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The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized the 23rd Technology Summit, its flagship annual event in partnership with the Department of Science & Technology, with Canada as the Partner Country on 14-15 November in New Delhi.

Three Cabinet level ministers from Canada led a high-level delegation of government, industry and academia to India. This was the largest ministerial level delegation from Canada to India which included Mr François Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade; Mr Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development, and Mr Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport. More than 50 companies from Canada participated in the conference & expo which showcased the best in technology which the two countries have to offer. The focus sectors of the Technology Summit were Advanced Manufacturing, Defence & Aerospace, Intelligent Transport Systems, Life Science & Healthcare and Clean Technologies.

The summit was inaugurated by Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Canada’s Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Mr. Navdeep Singh Bains.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, “as partners in the 21st century knowledge economy, this Technology Summit reinforces our common belief in the power of science and technology in contributing to the present and future strategic Indo-Canadian partnership”.

Secretary DST, Prof. Ashutosh Sharma; Canada’s Deputy Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Mr. John Knubley; President CII, Ms. Shobana Kamineni; Chairman of Technology Summit Mr. Vikram Kirloskar; Director General of CII Mr. Chandrakj Banerjee; and Adviser, International Cooperation, DST Dr. Arabinda Mitra, speaking at the summit also emphasized the potential for science and technology partnership between India and Canada.

A new call for joint projects under the Indo-Canadian Industrial R&D programme was also announced on this occasion. Industry-led joint R&D projects that have significant potential for commercialization leading to product or process development in the areas of advanced manufacturing, clean technologies, smart cities and food and agro technologies will be supported by DST from India and the National Research Council of Canada.

The Technology Summit was remarkable for being futuristic with discussions on topics like Artificial Intelligence, Industry 4.0, Smart machines and smart care to name a few. With 108 speakers, 13 sessions, 3 Tech Talks, 500 participants, high quality exhibits, signing of MoUs, more than 250 b2b meetings and many more, the summit added another memorable page to the history of Technology Summit.
MINISTERIAL SESSIONS

Dynamic Ministerial sessions focused on future intelligent and integrated transport systems and leveraging investment for driving innovation.
Business-to-business meetings are a regular feature at CII-DST Technology Summits. At the DST-CII India-Canada Technology Summit, more than 250 one-on-one networking meetings between delegates ensured that there was something for everybody to take back.
HI-TECH EXPO

Some of the technology themes from the expo included 4D Space Genius; Quantum computing; Mapping Genome; Fuel cells and Affordable healthcare.
500+ Indian Delegates
150+ Canadian Delegates
Engaging Conversations
Progressive Collaborations
Members of India-Canada Joint S&T Committee met on 15 November coinciding with the visit of Canada’s Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Mr. Navdeep Singh Bains. Discussions revolved around further collaborations between India and Canada in the areas of science and technology.
TECH TALKS

Prof Sushanta Mitra
Executive Director, Waterloo Institute of Nanotechnology, Professor in Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering, University of Waterloo

&

Dr Gopichand Katragadda
Group Chief Technology Officer & Innovation Head, Tata Sons
MINISTERIAL DINNER
OTHER SESSIONS

Thought provoking, deep diving into technology areas ranging from Defence, Healthcare and Industry 4.0 engaged the participants throughout summit with great interest.
OTHER SESSIONS
Push for Canada trade pact

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: India and Canada on Monday sounded upbeat on settling their vexed issues, such as the movement of skilled personnel and farm tariffs, which will pave the way for a much-delayed comprehensive economic partnership agreement between the two countries.

Commerce minister Suresh Prabhu and his Canadian counterpart Francois-Philippe Champagne reviewed bilateral relations at the fourth India-Canada ministerial dialogue on trade and Investment. Both sides agreed on the quick conclusion of the partnership agreement to boost 48.5.

India pushed for easier rules under Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Programme to help its skilled workers, especially tech professionals, to take up short-term project work.

The two sides also agreed to explore collaboration in the area of export credit insurance through India's Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Ltd (ECGCL) and Canada's Export Development Canada (EDC).

Both ECGC and EDC are members of the Berne Union, an international association representing the global export credit and the investment insurance industry. Canada also proposed for a possible co-operation with its Canadian Commercial Corporation. An early institutionalisation of the CEO Forum mechanism was also discussed.

Peas tiff

India's recent decision to increase the rate of basic customs duty on peas to 50 per cent from nil duty has "upset" Canada which is a major exporter.

Prabhu suggested using Canada's expertise in Geo-Spatial Planning and GIS to forecast India's pulses production for the next 10 years and accordingly determine the extent of import.

