

NEWS RELEASE OF THE CONFERENCE
“EMERGING PRIORITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS”
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From right to left: Prof. Ravishankar Rao, Member -Executive Council, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute; Prof. Biju Paul Abraham, President–Elect, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute; Prof. Shanthi Johnson, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute; Dr. Anindya Chatterjee, Regional Director, Asia, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi; H.E. Mr. Jim Nickel, Deputy High Commissioner of Canada to India, High Commission of Canada; Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay, Member- Executive Council, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

On May 30, 2014, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute organized second Engaging Canada Conference titled **“Engaging Canada: Emerging Priorities for Sustainable Partnerships”** with support from MHRD, Government of India at India International Centre, New Delhi. The conference was organised with the objective of presenting collaborative research that had been completed, or was being undertaken, by Indian and Canadian universities/research institutions in five areas: **Energy & Environment, Public Health, Food Security & Sustainable Development, Bi-lateral Trade and Investment and Vocational Education** The Conference provided a platform for 55 researchers from 35 institutions of India and Canada to present their work and discuss further academic and institutional collaborations between

Indian and Canadian universities and research institutes. The scholars included both faculty at universities/research institutes and also doctoral students.

In the inaugural address, H.E. Mr. Jim Nickel, Deputy High Commissioner of Canada spoke about the four areas that the Canadian government was focussing on in its relationship with India -i.e. energy security, food security, education and innovation, and trade and investment. He appreciated the Shastri Institute's efforts in funding research in areas that were priority areas for both governments. Dr. Anindya Chatterjee in his Keynote Address highlighted emerging models of development research and highlighted the emerging areas as collaborative research, bi-national research, support for multi-country and multi-community research, and research networks.

During the Conference three papers were presented on the theme of Energy & Environment while eight presentations were made on the theme of Public Health. Session on Bi-lateral Trade and Investment had three papers while four papers were presented in the session on Vocational Education.

Professor Biju Paul Abraham, President-Elect, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, while giving Vote of Thanks highlighted the major learnings from the daylong deliberations and thanked the participants for their valuable contributions.