association

Rob Fitzpatrick is a passionate technology advocate, and has been so for much of the past 3 decades. His career spans research and advocacy at the Property Council of Australia, corporate strategy, sales & marketing at McKinsey & Company, telecommunications at SingTel Optus, technology innovation at shopfast.com.au, commercialisation of early stage research at Data61, foundation investor in technology-based startups and company director influencing technology adoption in traditional businesses.

As CEO of the Australian Information Industry Association, Rob helps shape Australia's innovation agenda, connecting members with public and private sector organisations as the nation embraces disruption to improve our economy and society. AIIA's members - from large 'born global' Australian companies, to talented small and medium businesses, to entrepreneurial startups and the incubators that nourish their journeys, to global players making a difference in our society - are the digital leaders helping Australian industry embrace disruption to grow wealth, stake out globally relevant leadership and remove friction from our economy.

Rob has Economics and Law degrees from the University of Sydney and a Master in Business Administration from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Rob is an active family man, avid traveller, ocean swimmer and surfer.

Session 2: 11.20am - 12.20pm

Maximising Impact: Investing in Social Entrepreneurship

MODERATOR



Andrew Sholl

Principal, ShollCounsel

Andrew Sholl is principal of the strategic communications consultancy, ShollCounsel, with a career spanning government, media and industry across two decades and two continents.

He established and ran the communications function for Australia's largest infrastructure project, the National Broadband Network and has advised companies including Google, Walmart and the broadcaster BskyB. In 1997 he was dubbed by Newsweek magazine "the most influential foreigner" involved in Tony Blair's landslide UK election victory.

Andrew is a former journalist for the AM, PM and World Today programs and a former presenter of AM. He is the author of the best-selling book on English usage, The Name Game.

SPEAKERS



Daniel Madhavan

Chief Executive Officer, Impact Investing Australia

Daniel Madhavan is Chief Executive Officer of Impact Investing Australia, a position he has held since October 2014. He is also Executive Chairman of the Impact Investment Readiness Fund and Advisory Board Chairman of the Impact Entrepreneurship Program, Compass. He also holds Non-Executive Director roles with Impact Capital Australia, Sanfilippo Children's Foundation and Y Generation Against Poverty (YGAP). Prior to joining Impact Investing Australia, Daniel spent 12 years in various roles at JB Were, including Chief Operating Officer and Acting CEO. Daniel is passionate about the social enterprise sector and is interested in how capital can help individuals and organisations translate energy into positive outcomes.

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Karen Iles

Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Tata Consultancy Services

As Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Tata Consultancy Services, Karen has designed and led Tata's STEM program, innovation for social impact pro bono programme and various other initiatives focusing on community health, cultural diversity and the environment. Tata's CSR programs have won a number of awards; most recently Winner Human Resources Institute Awards – Corporate Social Responsibility (2016) and Winner Global CSR Award for Women's Empowerment (2016).

With over 16 years' professional experience in social change and advocacy, Karen has worked in a corporate and not-for-profit setting. She has worked in the fields of women's, Indigenous and human rights, international development and employment law for organisations such as KPMG and Amnesty International.

Karen is a lawyer and holds a current practicing certificate. She sits on the Law Society of NSW's Corporate Law and Legal Technology Committees. She is the board Secretary of Women for Election Australia. Karen holds a Bachelor of Laws, Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice and a Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies.

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2:45pm - 3:30pm

Best of Sydney: Start-up Pitches

HashChing, Fintech - Mandeep Sodhi

Advanced Navigation, GPS - Chris Shaw

Tot Tok, Childcare - Ankita Mehta

3:30pm - 4:00pm

Address by Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP, NSW Parliamentary Secretary to Premier and Treasurer



Jonathan O'Dea MP

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Treasurer

Jonathan O'Dea entered NSW Parliament as the Member for Davidson in 2007. He served as Chair of the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee from 2011-2015, and until recently was Parliamentary Secretary for Major Events and Tourism as well as for Trade and Investment. He is now the Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Treasurer.

Jonathan's previous community activities included periods of service on the Boards of education and charity organisations, and as a local government Councillor. He started his professional life as a lawyer before moving into senior and general management roles with various financial services businesses. Jonathan has also served as company director for corporate entities, including a health insurer with over \$2 billion annual turnover.

His formal qualifications include Bachelor degrees in Arts and Law and Master degrees in Law and Business Administration. A lifelong resident of northern Sydney, Jonathan lives with his wife and four children.

