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# Welcome from Canada India Foundation

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, and entire Board of Governors of Canada India Foundation (CIF), we extend a very warm welcome to our distinguished guests, colleagues and friends to CIF's 2014 Award Gala.

**CIF was formed in 2007 as a non-profit, non-partisan organization with three main objectives:**

- 1) Fostering support for ties between Canada and India**
- 2) Raising the profile of the Indo-Canadian community, and**
- 3) Increasing awareness of the changing face of India**

Our members come primarily from two metropolitan areas, Toronto and Vancouver. Greater Toronto is home to probably the most diverse group of people in the world, and Indo-Canadians have been one of its most successful and respected communities, both in Bay Street and Brampton, not to mention Mississauga, Markham and Vaughan. A substantial portion of our membership is also based in Vancouver, British Columbia, home to the first immigrants from India to Canada, and where the Indo-Canadian community has lived and prospered for the past century. The poignant reminder of the Komagata Maru episode, now recalled through the issue of a stamp, is soon overtaken by today's real images of a community totally immersed in mainstream life, participating in elections and influencing policies.

Towards the development of public policy focused on Canada and India, CIF has organized thematic policy forums highlighting opportunities, challenges and joint strategies in specific sectors of importance to the two countries. CIF organized the Canada India Energy Forum in 2009, Mining and Metals Forum in 2010, both in Toronto, and Agriculture and Food Processing Forum in 2012 in Vancouver and Saskatoon. At the time of the Gala, we would have just concluded Canada India Infrastructure Forum in Ottawa and Toronto.

We are most proud of instituting the CIF Chanchlani Global Indian Award, with the purpose of highlighting the success of the global community of Indian origin, and recognition of one special individual whose accomplishments make all members of this community proud by association. We are honoured tonight, in having among us, Mr. Narayana Murthy, an icon and a role model to all, and we congratulate him on being the 5th recipient of the CIF Chanchlani Global Indian Award. We also extend our gratitude to our Chief Guest, Canada's Minister of Finance, Hon. Joe Oliver and our Guest of Honour, High Commissioner of India, His Excellency Nirmal Verma, as well as other ministers and parliamentarians for joining us on this special occasion.

We hope all of you have a wonderful evening reconnecting with old friends and collectively honouring Mr. Narayana Murthy.

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*I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the CIF Award Gala 2014.*

*Canada is home to a large and dynamic Indo-Canadian community that has long been an important contributor to our nation's prosperity and cultural diversity. This annual event offers a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of Indian innovators and entrepreneurs from around the world. I offer my sincere congratulations to this year's recipient, Mr. N. R. Narayana Murthy, Founder and Executive Chairman of Infosys, for his remarkable vision and leadership.*

*I would also like to commend the organizers, the staff and members of the Canada India Foundation, for recognizing the achievements of Indians and Indo-Canadians and for sharing their success stories with the wider community.*

*On behalf of the Government of Canada, I wish you a memorable celebration.*

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.*

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**MESSAGE**

I have immense pleasure in conveying my greetings and best wishes to the organizers and members of the Canada India Foundation (CIF) on the occasion of their Award Gala on April 26, 2014 at Toronto.

Since 2007 the CIF has been doing commendably well through their innovative initiatives for stronger relations between Canada and India. India and Canada have witnessed unprecedented close relations during recent years. Our leaders have visited each other's countries and the last high-level dignitary to visit India was the Governor General of Canada, The Right Honourable David Johnston, in February 2014, which has taken these relations to new heights.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to the CIF for the successful culmination of the Gala and also in all their future endeavours in strengthening ties between India and Canada.

Admiral (Retd) Nirmal Verma  
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### **A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER**

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to welcome everyone to the CIF Award Gala. It is an honour to join you in celebrating the accomplishments of the global Indian community and of Indo Canadians.

In every part of the world and in every field of endeavour, people from India and those of Indian descent have made their mark. Here in Ontario, Indo Canadians have distinguished themselves — in business, in the professions, in the arts, in academe, and in every sphere of our province's life.

