



# **INDIA GATEWAY ANNUAL REPORT**

**2020**



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## **INTRODUCTION**

While the COVID-19 pandemic created numerous uncertainties, the India Gateway continued to prioritize and productively engage with Ohio State's students, faculty, staff, alumni and partners through virtual platforms in 2020.

Ohio State has advocated on behalf of its international students and continues to offer support and a myriad of resources whether they are studying on campus or abroad. The India Gateway has leveraged virtual platforms to connect with prospective, admitted and current students, and has provided resources to those needing assistance.

While travel restrictions reduced the number of faculty, staff and student visits to India during the year, the India Gateway leveraged online resources to continue our partner engagements in the form of experiential learning opportunities, corporate executive education, research engagements and topical webinars. With the number of ongoing engagements including those funded by government grants and corporate funds, and the initiation of new memoranda of understanding and renewals of existing partnerships, we are extremely appreciative of the strong encouragement we have received from our stakeholders and partners.

We are proud to facilitate Ohio State's mission in this part of the world. The COVID-19 pandemic confirmed the need for us to continue to collaborate inclusively and across international borders to accelerate discovery and translate knowledge into viable solutions.

***Padmini Roy-Dixon, Executive Director  
Global Gateways and Partnerships***

***Nikhil Tambe, Director  
India Gateway***

## STUDENTS

The India Gateway supported the recruitment of new students to Ohio State, provided resources to incoming students, promoted academic programs and identified internships for students to gain practical experiences in their future careers.

### Recruitment & Support Services –

Supported Ohio State's undergraduate and graduate recruitment efforts by visiting schools, both in-person and virtually, and coordinating virtual opportunities for admissions counselors. Engaged with admitted students by hosting virtual pre-departure orientations, facilitating experiential learning and virtual education abroad opportunities, and by answering questions about life on campus in the United States.

 <p>Participated in <b>10 recruitment events</b> that reached <b>939 prospective students</b></p>	 <p>Visited <b>19 high schools</b></p>
<p>Provided visa and pre-departure preparation sessions for <b>279 admitted students</b></p> 	 <p>Interviewed <b>6 enrolled students</b> about distance learning and provided helpful resources</p>
 <p>Provided general services to <b>40 Buckeyes</b></p>	 <p>Coordinated <b>8 major event series</b> for Ohio State admissions counselors</p>
<p>Featured <b>9 alumni</b> engineers and architects on <b>2 Buckeye Bridge Career Conversations</b></p> 	 <p>Interviewed <b>15 applicants</b> for RIYA virtual internship. <b>3 interns</b> completed program.</p>

## FACULTY

The India Gateway engaged with faculty by fostering existing partnerships and facilitating new relationships.

### Visits –

Assisted faculty and staff who visited India with travel logistics, event and meeting planning, accommodations, transportation.



**26 faculty and staff** visited India and **1 faculty member** completed her sabbatical in India

Completed **50 virtual engagements** with faculty and staff



### Partnerships & Collaborations –

Worked with a diverse array of partners — academic, corporate, governmental and NGOs — to connect Ohio State faculty, staff and students with these organizations.

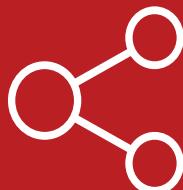


**2 proposed MOUs** in discussion and **2 MOU renewals** initiated

**4 partnerships** continue active collaboration



**25 Indian companies** and **institutions** collaborating with the India Gateway



**17 colleges, institutes** and **centers** engaged with the India Gateway

The India Gateway releases a bimonthly online newsletter that features events, research opportunities, grants and updates. Sign up at [go.osu.edu/indiagatewaynews](http://go.osu.edu/indiagatewaynews).

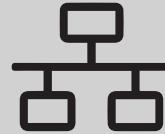
### **Grants & Research –**

Identified and secured grant opportunities with faculty to facilitate collaborations with Indian institutions.



**2 grants awarded** by Government of India:  
SPARC and VARJA

Assisted faculty on **3 grant applications** and secured **5 letters of intent** from universities in India



**1 grant awarded** by Robert Bosch Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence



Recruited **3 panel members** from India for GOHi's Summer Institute

### **Corporate Engagement –**

Facilitated relationship between Fisher College of Business and the Tata Group.