Day 3: 18 February 2018

Skills

Welcome Address: 10.00am



Philomena Leung

Professor of Accounting and Associate Dean International and Corporate Engagement, Macquarie University Faculty of Business and Economics

Philomena Leung is a highly driven accounting academic with a strong vision for change. Having an international outlook and background, Philomena has pioneered changes that include accounting education, ethics, audit and governance, managing changes as head of an academic discipline, and in international education. More recently, she instigated the development of the cyber security hub at Macquarie University with other academics and was instrumental in the new multidisciplinary Macquarie Optus Cyber Security Hub. As the Associate Dean for International and Corporate Engagement, Philomena has contributed to significant growth in student enrolment, new programme initiatives, and new international partnership arrangements.

Session 1: 10.10am - 11.20am

The Challenge of Skilling India's Millions and the Potential for Australia-India Collaboration

MODERATOR



Mosiqi Acharya

Digital Content Producer, SBS Radio (AIYD Alumnus 2015)

Mosiqi Acharya is a Journalist with over 13 years' experience. She worked with India's top national broadcasters CNN IBN and India Today, where she has extensively covered the rise of Narendra Modi from being the Chief Minister of Gujarat to the Prime Minister of India, reported on terror attacks in Mumbai and Ahmedabad, covered state and general elections and interviewed numerous politicians, personalities and newsmakers.

Mosiqi moved to Australia in 2014 and since then has written several Op-Eds on Indian politics and Adani industries for Australian publications. She has been a speaker at various forums where Indian politics, business and economy has been discussed. She now works with SBS Radio's Hindi programme as a Digital Content Producer at their Melbourne office.

She is passionate about Australia-India relations and wrote a detailed White Paper on Australia-India Bilateral Trade Relations, commissioned by the Australia India Institute and Australia India Business Council. This White Paper was presented to former Australian Prime Minister Hon. Tony Abbott just days before his historic visit to New Delhi in September 2014.

When she is not reporting, Mosiqi likes to write, read, debate and contemplate. Australia-India relations excite and intrigue her and she continues to discover, report and work towards bringing both the countries closer.

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SPEAKERS



Professor C. Raj Kumar

Founding Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University and Director, International Institute for Higher Education Research & Capacity Building

Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar was appointed as the Founding Vice Chancellor of O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) in India at the age of 34 in 2009. Professor Kumar is the Dean of Jindal Global Law School (JGLS) and Director, International Institute for Higher Education Research & Capacity Building (IIHEd). JGU has completed six years and has grown into a multidisciplinary and research-oriented university with five different schools relating to law, business, international affairs, public policy and liberal arts & humanities. JGU has acquired a stellar reputation in India and abroad for its effort to promoting excellence in teaching, research, capacity building and community service.

Professor Kumar has academic qualifications from the University of Oxford, Harvard University, University of Hong Kong, University of Delhi and Loyola College. Professor Kumar is also a Member of the National Legal Knowledge Council (NLKC). He was a faculty member at the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong, where he taught for many years. He was a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, UK, where he obtained his Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) degree; a Landon Gammon Fellow at the Harvard Law School, USA, where he obtained his Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree and a James Souverine Gallo Memorial Scholar at Harvard University. He was awarded the Doctor of Legal Science (S.J.D.) by the University of Hong Kong. He also obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree from the University of Delhi, India; and a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) degree from the Loyola College of the University of Madras, India.



Sue Freeman

CEO and Managing Director, First Impressions Resources

Sue has been an Executive Director of First Impressions Resources since 1994. First Impressions Resources is a registered training organisation that works with the retail sector to provide training and workforce capability solutions across Australia. First Impressions Resources' international subsidiaries, the Australian Retail College and FIR PVT LTD, are engaged in the Indian retail sector and in the capability development of the Indian skilling sector.

Sue is the Australian lead of the Queensland Skills and Education Consortium (QSEC) which is a collaboration of public and private Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) delivering vocational training in India to meet its skill challenges.

Sue is currently a Director of four companies and in 2016 was appointed to the Australian Council for International Education and the Queensland Government International Education Advisory Group. Sue is passionate about the ability of vocational skills to change lives.

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SPEAKERS



Tim Beresford

**Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor,
Macquarie University**

Tim Beresford is the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Macquarie University. The COO & DVC has overall responsibility for overseeing the University's finances, internal audit, property, information technology, human resources, legal and general counsel, risk and assurance, health and safety, strategic planning, government relations, sustainability and Macquarie International.

Before joining the University, Tim was Executive Director, Tourism, Investment, Education and Programs Group at the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade). At Austrade, he was responsible for strategic leadership of tourism policy, winning foreign direct investment, promoting international education and delivering the Export Market Development Grants program.