The negotiations for the agreement were launched in November 2010. India-Canada merchandise trade stood at $6.13 billion in 2016-17, down 1.87 per cent from the previous year.

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*Trade with Canada*
Canada an important partner: Suresh Prabhu

India and Canada Monday noted the huge opportunity for cooperation that exists between the two countries in various spheres. "Canada has been an important partner in various spheres like strategy, economy, diplomacy, health, education and is blessed with natural resources," said Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, addressing the sixth session of the Indo-Canadian Business Chamber (ICBC) Annual Convention 2017. "As the population of Canada is less, we can explore opportunities around using those natural resources for a highly populated country like India."

The convention, held ahead of the India-Canada Technology Summit (14-15 November), hosted more than 80 companies and firms of both the countries to promote corporate and economic dialogues. Held at the Shangri-La Eros Hotel in the Capital, it was supported by the Union Ministry of External Affairs and the High Commission of Canada in India. The Annual Convention also touched upon topics related to current policies, reference to place specific opportunities in key states of India, strategic advice of doing business in India and India's innovative approaches to develop a competitive entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Canada is one of the least visited countries in various spheres to the highest level, I will be talking to the Ministers of International Trade of Canada in the upcoming days," Prabhu said. Addressing the delegates over video conference, "The Government of Canada will open the dialogue for more opportunities."

François-Philippe Champagne, Canada’s Minister of International Trade, said, "When I go around the world, I don’t introduce Canada as a country of 35 million people but as a nation which is giving an access to its market to more than 1.2 billion people of India."

The delegates present were Margaret Verheul, Director, Sales EMEA, Air Canada; Vijay Gokhale, Secretary, Economic Relations, Union Ministry of External Affairs, and Subodh Mitra, president, ICBC.

"For the first time Canada has been invited to the East Asia Summit, which is the premium security summit in the region," the Canadian minister said about the two-day Summit that begins here on Tuesday. "In today’s world of uncertainty and instability, Canada is known for its commitment to stability and certainty which is something we find common with India."

The initiatives taken by the Indian government like Digital India, Skill India, Start-up India and the smart city project are generating momentum. Now, it is time to invest more in the partnership to make the most of the opportunities." The Statesman was media partner at the event.

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India, Canada strive for early FTA

FC Bureau

New Delhi

IN an attempt to push early conclusion of the proposed free trade agreement, trade ministers of India and Canada have asked their chief negotiators to explore new ways to achieve that.

The proposed agreement, officially dubbed as the comprehensive economic partnership agreement, came in for discussion at a meeting between commerce and industry minister Suresh Prabhu and Canadian minister for international trade François-Philippe Champagne on Monday. Champagne is here for the 4th India-Canada ministerial dialogue on trade and investment. Both ministers expressed strong commitment for taking forward negotiations for early conclusion of the commerce ministry said.

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India, Canada governments talk trade and investment

India and Canada, two countries with growing economies, have been discussing the possibility of signing a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) for some time. The recent visit of Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland to India and India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal's visit to Canada have renewed these discussions. Both countries have expressed a desire to deepen bilateral ties, especially in the areas of trade and investment.

India and Canada have a long history of trade and investment. Canada is India's 13th largest trading partner, with two-way trade amounting to $13.5 billion in 2022. India exports primarily machinery, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals to Canada, while Canada exports machinery, chemicals, and transportation equipment to India.

Trade opportunities between the two countries are significant, especially in sectors like agri-food, pharmaceuticals, and information technology. Canada has a strong presence in these sectors, while India has a growing market due to its large population and expanding middle class.

Both countries have also expressed interest in increasing investments in each other's economies. Canada has a large diaspora in India, while India is a significant destination for Canadian investors. The two countries have also discussed the possibility of setting up a joint commission to facilitate investment and trade.

In conclusion, the recent discussions between India and Canada hold promise for a comprehensive FTA that could boost trade and investment between the two nations. Both countries have a lot to gain from such an agreement, and it is hoped that the negotiations will be successful.
THE INDIAN EXPRESS

We would like to participate in India’s road and railway expansion projects.

INTerview WITH CANADA’S MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Canada hopes to increase its trade-related contracts and trade links by agreeing to a new free-trade agreement (FTA) and also to increase its participation in India’s transport infrastructure projects. The Canadian Ministry of Transport, Air Transport, Maritime, and Railway Operations projects the continuation of the free-trade agreement with India, which is expected to benefit Canadian companies.

What is Canada hoping to achieve in its discussions with India on the FTA?

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Canada has a potential of being involved in the expansion of the railway system. We are very interested in that. Major parts of the company Bombardier is involved in making passenger cars as well as locomotives. We have about $5 billion of trade between the two countries, and we would like to be able to expand this.

