

# 4<sup>th</sup> India Global Summit in collaboration with the India Centre at University of Southampton



## Decoding Indian Democracy

**Date/Time: 28th June (Friday), 9.30 am to 5.00 pm**

**Venue: Southampton Business School (Building 2/Room 3043)  
Highfield Campus, University of Southampton**

The recently concluded Indian election was the biggest in the world in terms of its scale, efforts to organise it, and the time and money spent on it. 900 million people were eligible to vote for 2019 general elections and about 550 million people voted in 7 phases that lasted for nearly 2 months. This giant election needed an infrastructural support of 1 million polling booths and 10 million polling officers. Indian democracy is vibrant, strong and diverse; yet it is complicated to understand. Elections are a small part of the democratic system. This conference will reflect upon critical aspects of Indian democracy and polity.

Registration at: <http://www.indiaglobal.org/fourth-indiaglobal-summit-southampton.html>

## Summit Schedule

8:30 am – 9.30 am	Registration (Building 2 Foyer Area)
9:30 am -- 10:15am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Dr Jagannadha Pawan Tamvada, University of Southampton Dr Nikhil Agarwal, India Global Think Tank</p> <p><i>Setting the theme – Decoding Indian Democracy</i></p> <p>Professor Sabu Padmadas, University of Southampton Dr Ram Vaidya, HSS Dr Jagannadha Pawan Tamvada, University of Southampton <i>Moderator: Dr Nikhil Agarwal, IndiaGlobal Think Tank</i></p>
10:15 am-11:00 am	<p><i>NRI Voting and Dual Citizenship</i></p> <p>Ms Loveena Tandon, Aajtak Ms Sabe Tibits, India-Europe Business Forum Dr Shre Chaterjee, University of Southampton <i>Moderator: Mr Nagendra Chindam, Pravasi Bharat</i></p>
11.00 am – 12.15 pm	<p>Inaugural Address Prof Mark Spearing, Vice Chancellor, University of Southampton (tbc)</p> <p><i>India Global Distinguished Fellow Award Ceremony</i> <i>Distinguished Address by The Rt Hon. the Lord Dholakia OBE DL</i></p> <p>Vote of Thanks Prof Sabu Padmadas, Co-Director, India Centre for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development, University of Southampton</p>
12.15 – 12.30pm	<p><i>Group Visit to Gandhi Memorial Tree</i></p> <p>Business Entrepreneurship Education for India: A role model in Gandhi, Prof Martin Broad, Head, Southampton Business School</p>
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 2:15 pm	<p><i>Demographic Dividend and Democracy</i></p> <p>Mr Amit Tiwari, Indian National Students Association Dr Tina Alton, WBAF UK Praveen Pandey, Singhania &amp; Co <i>Moderator: TBC</i></p>

2:15pm-3:00pm	<p><i>Challenges and opportunities for the new Government in India</i></p> <p>Dr Kanad Kulkarni, University of Portsmouth  Dr M Prabhakar, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust  Mr Vishesh Agarwal, U.K. Policing Pathways  <i>Moderator:</i> Dr Gautam Sen, Dharmic Ideas and Policy Foundation</p>
3.00-3.30	Tea Break
3:30 pm - 4.15 pm	<p><i>WES Talks-Educating the next Billion (in association with World Education Summit)</i></p> <p>Professor R Ajit Sheno, University of Southampton  Dr Adesh Joshi, Southampton Solent University  Dr Ruchi Agarwal, Indian School of Business  Dr Mili Shrivastava, University of Bournemouth  <i>Moderator:</i> Dr Nazia Habib, Cambridge University</p>
4.15 pm to 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks

#### Useful Information

##### Summit Co-ordinators:

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##### Public Parking near to the venue:

There is a pay and park location on the Highfield Campus. The parking is FREE in few streets nearby for 2 hours. Please check before you park.

#### **About**

##### **India Centre for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development**

In March 2019, the University of Southampton launched the India Centre for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development with a vision to create a globally recognised think-tank centre for innovation, knowledge transfer and capacity building. The Centre seeks to underpin excellence in research, education and enterprise, driven by common goals, shared values and partnerships. The Centre provides a platform for our research leaders to come together with policy makers and business and industry partners to deliver evidence-based solutions and unlock the opportunities for policy change, inclusive economic growth, technology and sustainable development for India. Professor Jane Falkingham heads the India Centre.

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We consider ourselves as an assembly of like-minded, action-oriented individuals working towards bringing positive change in the countries we live-in. Indian diaspora is among the biggest diasporas in the world. Indian Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi has called-for the global Indians to contribute towards development of the nation. India can be a superpower in true sense in next decade if we can integrate and collaborate the diaspora spread across the world. India Global focuses on how we can develop knowledge exchanges, cultural bond and economic linkages across the world through fellow Indians. Our mandate is to initiate the dialogue and work on the action plan to realise our dream.