Fisher **signed a contract** with Tata Management Training Centre to conduct corporate executive education

Fisher expanded scope of engagement to **4 Tata businesses**: Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Indian Hotels Co. Ltd.



### **2020 HIGHLIGHT**

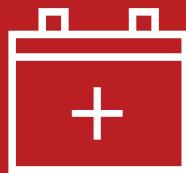
Ten Ohio State Fisher College of Business faculty delivered executive education training to 300+ participants for more than 550 instructional hours. One session was conducted in person and six fully online trainings were delivered in 2020.

## ALUMNI & FRIENDS

One of Ohio State's most important assets are individuals who want to engage and remain connected to the university — no matter where they reside in the world. The India Gateway helps Ohio State remain connected to alumni and friends in the region.

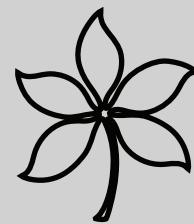
### Events & Engagement –

Hosted events and supported activities to increase engagement with alumni, stakeholders and friends.



Planned  
**11 events** for  
alumni with **300**  
attendees

Supported **India Alumni Club** that achieved Scarlet status for **2nd year** in a row. Collaborated with The Ohio State University Alumni Association



Engaged directly with **50 alumni** in 2020



Introduced  
**4 alumni** to Executive Director for International Advancement Angha Sirpurkar

### 2020 HIGHLIGHT

The India Gateway hosted Ohio State senior leadership in Mumbai and New Delhi in January 2020, taking the opportunity to showcase firsthand several long-standing partnerships, connections with prominent alumni and celebrate the university's Sesquicentennial. The delegation included, Bruce McPheron, executive vice president and provost; Gil Latz, vice provost for global strategies and international affairs; Anil Makhija, dean of the Fisher College of Business; Gates Garrity-Rokous, vice president and chief compliance officer; and Padmini Roy-Dixon, executive director, global gateways and partnerships.

## **Outreach –**

Maintained connections and built awareness of Ohio State in India through newsletters and social media platforms: Facebook, LinkedIn and WhatsApp.

 Featured <b>30 outstanding alumni</b> in Celebrating Buckeyes campaign	 <b>3 prominent alumni</b> highlighted via online Global Perspectives series
Shared stories with <b>335 alumni</b> in LinkedIn group	 Published <b>40 stories</b> for <b>373 Facebook followers</b>
 Messaged <b>696 subscribers</b> via <b>6 newsletters</b>	 Engaged <b>235 WhatsApp users</b>

## **2020 HIGHLIGHT**

In January, Ohio State recognized alumna Mamata Mukhopadhyay, the first woman to graduate with a chemical engineering PhD at Ohio State, on the 50th anniversary of her graduation. An accomplished academic, Mukhopadhyay is faculty emeritus at IIT Bombay in the Department of Chemical Engineering teaching thermodynamics, supercritical fluid extraction technology, processing with supercritical fluids, production of nanoparticles, food process engineering and cryogenics.

## PARTNERS

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### **Academia –**

Amity University  
Aligarh Muslim University  
Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay  
Indian Institute of Technology – Kharagpur  
Indian Institute of Technology – Madras  
Punjab Agriculture University  
S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research

### **Corporate –**

Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre  
Foundation for Neglected Disease Research  
Indian Hotels Co. Ltd.  
Mahindra Institute of Quality  
TATA Management Training Center  
Tata Sons Ltd.  
Tata Consultancy Services  
Tata Steel  
Tata Motors

### **Government Agencies –**

Automotive Research Association of India  
Center for Disease Control and Prevention:  
    Global Health – India  
EducationUSA  
Government of India –  
    Department of Science and Technology  
    Indian Council for Agricultural Research  
    Institute of Microbial Technologies  
    International Centre for Automotive Technology  
    U.S. Agency for International Development  
    U.S. Department of State  
    U.S. – India Science & Technology  
        Endowment Fund (USISTEF)  
    United States – India Educational Foundation (USIEF)