On the question of cooperation between India and Canada in the transport sector, we are already cooperating in some areas. We have been purchasing Indian aircraft by Canadian airlines. Canadianair has a large number of operations on road transportation, where vehicles are almost all in India. Canadian companies are expanding in India. We have about 30 Indian companies that are involved in making passenger cars as well as locomotives.

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Canada urges WTO deal on e-com, SMEs

To also push for norms to nix gender barriers, at Dec. meet

ARUN PATHAN

Canada plans to pitch for a global deal to boost trade involving e-commerce and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) besides norms that will help eliminate gender barriers to trade, at the World Trade Organization’s (WTO) Ministerial Conference to be held next month, Canada’s Minister of International Trade, François-Philippe Champagne said.

In an interview, Mr. Champagne said, “Canada will be pushing for a gender declaration... to favour more women and women entrepreneurs in trade. We are going to be pushing for norms on SMEs and e-commerce. We are very committed to these because we think these elements are real enablers for greater trade and (an agreement on these) are possible at the Ministerial Conference.”

The Minister also said that the WTO’s highest decision-making body, the Ministerial Conference, which is the WTO’s highest decision-making body, will be held between December 10-13 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

On the possibility of WTO members agreeing for inclusion of a work programme on investments in e-commerce, he said, “We will see.”

Expedite FIPPA

On bilateral issues with India, Mr. Champagne said Canada pension funds were keen to invest in the development of infrastructure and smart cities in India. However, he said, “what is slowing down the level of (Canadian) investment in India is that we haven’t yet finalised the bilateral Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA).”

That is why I was urging (commerce and industry) minister Suresh Prabhu that we need to quickly finalise the FIPA, Mr. Champagne, who on Monday also met Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, said, “...it is in the best interests of Canada and India to finalise (FIPA) to bring a new momentum in our relationship.”

Infrastructure push: Canadian pension funds are keen to invest in smart cities in India, said Mr. Champagne. The idea is to pursue an investment plan of around $5 billion over five years, he said.

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"We are aiming for full potential in trade relations with India"

In India’s biggest trade and investment mission as part of a four-nation engageme, Canada’s Minister of International Trade Francois-Philippe Champagne, talks to Subhayan Chakraborty on bilateral trade and investments, cited excerpts.

Bilateral trade has remained stagnant. Have both governments identified the reason?

We have $10 billion worth of bilateral trade, very balanced, with $5 billion on each side. But both nations have understood that trade is ultimately about people. Canada is blessed to have 1.4 million people of Indian origin and when we look at that, we feel we should not benchmark ourselves to the amount of trade we currently have. Rather, we should aim for and execute the potential that we can reach. That will obviously be done through instruments such as the proposed Free trader Agreement and Protection Agreement (FIPA) for facilitating investments and the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement or the proposed free trade pact.

What exactly does Canada aim to move forward on investment?

The minister said Canada has been the fourth largest investor in India in terms of cumulative investments. He said it is the right time for India to look at the Canadian experience and absorb it.

What do you see as the bilateral investment treaty would be signed with the investor-state dispute mechanism under FIPA in its current form?

Well, if there’s a will, there’s a way (outcome), both ministers understood that and that’s the way to go. During the deliberations, was a deadline for concluding both negotiations arrived at?

Both commerce and industry minister Sanjiv Bhatta and I have instructed our chief negotiators to work as much enthusiasm as possible. We also suggested the rounds be shortened, so as to make more progress. We want a progressive agreement that when it comes to environment, labour or gender.

Canada and India have signed an agreement for a Canada-India Technology summit organized by the Government of India Industry and department of Science & Technology this year. Do you see businesses between start-ups growing?

Based on what I have seen, I feel a lot of business is happening. There is buzz here. There are young and dynamic people who are talking of promising ideas that are going to change the very way we function.

Q&A

Francois-Philippe Champagne

Minister of International Trade, Canada

Canada eyes greater trade ties with India

Uma Kannan

BENGALURU: Canadian Minister of International Trade Francois-Philippe Champagne, who was in Bengaluru on Wednesday, said he could see enormous potential and talent in India and both Canada and India can do more together.

"There are many interesting avenues, and one among them would be Artificial Intelligence. Companies like Google and Facebook have already invested in AI, and the future is very interesting," said Champagne, who also met Infosys Non-Executive Chairman Nandan Nilekani and Wipro top executives during his one-day visit to Bengaluru.

Later in the day, he also participated in a ground-breaking ceremony for Magellan Aerospace’s new facility in Devanahalli. Around 1,000 Canadian companies are active in India, and both Canada and India have $8 billion in bilateral trade. "It’s balanced with $4 billion on each side," he said, stressing on various potential opportunities in FinTech, renewable energy and e-mobility, among others.