Prior to Austrade, Tim was First Assistant Secretary of the Social Policy Division, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. He also worked at Westpac Banking Corporation for six years in both senior line management and strategy roles and in the professional services sector for 10 years, including McKinsey & Co working across Europe, Asia and Australia.

He was appointed to the Board of The Benevolent Society in February 2013 and is currently Deputy Chair of the Society and Chair of the Research Policy Advocacy Committee. Tim has also been a Board Member of Plan International Australia from 2003-2012.

He has a Masters of Philosophy (International Relations) from Cambridge University, Bachelor Degrees in Law and Economics (First Class Honours) from Sydney University and was a Menzies Scholar in 1994. He is an Associate of the Security Institute of Australia and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Remarks: 11:20am-11.30am



Professor Julian Knowles

Associate Dean (International), Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University

Julian Knowles is a senior academic, composer and performer, whose research addresses the creative potential of new and emerging technologies. His creative work spans the fields of film and television music, electronic music, sound and new media arts, popular music and record production. In recent years, his music and audio/visual work has been presented at events and venues such as the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Experimental Intermedia in New York City, and the Sydney Opera House. Julian is frequently employed as a consultant to various arts organisations and institutions, and in 2004 he was appointed by the federal arts minister to the Music Board of the Australia Council. His current professional appointments include Chair of MusicNSW - the state peak body for the music industry in NSW. Julian has had extensive experience as a senior manager in the university sector, having served in Head of School and research leadership roles at a range of Australian universities. Since 2013, he has been a Professor of Music and Media at Macquarie University where he is Associate Dean (International) in the Faculty of Arts.

Session 2: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Skilling the Workforce: Skills and the Future of Work - Gender Matters

MODERATOR



Sanushka Seomangal

Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth (AIYD Co-Founder)

Sanushka is a Special Counsel in HWL Ebsworth Lawyers' Sydney office where she specialises in equity capital markets. With particular expertise in public and private equity fundraising, initial public offerings (IPOs), and mergers and acquisitions involving both private and listed companies across various industry sectors, including resources, financial markets, payments technology, internet products and aviation, Sanushka also advises clients on general corporate matters.

Sanushka's practice is largely cross-border with an Asia-focus and she has expertise in capital markets and M&A transactions involving clients in the PRC, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Indonesia and India, as well as clients in the USA and the UK.

Amongst her professional achievements, Sanushka was a finalist at the Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards 2015.

Sanushka holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Natal, South Africa, a Master of Applied Law from the University of Queensland, Australia and a Master of Business Law from the University of Sydney, Australia.

Sanushka has a particular interest in India and is a Co-Founder and former Director of the Australia India Youth Dialogue and the former Chair of the Australia India Business Council NSW Young Professionals Chapter. She is also currently working on a not-for-profit project based in India to be launched later this year.

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SPEAKERS



Nicola Hazell

Head of Diversity and Impact, BlueChilli

Nicola is Head of Diversity and Impact at BlueChilli - Australia's leading startup and innovation group. She leads the company's efforts to improve gender equality, inclusivity and social impact in the growing startup economy, including through her role as Director of SheStarts - a national programme and campaign driving female participation in tech and innovation.

Nicola is an expert in communication and innovation for social change, with more than ten years' experience as a public affairs specialist in the not-for-profit sector, a senior political advisor and a television news journalist.

An experienced speaker and moderator, Nicola is passionate about gender and social equality, with an emphasis on raising awareness, shaping public debate and developing innovative partnerships to improve investment and action around some of the most important public policy issues in Australia and around the world.

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Muireann Irish

Associate Professor, University of Sydney

Muireann Irish is an Associate Professor in the School of Psychology at the University of Sydney, and an Associate Investigator with the ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders. Originally from Ireland, Muireann relocated to Australia in 2010 and secured a highly competitive ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award in 2013. She currently holds a prestigious ARC Future Fellowship.

Muireann has a longstanding interest in the brain networks that support uniquely human functions such as remembering the past and imagining the future. Her research programme aims to understand how these processes break down in dementia in order to improve quality of life for individuals living with dementia and their families.

Muireann's pioneering work has led to over 65 publications and numerous grant successes. The quality of her research has been recognised in a series of awards including a 2014 NSW Young Tall Poppy Science Award, the 2016 NSW Premier's Prize for Science and Engineering Early Career Researcher of the Year, the 2016 Paul Bourke Award for Early Career Research from the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, and the 2016 Edgeworth David Medal from the Royal Society of NSW.