As Premier, I believe in a province built on the values of diversity, fairness, collaboration and creativity. I wish to take this opportunity to tell Indo Canadians that I am grateful for your community's contributions to building this society. Your presence here has enriched our culture, energized our economy and strengthened our links with India and the global Indian community.

I wish to commend Canada India Foundation for hosting this gala and for its commitment to strengthening Canada-India relations.

I want to congratulate N.R. Narayana Murthy on receiving this year's CIF Chanchlani Global Indian Award. Know that your achievements are a source of pride and inspiration to the global Indian community.

To everyone here, I offer my sincere best wishes for a memorable evening and much ongoing success.

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**Patrick Brown**  
Member of Parliament  
Barrie

*Greetings from the Canada-India Parliamentary Friendship Group  
April 26, 2014*

*As Co-Chair of the Canada-India Parliamentary Friendship Group, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the CIF Award Gala 2014.*

*This gala presents us with an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the global Indian diaspora and of Canadians of Indian origin. The Canada-India Parliamentary Friendship Group congratulates N.R. Narayana Murthy, this year's recipient of the annual CIF Chanchlani Global Indian Award.*

*On behalf of the Canada-India Parliamentary Friendship Group, I applaud the organizers and participants for their hard work and engaging us in this exceptional evening of entertainment.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Brown', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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*Patrick Brown*  
*Co-Chair of the Canada-India Parliamentary Friendship Group*



Since its formation in 2007, Canada India Foundation (CIF) has taken a leadership role in fostering support for stronger bilateral relations between Canada and India, greater engagement of the Indo-Canadian community in formulating Canadian public policy and increasing the awareness of Canadians of the changing face of India.

CIF has pursued these objectives through the following broad initiatives:

1. Through active participation in the public policy debate and active engagement with parliamentarians, CIF positions the need for a strategic partnership between Canada and India as critical to Canada's future
2. CIF works towards raising the profile of the Indo-Canadian community by facilitating:
  - participation by qualified members of the community in policy-making and the legislative process
  - engagement with legislators at the federal and provincial levels in the spheres of immigration, professional accreditation and national security
  - increased representation of the community within crown agencies, government boards and judicial and quasi-judicial tribunals
3. CIF takes an active role in increasing the awareness of Canadians about the changing face of India, and the promotion of Canada's interests in India. It seeks to do this by , among other initiatives:
  - the organization of policy forums highlighting specific sectors of collaboration between the two countries, and recommending policy imperatives
  - Participation in and support of initiatives aimed at greater interaction between the two countries, at multiple levels, i.e;
    - Federal | Provincial | Municipal | Academic | Private Sector

A sampling of the many activities that CIF has been involved in as part of the above initiatives is given below:

- Periodic meetings with Canada India Interparliamentary Friendship Group
- Meetings with representatives of political parties at both federal and provincial level
- Organization of the Canada India Energy Forum 2009, Mining and Metals Forum 2010, Agriculture and Food Processing Forum 2012 and the current, Infrastructure Forum in 2014
- Conducting a think tank workshop to discuss and short list areas of importance for academic research in the Canada-India corridor
- Support to the federal Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act, which passed in March 2012
- Presentation of a case for greater engagement with India, through deposition in front of the Senate and House of Commons Sub-committees formed to review engagement with emerging economies

At CIF, we are all about celebrating our adopted land, Canada, and its people, while highlighting the need and opportunities for engaging with the land of our origin and ethnic identity, India.



