



History of Exchange

Delhi, India Chicago's Sister City Since 2001

Chair: Smita Shah

Vice-Chair: Niranjan Shah

2001

Focus: Signing Agreement

Mayor Richard M. Daley and Delhi's Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit signed Chicago's 23rd sister cities agreement.

2011

March 17

Focus: Business

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, in collaboration with the Delhi Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity held a breakfast presentation titled, Focus on India Series: India's Booming Economy and the Infrastructure Challenge. Presenters included Mr. Rik Geiersbach, Vice President of Corporate Strategy for The Boeing Company, Varun Bajpai, Chief Executive Officer of SBI Macquarie Structure Management, and Rajat Gupta, Senior Partner and McKinsey & Company's Mumbai Office.

May 18

Focus: Humanitarian, Culture

The Chicago Committee of Human Rights Watch and the Delhi Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International presented a private evening lecture and reception with Meenakshi Ganguly, South Asia Director for Human Rights Watch, on the subject of India and Human Rights.

Held at the Loyola University Museum of Art, following the reception guests were able to enjoy private viewings of the museum's *Martin D'Arcy Collection* and *After the Flood: Eklavya Prasad's Photographs of Life in North Bihar, India exhibit*.

May 19

Focus: Education

The Delhi Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International in conjunction with Chicago Public Schools, presented a private Education in India Roundtable presented by Mrs. Prema Rangachary, Director of Vidya Vanam School in rural India. Topics discussed were the education system in India; the creation of Vidya Vanam School, which serves indigenous children; the challenges of working within low resource communities and the adaptation of varied teaching methods.

September 15- 18**Focus: Health**

Dr. Deepak Kumar Jain from the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College & M.Y. Hospital Indore participated in the 13th Annual Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Symposium in Chicago as part of a grant from Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The grant allowed one physician from each Chicago Sister City to attend the Symposium.

September 20**Focus: Business**

The Executives' Club of Chicago in partnership with FICCI, in collaboration with The Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the Delhi Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International, presented a one-day U.S.-India Economic Opportunities and Synergies Summit at the Fairmont Chicago designed to bring together policy-makers and business leaders to discuss conducting business in India, and to strengthen relationships between India and the United States.

Participants learned about the opportunities in the industries of aviation, infrastructure, manufacturing, power, renewable energy and telecommunications. Speakers from the Indian Government included the Minister of Commerce & Industry His Excellency Anand Sharma, the Minister of Power His Excellency Sushil Kumar Shinde and the Minister of Renewable Energy His Excellency Farooq Abdullah, Secretary of Telecommunications R. Chandrashekhar, Secretary of Civil Aviation S N A Zaidi, President of FICCI, Chairman & Managing Director of Marico Ltd. Harsh Mariwala, and the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion Secretary R P Singh.

Deputy Secretary of Transportation John Porcari, Illinois Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the CSCI Delhi Committee Chair Smita Shah, also spoke at the Summit.

2012**August 6-10****Focus: Culture**

The 7th Annual Chicago Sister Cities International Festival transformed Daley Plaza into an international village filled with merchants, food, music, and dance from Chicago's 28 Sister Cities. Merchants Koru Street and Mata Traders sold traditional Indian souvenirs representing the culture and heritage of India.

October 4-7**Focus: Medical**

The 14th Annual Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Symposium, an professional educational event highlighting the most recent clinical and scientific advances in breast cancer research, took place at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Dr. Geeta Kadayaprath from Max Cancer Centre, Max Healthcare in India participated and represented Delhi in the 2012 symposium.