Muireann is committed to the promotion and retention of women in science and was awarded a 2015 L'Oréal-UNESCO Australia and New Zealand For Women in Science Fellowship. She balances her love of research with caring for her son, Fionn.

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Remarks: 3:00 - 3.15pm



The Hon. Victor Dominello MP **Minister for Finance, Services and Property, NSW Government**

Victor was born and raised in the Ryde area. He went to school at Marist Brothers Eastwood before studying law. He was a partner in a commercial law firm, where he represented clients in a number of landmark cases.

Victor was elected as Member for Ryde at a by-election in October 2008. He was re-elected at the 2011 state election. In April 2011, he was sworn in as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister for Citizenship and Communities. His portfolio responsibilities included multicultural affairs, veterans' affairs, volunteering and youth. Following the Liberals and Nationals Government's re-election in March 2015, Victor was sworn in as the state's first Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation. Victor is responsible for the Office of Fair Trading, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority, Safework NSW and DFSI's Services & Digital Innovation Division. Since taking on the portfolio in April 2015, Victor has overseen a number of reforms including the establishment of a NSW Data Analytics Centre as well as changes to strata title laws, real estate underquoting laws and the use of sunset clauses in off-the-plan property contracts. Victor is currently leading the Social Innovation Council, a partnership between NSW Government agencies and NGO leaders, established to drive sectoral reform in human service delivery. In 2017, Victor became Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

Prior to his parliamentary career, Victor cherished the opportunity to travel to many places around the world and looks back fondly on his experiences in India, Central and South America, Europe, the US and Asia. He is also a passionate supporter of West Tigers rugby league team.

Closing Gala Dinner
7:00pm



Barry O'Farrell **Barry O'Farrell, Deputy Chair, Australia India Council and Former Premier of New South Wales**

Barry O'Farrell was the 43rd Premier of New South Wales (2011-14) during which time he sought to establish strong relationships with India. In 2015 the Australian Government appointed him Deputy Chair of the Australia India Council. The NSW Government announced his appointment as their Special Envoy for India in 2016. Mr O'Farrell is Chief Executive Officer of Racing Australia.

SPEAKERS



Craig Laundy

Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science

Born in 1971, Craig is the 4th generation of his family to have lived in Strathfield.

As a boy, Craig attended local schools before going to the University of NSW where he graduated with a Bachelor of Economics degree.

Craig has a professional background having worked in the family business, Laundy Hotels, for over 20 years. During that time, Craig learnt many valuable lessons by working from the ground up in hotels in Lidcombe and Auburn. In 1996 Craig moved to the company's headquarters to oversee the modernisation of the business and assumed responsibility for the front line operations in 1997.

Craig married Suzie, a country girl, in 1997 and they have three children - Charlie, Sophie and Analise

STEERING COMMITTEE



Shaun Star Chair

Passionate about promoting the Australia-India relationship, Shaun has been working in India since 2010. He is the Chair and co-founder of the Australia India Youth Dialogue. Shaun is also the Executive Director of the Centre for India Australia Studies, housed at O.P. Jindal Global University and an Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean (International Collaborations) at Jindal Global Law School.

Shaun is an Australian qualified lawyer and has worked at various top-tier law firms in Australia and India, including at Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co. Shaun was recently named as one of 30 people to watch in the business of law in Asia. He has subsequently founded his own advisory practice, Australia India Advisory, and has advised numerous Australian organisations (from start-ups to listed companies), assisting them with their entry and expansion into India.

Shaun has published a book entitled “Australia and India: A Comparative Overview of the Law and Legal Practice”, a volume which has received contributions from judges, leading barristers, academics and legal practitioners. The book has been launched by Former Australian High Court Judge, The Honourable Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG, and the Attorneys General of Australia and India.

Commentating on the Australia-India relationship, Shaun’s opinion pieces have been featured in Indian and Australian national newspapers and he has participated in panel sessions on Indian prime time television discussing the bilateral relationship.

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Achyutha Sharma

Director, Collaborative Community

Achyutha has a decade of experience in Brand, Design, Retail and Marketing. He is a fashion graduate from the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Delhi. He currently runs Collaborative Community, a brand and design consulting firm that works with start-up businesses and the development sector. The brand firm has worked with start-ups and other businesses in the area of apparel, food & beverage, e-commerce, and retail brand across sectors. In the development sector, it has worked with diverse non-profit and social enterprises across themes such as education, livelihood, craft, energy, water and sanitation. He also runs Sulochana Development Trust, a charitable trust that supports Creative Arts & Design for Social Impact.

He has been a speaker at Indian and international conferences, a fellow with AIYD 2014, Acumen Fund India fellow 2014 and has been nominated for the Young Creative Entrepreneur Awards 2012 by British Council India.

