

ICCC 26th Annual Awards Roll Of Honour

Top Achievers In Various Fields Recognized By Premier Indo-Canadian Business Organization

The Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce held their 26th Annual Awards and Gala Night at the Paramount Eventspace in Woodbridge. The theme of the evening was "Rise of Digital Era: Excellence in Changing Times". The following personalities were honoured at the event.

Female Entrepreneur: Reetu Gupta

Reetu Gupta is Chief Operating Officer of the Easton's Group of Hotels, Canada's largest private hotel development firm and The Gupta Group, Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer of Rogue Insight Capital Ltd.

Born and raised into the



world of Real Estate and Hospitality, Reetu at the age of 11, worked every summer at the company, learning the grassroots of the business. She was graduated with an MBA from the Schulich School of Business. Despite the recession in 2009, she added three hotels to the company's existing six properties and kept growing the company to a portfolio of 19 hotels across Canada with six more hotels under development. Reetu's career quickly progressed from Executive Director to being named COO in 2015.

In 2012 she launched The Gupta Group, the residential real estate arm of the company. Reetu is also the Chief Strategy Officer of Rogue Insight Capital Ltd., a division of the Gupta Group that launched in fall of 2017 that focuses on angel investing to support Canada's burgeoning start up ecosystem.

Reetu is Chair of the City of Toronto's External Advisory Committee for Canada's Sesquicentennial Anniversary, Advisory Board Member for Ryerson University's School of Hospitality and Tourism Management and sits on several other boards & committees.

In 2017, Reetu was honoured with the distinction of Canada's Top 40 Under 40®. Reetu continues to exceed excellence and is an inspiration not only in her industry, but for women everywhere.

Male Entrepreneur: Suneet Singh Tuli

Suneet Singh Tuli is the founder and CEO of DataWind Inc. He has 24 years of experience as a serial entrepreneur, with DataWind's Initial Public Offering on the Toronto Stock Exchange in June 2014. At DataWind and previous ventures, patented technologies were created to develop scanning, printing and imaging products that set world records and got recognition from Guinness Book of Records.

DataWind has received

worldwide attention for its vision to empower the next 4 billion people and bridge the digital divide. In 2012, DataWind's Aakash 2 tablet computer was launched at United Nations by Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon.

Suneet has been recognized by Forbes magazine in its 2012 Impact 15 list as a classroom revolutionary. He was also awarded with Visionary of the Year, Renaissance Engineer of the Year and entrepreneur of the year by World Sikh Awards.

DataWind has been awarded with UK's Most Innovative Mobile Company for 2012, Outstanding Product Achievement Award by the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance, Technology Achievement Award ICCC and CNBC TV 18's Young Turks Innovation award.

Suneet regularly speaks at various forums internationally as keynote speaker. He delivered the prestigious Mercier Lecture, speaker at TiEcon Southwest, TiEcon Canada, Internet Freedom



Conference in Stockholm, the Beyond Access conference in Washington D.C., World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) in Doha etc.

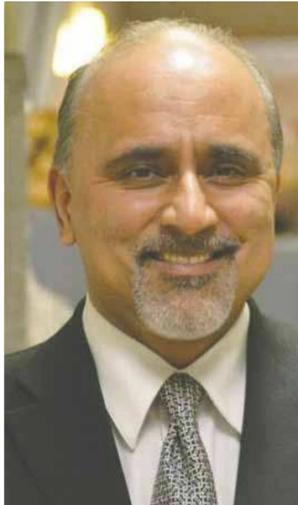
In 2017, Suneet received an Honorary Doctorate from Apex Professional University in India for his contribution to technology in education.

Male Professional: Rajiv Midha

Dr. Rajiv Midha is an internationally recognized surgeon, scientist and educator, neurosurgical expert on nerve disorders. He currently serves as Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Neurosciences at the University of Calgary, leading over 100 faculty members in the Divisions of Neurology, Neurosurgery, Physiatry and Neurosciences, changing the way that stroke, MS, epilepsy and other neurological conditions are managed.

He is an authority on peripheral nerve surgery, having given over 250 lectures world-wide, including being an invited professor at some of the most prestigious Universities. He serves on the editorial boards of three prominent neurosurgery publications, Journal of Neurosurgery, Neurosurgery and World Neurosurgery. Dr.

