

**PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY  
REGISTRAR'S SECRETARIAT**

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**International Conference  
(Inaugural Function)**

An International Conference on an important theme "**Engaging Canada-Engaging India: The French Canadian Context**" is being organized by Pondicherry University in collaboration with Shastri-Indo Canadian Institute, Canada and Government of Quebec in the Convention cum Cultural Complex of Pondicherry University on 11th and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

The inaugural function is scheduled to commence sharply at 10.00 a.m. in the Cultural cum Convention Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

A high power delegation led by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Higher Education of Quebec is participating in the inaugural function. Around 25 Foreign Delegates and many Indian delegates from across the Country will be participating. Dr. Iqbal Singh, His Excellency, the Lt. Governor of Puducherry & Chief Rector of Pondicherry University will inaugurate the conference. A Copy of the invitation is enclosed herewith.

All the Deans/HODs/faculty members/officers/scholars/students/staff are kindly requested to make it convenient to attend the inaugural function.

All are requested to be seated by 9.45 a.m. positively.

  
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All Concerned

**Pondicherry University cordially invites you for  
the two day International Conference  
on**

**ENGAGING CANADA – ENGAGING INDIA:  
THE FRENCH CANDADIAN CONTEXT**

organized in collaboration with  
Shastri Indo Canadian Institute, Canada and  
Government of Quebec  
at 10.00 a.m. on 11th June 2012 at the Cultural-cum-Convention Centre,  
Pondicherry University, Puducherry.

**Dr. Iqbal Singh**

His Excellency, the Lt. Governor of Puducherry &  
Chief Rector of Pondicherry University  
has kindly consented to inaugurate the conference.

**Ms. Christiane Piché**

Assistant Deputy Minister of Higher Education of Quebec  
will be the Guest of Honour.

**Mr. Benoit- Jean Bernard**

Consul and Director – Quebec office, Mumbai  
will offer felicitations.

**Dr. Braj Sinha**

President, Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute, Canada and Professor &  
Head of the Department of Religion and Culture,  
University of Saskatchewan  
will deliver the Key Note address.

**Prof. J.A.K. Tareen**

Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University  
will preside.

## Programme

### Invocation

- Welcome Address : **Prof.M. Ramadass**  
Director of Studies, Educational Innovations &  
Rural Re-construction, Pondicherry University
- Presidential Address : **Prof.J.A.K. Tareen**  
Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University
- Felicitation : **Mr. Benoit- Jean Bernard**  
Consul and Director – Quebec office, Mumbai
- Key Note Address : **Dr.Braj Sinha**  
President, Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute,  
Canada & Head of the Department of Religion  
and Culture, University of Saskatchewan
- Special Address : **Ms. Christiane Piché**  
Assistant Deputy Minister of Higher Education of Quebec
- Inaugural Address : **Dr. Iqbal Singh**  
His Excellency Lt. Governor of Puducherry
- Vote of Thanks : **Prof. R. Venguattaramane**  
Dean, School of Humanities  
Pondicherry University.