



## **Shastri Institute participates in the 4th Global University-Industry Congress & Higher Education Summit and Knowledgexpo**

**November 20-21, 2014, at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida**

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized **4th Global University-Industry Congress & Higher Education Summit and Knowledgexpo** on November 20-21, 2014, at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida. The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute participated in Higher Education Summit of the Knowledgexpo on November 20-21, 2014, and also had a pavilion at the Knowledgexpo for dissemination of information on the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's programmes and activities. The main focus of Higher Education Summit was improving entrepreneurship through Innovation. The Higher Education Summit featured industry-government policy round-tables, thematic sessions and partnership sessions.

The President of the Shastri Institute, Professor Biju Paul Abraham was a panelist at the session on 'Global Partnerships in Indian Context'. The session was chaired by Professor Furqan Qamar (Secretary Genral, Association of Indian Universities) and the other panelists were Professor UB Desai (Director, IIT Hyderabad), Professor Rajat Gupta (Director, NIT, Srinagar), Prof M.S. Krishnan (Associate Dean, Global Initiatives, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan), Professor Gurinder Singh (Additional Vice Chancellor, Amity Group) and Dr R C Natarajan (Director, T.A. Pai Management Institute, Manipal). Professor Abraham spoke about the importance of developing global partnerships and highlighted the Shastri Institutes contributions to building sustainable partnerships between Indian and Canadian universities and research institutions. He also identified some of the critical success factors for developing sustainable international education partnerships.

The first edition of a joint report being brought out by CII along with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) on 'Trends in Internationalisation of Indian Higher Education' was also released at this session.



President, Professor Biju Paul Abraham speaking at the session on 'Global Partnerships in the Indian Context' at the CII Higher Education Summit, November 21, 2014.

Professor Shanthi Johnson, Associate Dean (Research & Graduate Studies), University of Regina and Past-President of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute was a panellist at the session on 'Improving Entrepreneurship through Vocational Education'. The session was chaired by Mr. Atul Bhatnagar (Chief Operating Officer, National Skill Development Corporation). The other panellists were Dr. Miriam Carter (OP Jindal Community College), Professor Gita Rajan (Fairfield University) and Mr Vikas Gupta (Managing Director, Wiley India). Professor Johnson spoke on the importance of developing entrepreneurial skills in our education systems and also on the role that community colleges were playing in providing vocation education in Canada.



Past-President, Professor Shanthi Johnson, speaking at the session on 'Improving Entrepreneurship through Vocational Education' at the CII Higher Education Summit, November 21, 2014.

A large number of participants also visited the Shastri Institute pavilion at the Knowledgexpo to get information regarding the Shastri Institute's programmes and activities. Ms. Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee, Programme Officer and Ms.Reshma Rana Verma,Library-in-Charge, of the India Office briefed them about current and upcoming programmes of the Institute.



The Shastri pavilion at the CII Knowledge Expo 2014.



(From L to R) Ms.Sanghamitra Jana Chatterjee (Programme Officer). Professor Biju Paul Abraham (President) Professor Suchorita Chattopadhyay (Executive Council Member) and Ms.Reshma Rana Verma (Library-in-charge), at the Shastri Institute Pavilion at the CII Knowledgexpo, November 20-21, 2014.