

India Canada Research Initiative

Canada-India Conclave: Navigating a New Chapter in Bilateral Relations

Date: November 26, 2025

Time: 1700 – 2030 hrs

Venue: Tamarind Room, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Flow of events

1700 – 1705 – Welcome remarks by Amb. Ajay Bisaria (Chair, ICRI, CSDR)

1705 – 1710 – Welcome remarks by Vina Nadjibulla (Vice-President, Research & Strategy, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada)

1710 – 1720 – Keynote Address by Shri Periasamy Kumaran (Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India)

1720 – 1730 – Keynote Address by Mr. Christopher Cooter (High Commissioner of Canada to India)

1730 - 1800 – High Tea

1800 - 1930 – Panel Discussion

Theme: Building Economic Resilience Through Technology and Innovation: India-Canada Pathways Forward

As India and Canada navigate a complex global landscape, their resilient partnership continues to expand across trade, technology, and innovation, with two-way trade in goods and services reaching \$30.9 billion in 2024. Following the October 2025 Canada-India [joint statement](#), the two countries have charted an ambitious roadmap that brings together trade diversification, investment, energy cooperation, and technology partnerships. This momentum could be harnessed to support joint innovations in artificial intelligence, clean technologies, advanced manufacturing, aerospace, and sustainable infrastructure. Amid global disruptions—supply chain vulnerabilities, geopolitical tensions, and climate challenges—this panel explores how both nations can leverage their complementary strengths and collaborative frameworks to accelerate innovation, strengthen economic ties, and foster inclusive growth.

Questions for Panellists:

1. How can India and Canada leverage their October 2025 roadmap to diversify supply chains and accelerate innovation in clean technologies, AI, semiconductors, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing?
2. What role should the resumption of free trade agreement negotiations play in bolstering bilateral economic security and facilitating technology cooperation?

3. How can joint programs address shared global challenges, such as climate change, while strengthening economic stability through investments in energy and agriculture?
4. What strategies should be implemented to expand university partnerships and research initiatives in emerging fields, such as AI, aerospace, and biotechnology, between the two nations?
5. How do people-to-people ties, including talent mobility and public safety collaborations, support long-term resilience in economic and innovation partnerships?

Panellists:

Indian:

[Nadira Hamid](#) (CEO, Indo Canadian Business Chamber)

[Dr. Prachi Kaul](#) (Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute)

[Deepak Bagla](#) (Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, Government of India)

Canadian:

[Trevor Kennedy](#) (Vice President, Asia-Pacific, Business Council of Canada)

[Nadir Patel](#) (Former High Commissioner of Canada to India)

Moderator: Ms. Vina Nadjibulla (Vice-President of Research & Strategy, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada)

1930 – 1940 – Closing remarks, Dr. Happymon Jacob (Founder & Director CSDR)

1940 - 2030 – Dinner and Drinks

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Program	
Official Proceedings	
17:00 – 17:05	Welcome remarks – Amb. Ajay Bisaria, Chair, ICRI, CSDR (5 mins)
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17:20 – 17:30	Keynote Address – His Excellency Mr. Christopher Cooter, High Commissioner of Canada to India (10 mins)
17:30 – 18:00	High Tea
18:00 - 19:30 (1hr 30 mins)	Panel: <u>Building Economic Resilience Through Technology and Innovation: India-Canada Pathways Forward</u> ● Opening remarks ○ Opening remarks by Moderator: 5 mins ○ Opening remarks by each Panellist: 7-8 mins ● Moderated discussion & Audience Q&A: 35 mins ● Closing remarks: 10 mins
19:30 – 19:40	Closing remarks – Dr. Happymon Jacob, Founder & Director, CSDR (10 mins)
19:40 – 20:30	Dinner and Drinks

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