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## ABOUT THE AWARD AND THE TROPHY



# AWARD GALA 2014

Canada India Foundation recognizes the Global Indian's journey that is a principal catalyst in the transformation of India into a global economy today. From the outset, CIF's founding Members believed that an award must be created that recognizes this Global Indian journey, by honouring one individual every year, who symbolizes the successes of the journey through his or her own individual successes that inspire and make proud other members of the global Indian diaspora. Such an award would be unique in a number of ways:

- **It would be the first such award for the Indian diaspora originating outside India, that is global in its scope, with Canada taking the honours in being the first nation to conceive of the award.**
- **It would recognize personal and professional success of the potential award recipient, but also look for an extension of that success through philanthropy.**
- **The award would be more than symbolic, with a cash contribution of \$50,000, that would be presented to a charity of the award recipient's choice**

The vision for the award became a reality, when Vasu Chanchlani, Member of CIF Board of Governors, committed to a total contribution of \$1 million over 10 years towards an endowment for the award. This commitment was complemented by commitments of sponsorship from several more members of the CIF Board of Governors to pay for the initial years of the award, until the endowment amount became self sustaining. Thus the Canada India Foundation Chanchlani Global Indian Award was born.

In keeping with the uniqueness and prestige that would define the award, an attractive trophy was commissioned through Bennett Galleries of California. The trophy, with its golden metallic curvilinear design, cradling a globe in the centre, and resting on a contrasting dark rectangular base engraved with the name of the award and its recipient is an exquisite symbol of the Global Indian journey.

This year, Canada India Foundation is proud to present the Award and the trophy for the fifth time.



## Past Recipients of CIF Chanchlani Global Indian Award



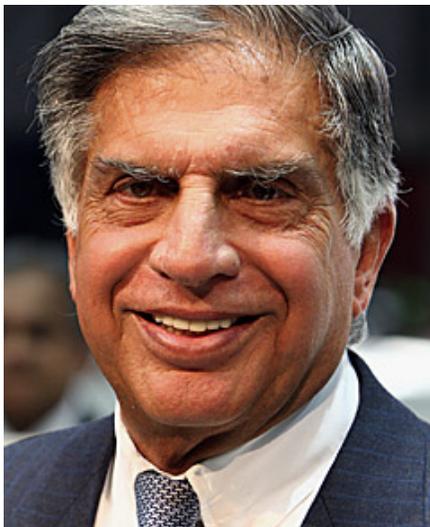
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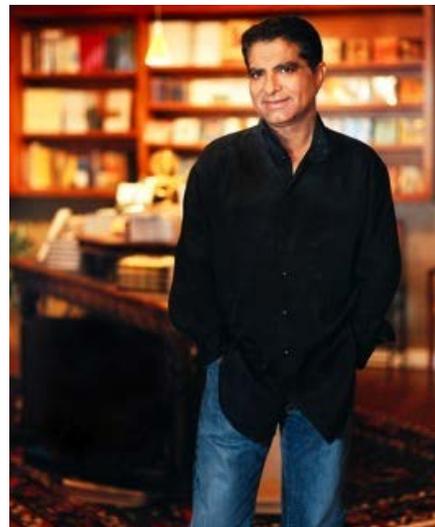
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## 2014 CIF Chanchlani Global Indian Award Recipient



### **MR. N.R. NARAYANA MURTHY** (Founder and Executive Chairman, Infosys)

**N.R. NARAYANA MURTHY** is the fifth recipient of the CIF Chanchlani Global Indian Award. Narayana Murthy is the co-founder, and currently Executive Chairman of Infosys. Mr. Murthy co-founded Infosys in 1981 with six other software professionals, with an initial investment of \$250, at a time when the middle class dream still was to rise high in someone else's enterprise. From these modest beginnings, he guided the company to become a multinational corporation and leader of India's IT revolution, serving as its CEO from 1981 to 2002 and as Chairman from 2002 to 2011, guiding. In 2011 he stepped down and became Chairman Emeritus. He was named Executive Chairman of the Board in 2013. Mr. Murthy is the recipient of the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian award. He has been described as the Father of India's IT sector by Time Magazine due to his contribution to outsourcing in India. He has also been listed among the 12 greatest entrepreneurs of our time by Fortune magazine. Mr. Murthy is the recipient of numerous awards and honours. Some of them are Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) from the Government of United Kingdom, Officer of the Legion of Honour from the Government of France and The Hoover Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He was also named among the 25 Greatest Global Indian Living Legends by the Indian television network, NDTV. He had the privilege of co-chairing the World Economic Forum at Davos in 2005.