Achyutha's interest specifically in the Australian-Indian relationship is in the area of design, entrepreneurship, social sector, arts & culture. He is continuing the Samaanata dialogue on craft & culture that originated from an Australian project. Achyutha is passionate about building brands and articulates his insights under Designing Growth and Design Impact blogs.

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Ben Heenan

Final Year Commerce and Law student, UNSW Australia

Benjamin is a Teach for Australia Associate, currently placed at Portland Secondary School in South West Victoria. Having completed a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Law at UNSW Australia, and an internship at a top commercial law firm in Sydney, he has recently taken up a two-year post as a Humanities teacher while completing a Masters of Teaching at Deakin University. During his time at UNSW, Benjamin has been actively engaged in a variety of leadership roles. He was a member of the Council of UNSW Australia, chaired the Board of Directors for Arc@UNSW (the University's student organisation) and served as President of the UNSW Law Society. Benjamin has also represented UNSW in the final rounds of international commercial mediation competitions in both Paris and Vienna. Benjamin is also a former Vice Club Captain of Coogee Surf Life Saving Club and has recently obtained his Recreational Pilot's Licence. Benjamin's interest in the Australia-India relationship centres around innovation and education.



Danielle Rajendram

Policy Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Danielle Rajendram is a Policy Officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. Previously, Danielle worked as a Research Associate in the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, where her work focused on Indian foreign and domestic policy, China-India relations and broader Asian strategic issues.

Danielle holds a Master of International Law from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of International Studies from the University of New South Wales, with a major in Asian Studies. During her undergraduate degree she spent a year studying international relations and Japanese language at Keio University in Tokyo.

Danielle participated as a delegate in the 2014 Australia India Youth Dialogue in Hyderabad and New Delhi.

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Hayley Bolding

Founder, ATMA, NGO, India

Hayley Bolding has an extensive background in international development, education and volunteering in Australia and Asia. At the age of 23, Hayley founded a non-profit organisation in India called Atma (www.atma.org.in).

Under Hayley's leadership, Atma has moved from a start-up to a well respected non-profit organisation engaging multiple partner organisations which impact over 60,000 beneficiaries.

Continuing her passion in promoting people-to-people exchange Hayley has led international youth programs for the Australia India Institute and Foundation for Youth Australians. She currently works at intersective.com a education technology company connecting work and learning through technology.

Hayley was awarded Young Australian of the Year (Victoria) in 2013. She is a Board member of the Victorian Australia Day Committee, and was a participant in the Asialink Leaders Program in 2014.

Hayley was a delegate in the 2012 Australia India Youth Dialogue in Mumbai and New Delhi.

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Karan Anand

Management Consultant, Deloitte

Karan Anand is a Director at Deloitte Consulting and entrepreneur and also the inaugural Chair of the Young Sikh Professionals Network (YSPN). At Deloitte, Karan consults on matters of strategy to executives of large publically listed companies focussed on the Financial Services and Consumer Business industries.

Karan also leads YSPN, which was founded in 2012 with a mandate to create the conditions for young Sikh professionals to succeed and amplify their influence. YSPN has active chapters in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, serving over 2,000 young Sikh professionals around the country with a management team of 40 people.

Karan has a particular interest in the relationship between India and Australia from an innovation and entrepreneurship perspective.

Amongst his achievements, Karan was a delegate to the Brightest Young Minds forum in Sydney; a delegate to the National Student Leadership Forum in Canberra and part of an Australian delegation to The Hague International Model United Nations. In 2005, Karan was Darwin's Young Citizen of the Year.

Karan has Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of Finance both from UNSW where he was the Goldman Sachs Postgraduate Award winner.

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Monika Barthwal-Datta

Senior Lecturer, UNSW Australia

Dr Monika Barthwal-Datta is a Senior Lecturer in International Security in the School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UNSW Australia.

Monika moved to Sydney from London in late 2010 to take up a two-year MacArthur Foundation-funded postdoctoral research fellowship on Food Security in Asia at the Centre for International Security Studies (CISS), University of Sydney. She joined UNSW Australia as a Lecturer in mid-2012. Her research areas include critical security studies, non-traditional security issues including food security, regional security in South Asia, and Indian foreign and security policy. Monika is a member of the committee of the South Asian Studies Association of Australia (SASAA) and is also on the editorial board of Asian Studies Review.

Monika received her PhD in International Security from Royal Holloway and Bedford College, University of London, and holds an MScEcon in Security Studies from Aberystwyth University. She also has a Master's degree in International Journalism from Cardiff University, and a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from Delhi University. She has worked as a Broadcast Journalist for the BBC World Service Radio in London for several years.

