

Engaging with India at the University of Saskatchewan



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Increasing Capacity – Highly Qualified People

- International Undergraduate Student Recruitment – India recruitment efforts
- Graduate Student Recruitment – new Dean's International Scholarship Fund; India recruitment efforts
- Visiting Scholars

Existing Agreements

- Currently 26 Memoranda of Understanding / Agreement with Indian universities, research institutes and ministries of the Government of India

Strengthening International Research

Strengthening Graduate Training

- 3 new graduate schools including School of Environment and Sustainability
- 30+ Canada Research Chairs, 1 Canada Excellence Research Chair
- New & *prospective* Research Institutes including: Global Institute for Water Security, *Institute for Nuclear Studies, Food Security Institute, Mining Institute*

Shortcomings - Issues

- Small number of UofS colleges (primarily Engineering, Agriculture & Biotechnology) actively engaged with India
- Very limited numbers of faculty and students engaged; differing intents of engagement (research, study abroad, development)
- Huge number and variety of Indian institutions-where should the UofS concentrate its efforts

Shortcomings – Issues (cont)

- Financial support for graduate students, post-docs
- Work-placement opportunities for students

Next Steps....

- Creating a Strategy for Engagement with India
 - appoint an “India Advisor”
 - identify expected outcomes for Strategy
 - examine our current MOUs/MOAs re strength and significance
 - consult with faculty & staff about priorities
 - work with Provincial Government and industry to identify areas of common interest

Next Steps....(cont)

- Identify those regions of India to concentrate on and, within those regions, those universities/institutes to 'partner' with
- Identify best practices to support partnerships and to encourage/'incentivize' faculty, staff and students to participate
- Identify and secure resources to make the strategy work

Objectives

- Construct working agreements with 4-6 Indian universities/research Institutes that
 - are multidimensional
 - benefit the UofS and our partner
 - facilitate and expand connections between Saskatchewan and India

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