For Canada, India is one of its priority markets, and the country sees many joint opportunities, and a win-win situation for both nations.

Time to finalise FIPPA

Talking about Foreign Investment Protection and Promotion Agreement (FIPPA), Champagne said “it’s time that we finalise it, as it allows more investments”.

With Bengaluru, the IT and startup hub, Champagne said opportunities in every corner. He feels the startup ecosystems in India and Canada can be connected.

“I got 20 different business opportunities during my time at the Technology Summit in New Delhi. Talent and technologies are present in both countries, and we can work in areas like renewable energy, solar energy that are of desperate need,” he said.

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Playing Hooky

Why enrolments in American education institutions by Indian students are flattening out

In the past few years, the number of international students in the US has fallen slightly, and the US administration has taken a critical view on the number of Indian students who enrol in the US for the first time in the fall of 2010. The number has dropped by 21% from the peak of 2010, which is a significant decrease over the previous year. This is likely due to the strangulation policies and an average decrease of 7% in the number of new enrolment students. The report analyses several factors driving the decline: the economic, social and political environment; the increase in domestic competition; the increase in the number of students who choose to study in India; and the rise in the number of Indian students who choose to study in India. The US administration has taken a critical view on the number of Indian students who enrol in the US for the first time in the fall of 2010. The number has dropped by 21% from the peak of 2010, which is a significant decrease over the previous year.
Indian students turn to Canada, Australia

Growth in admissions to US universities slows down

SثارE MAHAR & SIMRAN CHANDRAKANTA
New Delhi: Nov 1

The latest report from the Institute of International Education (IIE) and the US government suggests fewer Indian students favored studying in US universities in 2016-17. Though the number of Indian students enrolled in US universities increased 12.1 per cent in 2015-16, it was the slowest growth in the three years. The number of Indian students in US universities had risen 26.4 per cent and 74.9 per cent in 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively.

Experts said the decline could be attributed to the Trump administration's immigration policies and the higher cost of studying in the US. This was forcing students to look at countries such as Canada and Australia, they added.

Canada issued visas to 38,670 Indian students in 2016. The number rose to 53,976 in 2016. The Canadian government has already issued 52,175 visas to Indian students this year.

"We have gone from having 70,000 international students to 100,000, so it is a reflection of the fact that we are welcoming and that education in Canada is high quality," Canadian High Commissioner, India, Shobhit Mukherji told Business Standard.

Similarly, the number of Indian students heading to Australian universities for the last few years, from 44,286 in 2014 to 53,397 in 2015 and 60,031 in 2016. It had touched 64,937 by the end of August this year.

Saurabh Shukla, principal content manager at Fitin, said the number of Indian students were heading to other countries because of the recent immigration policies announced by the Trump administration. Indian students are worried about employment in the US, whereas countries such as Canada and Australia are offering student visas to all foreign students, Shukla said.

He added Indian students would continue to seek education abroad because the Indian government had failed to reform higher education. The government had failed to implement the reforms in education and it had announced a few years ago. Indian students will continue to seek education abroad, he said.

The National Democratic Alliance government has announced a series of reforms in higher education, including a Bill to provide autonomy to the Indian Institutes of Management, setting up of institutions of eminence and providing stipends of Rs 75,000 a month to around 1,000 students at the Indian Institutes of Technology. However, most of these changes are still being implemented.

Critics said the government had failed to increase budgetary allocations for education. Government expenditure on education was 3.2 per cent of the gross domestic product in 2012-13 and it remained at this level in 2016-17.

The report also showed that there was a 12.1 per cent increase in the number of international students in the US. A total of 653,111 students, including 256,811 international students, were enrolled in US universities in 2016-17.

Approximately 1 million impressions generated

10 sessions were live-streamed and generated more than 3,000 views

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"There has never been a better time for India and Canada to collaborate."

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"Innovation can be shaped by public policy and there is a huge role for institutional collaboration to nurture the innovation ecosystem."

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Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII

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"We can take up collaborations with the research organizations........... and can bring their ideas and leverage it in Indian market."

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Mr Kris Gopalakrishnan, Past President CII & Co-founder, Infosys
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Canada has successfully integrated academia with innovation & business. Technology-led innovation under #StartupIndia has become a national movement in India, today~Hon’ble @dharshvardhan, Min for Science & Technology & Earth Sciences, Government of India at #TechSummit2017

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Navdeep Bains @NavdeepSBains

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CII charts change by working closely with Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and business opportunities for industry through a range of specialized services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues.

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