Monika is the author of 'Understanding Security Practices in South Asia: Securitization Theory and the Role of Non-State Actors' (Routledge 2012) and 'Food Security in Asia: Challenges, Policies and Implications' (International Institute for Strategic Studies, London and Routledge, 2014). She has spoken at TEDx Orange (NSW, Australia) on the role of small family farms in global food security

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Nicholas Carney

Sr. Associate, Infrastructure & Finance, Herbert Smith Freehills

Nicholas Carney is an infrastructure and finance senior associate in the Sydney office of global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills. He has extensive experience acting for government, banks, consortia, onshore and offshore funds and sponsors in major infrastructure projects, public private partnerships, complex financing transactions, turnarounds and restructures. He has also worked on several major loan portfolio sale transactions and government divestments, and has an interest in hospitals and the health sector. Nicholas regularly acts on cross-border transactions and has worked on the ground in India, Singapore and the Philippines.

He is currently a member of Herbert Smith Freehills' India Focus Group. Nicholas has undertaken secondments in the legal branch of the New South Wales Department of Premier & Cabinet and at Westpac Banking Corporation.

Nicholas is currently a member of the Council of the University of New South Wales, one of Australia's leading research and teaching universities, chair of its Risk Committee, as well as a member of the UNSW Faculty of Law Advisory Council. In 2012, Nicholas was awarded a National Volunteer Award (Education category) for the electorate of Sydney for establishing a scholarship and mentoring programme between Herbert Smith Freehills and the Come-In Youth Resource Centre, Paddington. The programme supports young people who have overcome significant disadvantage to undertake educational programs.

Prior to commencing work at Herbert Smith Freehills, Nicholas was Executive Officer of the Human Rights Act for Australia campaign.

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Talish Ray

Partner, TRS Law Offices

Talish Ray is the founding partner of TRS Law Offices and takes pride in the fact that she is a generalist in the world of specialists.

She has worked extensively with corporate houses, individual clients and not for profit organizations. She has appeared before the Supreme Court of India as well as the various High Courts and Tribunals around the country and has extensive experience in the area of practice involving corporate structuring, mergers and acquisition, court litigation and, policy work. She continues to serve as a senior counsel at the High Court of Delhi for the Union of India.

Outside of her law practice she also serves as the Convener for the panel for gender sensitivity at the Executive Council of the Confederation of Indian Industries (Delhi State). She is also a member of the entrepreneurial education advisory board for Acropolis group of institutes in Indore.

She is also the project director for www.girlsgottaknow.in which is an early stage gender program for young girls and women launched in December 2016. In her spare time she conducts 'by invitation only' heritage walks around the city of Delhi. Currently in their 5th season, about 4000 school students and 600 adults have joined her on her walks.

A state level trap shooter in college, she is presently training for her Dan II blackbelt in Taekwondo. She enjoys cooking traditional Avadhi Cuisine and also fancies herself as a singer but thankfully no one invites her to sing.

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Mr. A.M. Gondane

India's High Commissioner to Australia

Dr. A.M. Gondane joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1985. He worked in various capacities in the Indian Embassies and Consulates including in Damascus, Baghdad, Vienna, Ankara and New York. He was High Commissioner of India to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. He also worked earlier in SAARC, West Asia North Africa, Bangladesh-Myanmar Divisions. He was the Coordinator for the XIV SAARC Summit in New Delhi, 2007.

He was Officer on Special Duty with Dy. Speaker, Lok Sabha and a Research Fellow at the Stimson Centre, Washington D.C. He has a Doctorate in Sociology.



Ms. Harinder Sidhu

Australia's High Commissioner to India

Ms Sidhu is a career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Her most recent role was as head of the Multilateral Policy Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. There, she was responsible for relationships with the UN and UN agencies, the UN Security Council and the Commonwealth, as well as for issues such as human rights, climate change and people smuggling.

Ms Sidhu has held several senior roles in government, most recently as a Division Head in the Department of Climate Change (2008 – 2013). Ms Sidhu was Assistant Director-General in the Office of National Assessments from 2004. Between 1999 and 2004, she worked in senior economic and defence adviser roles in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Ms Sidhu began her career as a diplomat with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where she was posted to Cairo, Damascus and Moscow. She holds degrees in Economics and Law from the University of Sydney.