Mr. Murthy's philosophy can be summarized as "Simple Living, High Thinking". He is also a person who cares deeply about India and is the author of a book "A Better India, A Better World". Mr. Murthy's constant companion through his years at Infosys and also in various philanthropic initiatives, has been his wife, Sudha Murthy, who currently heads Infosys Foundation.

Narayana Murthy is a great role model for all business and technology leaders. More importantly he is living proof that values do not have to be sacrificed for success. Canada India Foundation feels proud to name him the 5th recipient of the CIF Chanchlani Global Indian Award.

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# HON. JOE OLIVER



**The Honourable Joe Oliver PC, MP**  
Minister of Finance Government of Canada

The Honourable Joe Oliver is Canada's Minister of Finance. He was elected to the House of Commons for the first time in May 2011. Before his appointment as Minister of Finance in March 2014, he served in the Canadian Cabinet as Minister of Natural Resources. Prior to his election to Parliament, Mr. Oliver had a career in the investment banking industry. He began his investment banking career at Merrill Lynch, and served in senior positions at other investment dealers and as Executive Director of the Ontario Securities Commission.

He was then appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada. He also played a prominent role as Chair of the Advisory Committee of the International Council of Securities Associations and as Chair of the Consultative Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. A graduate of the Directors Education Program at the Rotman School of Management, he was a member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators and sat on the board of the Canadian Securities Institute Research Foundation.

Mr. Oliver is an active member of his community and volunteered for various charities in Canada. He served as Chair of the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada for four years, and as a member of the Board of Mount Sinai Hospital. Mr. Oliver obtained both his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Civil Law at McGill University. He was called to the Quebec Bar and later graduated with an MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

Canada India Foundation is privileged to have the Honourable Joe Oliver as its Chief Guest at the CIF Award Gala.

HIS EXCELLENCY  
**NIRMAL VERMA**



**His Excellency Admiral (Retd) Nirmal Verma  
High Commissioner of India in Canada**

His Excellency Admiral (Retd) Verma took on his role as India's High Commissioner in Canada in 2012.

Admiral (Retd) Nirmal Verma was commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1970. The Admiral assumed charge as the 20th Chief of the Naval Staff on 31 Aug 12 and retired from service on completion of a distinguished career spanning over four decades. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy at Khadakwasla, the Admiral's four decades of service afforded him immense experience in command, staff and training assignments afloat as well as ashore. He had the privilege of commanding three ships during his naval career, including the coveted command of an aircraft carrier.

Admiral Verma's career has provided him vast amalgamated experience at the national as well as international level. Early in his career, he had the unique and exceptional experience of having been part of the naval crew that commissioned India's first Kashin class destroyer in the erstwhile Soviet Union. Admiral Verma attended mid and senior level professional courses at the Royal Naval Staff College, Greenwich, UK and the Naval Command Course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA respectively. The Admiral is a post graduate in Defence Studies from the Chennai University.

In his assignments as a senior flag officer, the Admiral has steered development of maritime capability, formulation of induction policy, guided the HRD programme of the Indian Navy, and structured the framework of transformation of the Navy's Combat capability and infrastructure development.

Admiral Nirmal Verma is a recipient of Param Vishisht Seva Medal and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, awarded to him by the Government of India for his meritorious service. He is married to Madhulika and they have two sons. Hemant and Anant pursue their interests in the creative and business fields respectively.

Canada India Foundation is privileged to have His Excellency Nirmal Verma as its Guest of Honour at the CIF Award Gala.