Midha has published over 150 peer-reviewed articles, co-edited four textbooks



and dozens of chapters and editorials published over his career.

In 2015, he was elected for membership to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences-membership. In 2017, Dr. Midha gave the prestigious David Kline Lectureship at the leading American Neurosurgical conference, as recognition of his singular contributions to nerve surgery.

His cutting edge research, spanning over 30 years and supported by several millions dollars of funding, has produced ground-breaking insights on the repair of peripheral nerve injury. Rajiv's involvement with patient focused groups in nerve diseases, along with engaging industrial partners, has led to the development of endowments and centers of excellence to study nerve damage and nerve regeneration.

His philanthropic work involves fundraising for charities, such as SEVA, United Way, MS Society and the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Alberta, giving back to his community and involvement with the Indo Canadian community at large.

Young Achiever: Abhishek Jain

Abhishek Jain is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Accounting and Finance from University of Waterloo. He has completed 4 co-op terms with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in their Assurance practice and received a full-time offer to join as a Senior Associate upon completion of the Master of Accounting program. He is actively pursuing both CPA and CFA designations.

He is deeply involved in extra-curricular activities. He was one of the two students selected to represent Enactus Waterloo on an international stage via a collaboration with Anza International, a Tanzania based organization that provides entrepreneurs the capacity, capital and community they need to thrive. Working in the city of Kilimanjaro, Abhishek established the foundation of "Iko Eco" a platform of changing disposal habits though an incentivized network of waste collection. He helped remove over 10 tons of waste

from the streets of Tanzania.

His involvement in Purple Haze Media Inc. as Director and Consultant has allowed him to actively engage small and medium business in financial consulting, process improvement, financial structuring and overall business profitability.

He has volunteered for Rajasthan Association of North America and ICCC and helped raising funds for various charitable causes.

He is Recipient of 3M Canada Problem Solving Project Partnership Best Project – Iko Eco, 1 of 68 undergraduate students across Canada invited to PricewaterhouseC-



oopers Talent Academy National Conference, Recipient of Kavelman-Fonn Foundation International Experience Award.

Technology Achievement: Parth Patel

Parth Patel is a serial entrepreneur and Chief Executive Officer of SyS Creations – IT Management and Consulting Solutions, a leading IT firm focused on technology-driven solution with a customer-centric, journey-first approach. Parth has founded "YoloCarts" which aspires to make hiring a pre-vetted service provider as easy as e-commerce buying products. Parth desires to build a platform which can organize the world of services - and bring them to your finger-tips.

Parth serve as CTO in Sil-



ver Fox Pharmacy (LTC) and ZepVR. Operating the IT Infrastructure of many small-medium sized businesses keeps him on his toes and his passion for helping others keeps him motivated. Parth has also worked in the space of Virtual Reality and is a firm believer of leverag-

ing technology, and a set of simple yet powerful processes to make anything happen.

Parth moved to Canada in 2011 to follow his passion for business and started working with Canadian entrepreneurs on a contract basis.

He has an amazing ability to transfer that knowledge to the next person or business. He is focused on getting the most value for what you have and thinks about every conceivable way he can help make your business better.

At present, SyS Creations & YoloCarts all together employs over 70 tech and business enthusiasts who look forward to crafting inimitable solutions with continuous plans of expansion in Canada & India. Parth adores spending time with his family and friends. Parth enjoys practicing yoga and motivating many individuals in Halton Region.

Corporate Executive: Atul Tiwari

Atul Tiwari is the managing director and head of Vanguard Investments Canada Inc., the Canadian wholly owned subsidiary of the Vanguard Group, Inc., one of the largest asset managers in the world with over \$5 trillion USD in global assets under management. He helped grow the business into Canada's third largest provider of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) with over \$25 billion



(CDN) in assets held by Canadian investors.

He has enjoyed a distinguished 25-year career in the financial services industry and is one of the pioneers of ETFs in Canada, having served as founding president of BMO Exchange Traded Funds prior to joining Vanguard. Before that, he co-founded BMO Group's Global Asset Management Division, and was president of BMO's mutual fund business in the U.S.

He graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and practiced law in Toronto and London (U.K.).

He is former chairman of the Canadian ETF Association and is a director of the D.D. Foundation, which provides medical care and education to the disadvantaged in India. He is honorary