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Darren Rudd

Head of Corporate Affairs, Public Policy & Public Relations, Australia & New Zealand at Tata Consultancy Services

Darren is currently the Head of Corporate Affairs/Public Policy & Public Relations for Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for Australia & New Zealand. He is charged with transforming the approach to brand and positioning with key stakeholders and customers across both countries as well as improving operational initiatives for one of the world's most community-minded organisations.

Prior to joining TCS, Darren was Lead Community Affairs Manager for the national broadband network (NBN) with responsibility for Northern Territory, Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Accountabilities by Local Government Area across include: Community, Government, Stakeholder and Media Relations as well as issues management. Darren is an official company spokesperson.

Prior to his role at NBNC, Darren held leadership positions in Strategy, Operations, Programme Management and Government Relations at Alcatel-Lucent across Asia Pacific for 12 years. He has also built his career with domestic and international postings at AT&T Corporation, IBM and BHP.

Darren actively contributes back to the community and was a founding partner and the Deputy National Chairman of Table4Ten, and a former Board Member of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. He is currently advising on the strategy evolution of various not-for-profits. Darren has been the President of the Alumni of the Australian School of Business and AGSM at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney and a member of the national Alumni Advisory Board.

Darren holds a Bachelor of Information Technology and Communication from the University of Wollongong, an MBA (Executive) from the AGSM at UNSW, and is currently undertaking a Master in International Relations at the University of Sydney. He has also undertaken Executive Education at Michigan and Harvard Universities.



Belinda Howell

Chief of Market Development at UTS:INSEARCH

Belinda Howell joined UTS:INSEARCH in November 2011 and has extensive experience in senior marketing and corporate affairs positions within a diverse range of services industries – financial services, professional services, travel and tourism, and higher education – in respected organisations such as Royal Doulton, British Airways, Macquarie Bank, Rabobank and KPMG. Through her leadership of sales, marketing, product development, market intelligence and corporate communications, Belinda is responsible for attracting International and Australian students to UTS:INSEARCH and for the institution's reputation and profile.

Belinda has a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in French, a Graduate Diploma in Management and a Master of Business Administration. She has been awarded the Company Directors Diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has also completed the Advanced Management Programme at INSEAD in France. Belinda has served on several not-for-profit boards and runs a small beef cattle property. She has a particular interest in mental health and is currently undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Counselling.



Philomena Leung

Professor of Accounting and Associate Dean International and Corporate Engagement, Macquarie University Faculty of Business and Economics

Philomena Leung is a highly driven accounting academic with a strong vision for change. Having an international outlook and background, Philomena has pioneered changes that include accounting education, ethics, audit and governance, managing changes as head of an academic discipline, and in international education. More recently she instigated the development of the cyber security hub at Macquarie University with other academics and was instrumental in the new multidisciplinary Macquarie Optus Cyber Security Hub. As the Associate Dean for International and Corporate Engagement, Philomena has contributed to significant growth in student enrolment, new programme initiatives, and new international partnership arrangements.

AIYD IN THE MEDIA

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The Australia India Youth Dialogue 2017 is all set to kick off from February 15 in Melbourne and Sydney. With 15 delegates each representing India and Australia, AIYD will bring together some of the "brightest talent and emerging young leaders".

The dialogue that is held every year is a platform for the young leaders to interact, exchange ideas and thoughts, and work together towards building lasting partnerships between both the countries.

In its sixth year, the AIYD has already "connected 150 accomplished and emerging young leaders from the two countries, and provided support to ongoing collaboration". "Over the past six years, the AIYD has built a diverse community of young Australian and Indian leaders who are deeply invested in the Australia-India bilateral relationship," said Harinder Sidhu, Australian High Commissioner to India.

The 2017 Dialogue will focus on health, skills and innovation, and has delegates from various walks of life, from social change makers to elite sportspeople and entrepreneurs; from medics, academics and writers to strategists, innovators and film directors.

"We are thrilled to welcome such an eclectic array of delegates to this year's AIYD conference – each bringing unique talent, skills and insight to the Dialogue," said Shaun Star, Chair, Australia India Youth Dialogue.

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Tata Consultancy Services, UTS:INSEARCH and Macquarie University support the AIYD.