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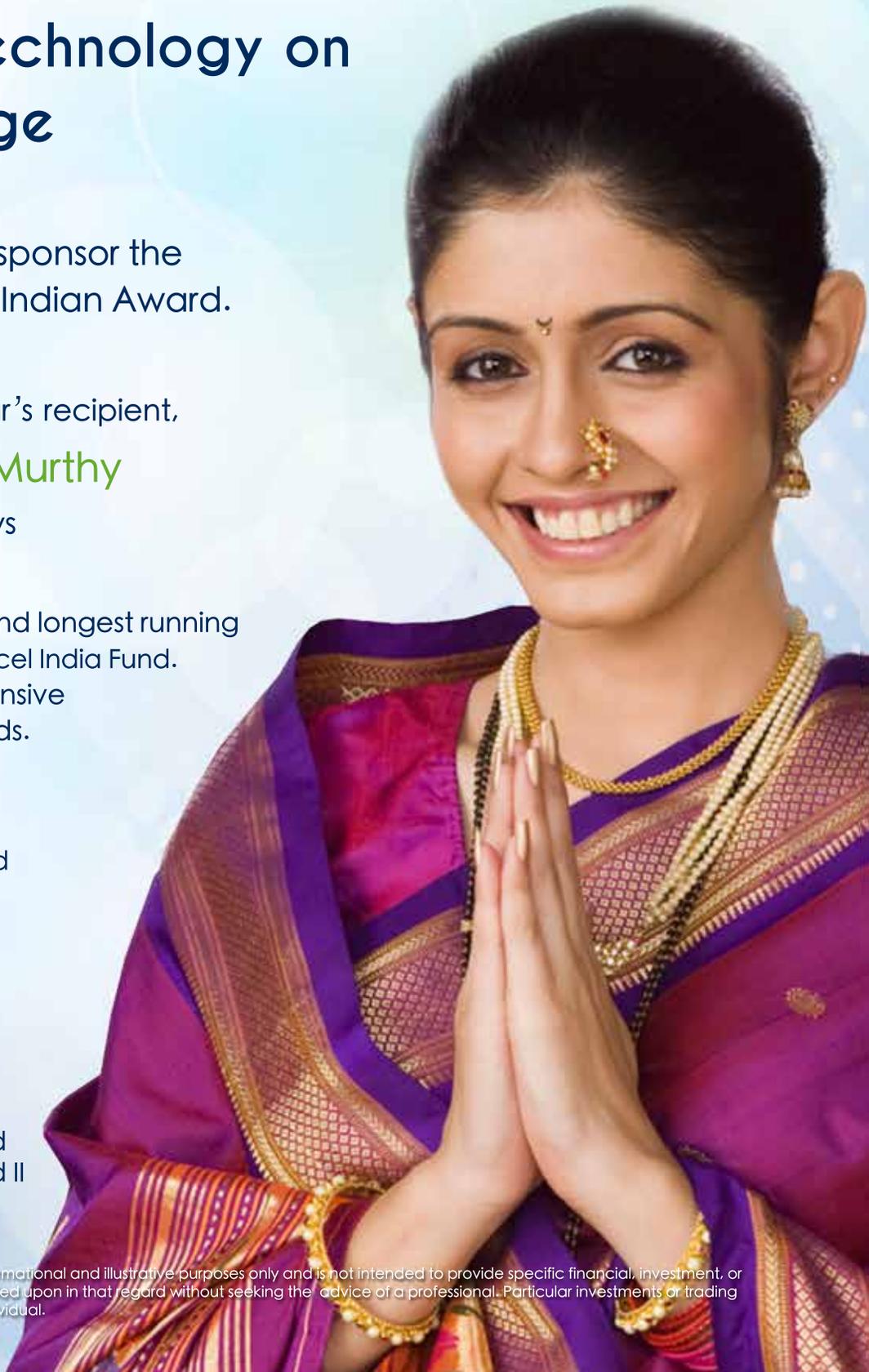
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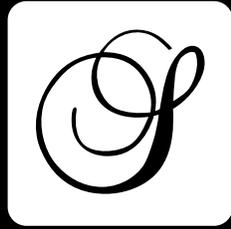
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**N.R. Narayana Murthy**

2014 CIF Chanchlani Global Indian Award recipient



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