### **Hospitals –**

All India Institute of Medical Science  
Nanavati Super Specialty Hospital

### **The Ohio State University –**

Center for Automotive Research  
College of Arts and Sciences  
College of Engineering  
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences  
College of Medicine  
College of Pharmacy  
College of Public Health  
College of Social Work  
Fisher College of Business  
Global One Health initiative  
Infectious Diseases Institute  
Institute for Materials Research  
Moritz College of Law  
Smart Vehicle Concepts Center  
Sustainability Institute  
The Ohio State University Alumni Association  
Technology Commercialization Office

To stay up to date on Gateway and campus activities, join the Ohio State India Gateway Facebook Page at [facebook.com/OSUIndiaGateway](https://facebook.com/OSUIndiaGateway).

## FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS

### Partners –

“Thank you for your invitation to deliver a session on drug-resistant TB infection prevention and control experience in India. I want to thank each one of you for the extraordinary effort to share knowledge to the participants amid COVID-19 pandemic. Infection prevention and control practices are very much relevant in COVID-19 response.” – **Rajesh Deshmukh, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Global HIV & TB – India**

“Thank you for a fabulous presentation.” – **Deborah Rosario, EducationUSA Adviser, USIEF**

“The points and inputs given by you were really helpful. Thanks to Vinod also for connecting us.” – **Janet Turner, EducationUSA Adviser, USIEF Alumni**

“Meeting you all (Provost McPheron & Vice Provost Latz led senior leadership delegation that visited India in January) was really a memorable event for me. Thanks for arranging such an event.” – **Mamta Mukhopadhyay ('69, PhD Chemistry) Emeritus faculty, IIT Bombay**

“Thank you so much for this comprehensive interview. These questions cover the entire gamut of professional and personal life. Intriguing enough to question as to what you are doing in life. In fact, these questions have helped me re-visit several crucial aspects in career and life. Thank you so much ... really appreciate it. It's a very good initiative you have taken.” – **Jitendra Kumar, Managing Director, Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre**

“We are excited about our collaboration with OSU and the India Gateway has been extremely supportive.” – **Shridhar Narayanan, CEO, Foundation for Neglected Disease Research**

### Students –

“The video we shot came out yesterday. It's really exciting. I wanted to thank you. Without your (Vinod Rani) help this would not have been possible.” – **Preethika Kumar, graduate student, Moritz College of Law**

## **Faculty & Staff –**

“Thanks for your support of Fisher activities in India, adding programming with Tata Motors recently. Much appreciated.” – **Anil Makhija, Dean, Fisher College of Business**

“We’re equally excited about the outcome to have two excellent projects with Tata, and such high-level sponsorship with each project. Thanks for the support and connections provided.” – **Joyce Steffan, Senior Director, Office of Global Business, Fisher College of Business**

“That is awesome news! I have always been so impressed at how the Gateway teams serve students and alumni! Thank you for all that you do and for being a wonderful colleague!” – **Marilyn Bury Rice, Director, Lhota Office of Alumni Career Management, The Ohio State University Alumni Association**

“This [letter of support] is greatly appreciated and will go a long ways toward convincing our grant reviewers to give our NIH application a great score!” – **Rich Robinson, Associate Professor, Infectious Diseases Institute, College of Medicine**

“Thank you very much for your presentation. It had great information, and it generated several important questions and ideas to follow up.” – **Luis Cañas, Interim Director International Programs in Agriculture, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center**

“I attended both webinars and really enjoyed the conversations. I believe they were also very valuable to the student audience and we look forward to collaborating more in the future.” – **Leslie Roberts, Director of International Initiatives, College of Engineering**

“It was great meeting you yesterday. I appreciate you taking the time to orient me on activities undertaken by the India Gateway office. The work that you and your team is doing is incredible and I will do my part on sharing this information with my colleagues from the College of Social Work!” – **Sharvari Karandikar, Associate Professor, College of Social Work**

## **2020 HIGHLIGHT**

**The India Gateway and India Alumni Club held a sesquicentennial reception in New Delhi, that hosted alumni from New Delhi, Hyderabad, Bhopal and Bangalore and celebrated 150 years of Buckeye spirit.**

## **CONNECT WITH THE INDIA GATEWAY**



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