(Disclaimer: Shutapa Paul, Group Editor, Newsd is part of the Indian delegation)

INDIAN SUN, 10 FEBRUARY 2017

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SBS HINDI, 15 FEBRUARY 2017

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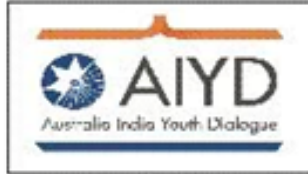
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آسٹریلیا و ہند کے درمیان تحقیق و تعلیم کے شعبہ میں مزید شراکت داری ضروری۔ پریزکا چٹرویدی

باہمی مفادات کیلئے ایک ساتھ مل کر کام کریں اور عوام سے عوام کے بیچ رابطے بڑھانے کیلئے نہ صرف ایک دوسرے کے تجارت کے شعبہ میں بہتر سمجھنے کا موقع ملے گا بلکہ ترقی کے شعبہ میں بھی بہتری آئے گی۔ جہاں تک آسٹریلیا انڈیا یوتھ ڈیالوگ کا تعلق ہے میرا ماننا ہے کہ یہ پلیٹ فارم دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان تعلقات بڑھانے کیلئے دونوں ملکوں کے نمائندوں کیلئے ایک شاندار پلیٹ فارم ہے۔

سوال 5: وہ ایک چیز جو آپ آسٹریلیا کے بارے میں ہندوستانیوں کو بتانا چاہیں گے؟ جواب: ہم ایک ایسے امن پسند ملک میں رہتے ہیں جو رشتوں اور دوستی کو بہت اہمیت دیتا ہے۔ کسی بھی صورتحال میں ڈھلنے کی ہماری قابلیت یہاں تک کہ برے دور میں بھی، اور اپنے کاز کے تئیں ہمیشہ مثبت طریقے سے وقف رہنا، کچھ ایسی اقدار ہیں جن پر ہمیں ناز ہے۔



لگاؤ کے علاوہ دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان باہمی احترام اور آپسی سمجھ بوجھ بھی ہے اگر سنجیدہ طور پر دیکھا جائے تو دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان موجودہ تعلقات میں اقتصادی رشتوں کو بڑھانے کے بہت زیادہ امکانات ہیں۔

سوال 3: وہ ایک چیز کیا ہے جسے آپ دونوں ملکوں کے رشتوں کو پروان چڑھانے میں جوڑیں گے؟

جواب: شامہ حفیظ، تخلیق اور تعلیم کے شعبہ میں شراکت داری کو زیادہ ترجیح دی جانی چاہئے جس میں مجھے دونوں ملکوں کے مفادات نظر آتے ہیں۔

سوال 4: عوام سے عوام کے بیچ رابطے بڑھانے اور AIYD جیسے ادارے کتنے اہم ہیں؟

جواب: یہ بہت اہم ہے کہ دونوں ملک



جواب: ہند اور آسٹریلیا کے درمیان شامہ اور تعلقات کی ایک نئی تاریخ ہے سوائے کچھ مواقع کو چھوڑ کر، خاص کر اس بات کو زیر غور لاتے ہوئے کہ ہندوستان، آسٹریلیا کیلئے 7 واں سب سے بڑا تجارتی پارٹنر ہے اور ہم امید کرتے ہیں کہ باہمی دشمنی اور تعاون کے شعبہ میں دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان رہنے مزید بہتر ہونگے جس سے تجارت کے لحاظ سے ہمارے آسٹریلیا کیلئے ٹاپ کے پانچ ملکوں میں شامل ہو جائے گا۔

سوال 2: باہمی رشتوں میں عظیم ترین طاقت کے طور پر آپ کیا دیکھتے ہیں؟

جواب: کرکٹ اور ہالی ووڈ کے تئیں

نئی دہلی۔ 14 فروری۔ (رشی سوری) کانگریس پارٹی کی قومی ترجمان پریزکا چٹرویدی کا ماننا ہے کہ آسٹریلیا و ہندوستان کے درمیان تحقیق، تخلیق و تعلیم کے شعبہ میں مزید شراکت داری کی ضرورت ہے تاکہ دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان باہمی رشتوں میں وسعت آئے۔ پریزکا چٹرویدی جن کا تعلق انڈین نیشنل کانگریس پارٹی سے ہے، آسٹریلیا میں منتقل ہونے چاہے آسٹریلیا۔ انڈیا یوتھ ڈیالوگ۔ 2017 کی ایک ڈیلی گیٹ بھی ہیں۔ AIYD-2017 میں شرکت کرنے جانے سے پہلے پریزکا چٹرویدی نے ہند۔ آسٹریلیا تعلقات اور آسٹریلیا انڈیا یوتھ ڈیالوگ کے بارے میں روزنامہ ملاپ اردو کے بین الاقوامی امور کے ایڈیٹر رشی سوری سے خصوصی بات چیت کی۔ پیش ہیں اس خصوصی انٹرویو کے اہم اقتباسات:-

سوال 1: ہند آسٹریلیا باہمی تعلقات کو آپ کس طرح سے دیکھتی ہیں؟



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