



*Transforming the success  
of Indian Americans into  
meaningful impact worldwide*

2017

**5th Anniversary Leadership Forum**

*Carpe Diem - Seize the Day!*

Lansdowne Resort & Spa

Leesburg, VA

September 29<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>***Terrace A***6:30 pm Networking Reception***Terraces B and C***8:45 pm Night at the Movies: "The Tiger Hunter"**

Q &amp; A with Director Lena Khan

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>***Riverside Hearth***8:00 am Breakfast****9:00 am Plenary Session: Carpe Diem – Seize the Day***Amphitheater**Introduction by MR Rangaswami**Panelists: Sejal Hathi, Arun Kumar, Priya Natarajan and Rajan Navani**Moderator: Khushali Shah**Speaker: Sanjeev Joshipura,**Sheena Iyengar: "Log Kya Kahenge"**Amphitheater Foyer***10:30 am Coffee Break****11:00 am – 12:15 pm Breakout Sessions***Thurber***Tech Triangle – A Kosher Idea**

Indiaspora is taking a lead role in fostering a collaborative climate in technological innovation between the US, India and Israel. What are the prospects of this endeavor?

*Session Chair: Vinay Nair**Speakers: Suchit Bachalli, Bharat Barai, Khush Choksy**Conant***Oh! To Be (Anything But) a Doctor or an Engineer**

People whose careers are off the beaten path discuss unconventional careers and attitudes.

*Session Chair: Sanjay Kadaveru**Speakers: Rupa Dainer, George Jacob, Vijai Nathan, Gingger Shankar*

*Potomac F*

### **Jugaad and Innovation in Healthcare**

*Can India benefit from American technological advances in healthcare?  
Does India have anything to teach the US with its low cost jugaad model?*

*Session Chair: Sunny Ramchandani*

*Speakers: Gunjan Bagla, Pat Basu, Sejal Hathi, Ramesh Raskar*

*Bacon*

### **Shrimati President!**

*How are Indian-Americans continuing their progress on the US political front?  
When will we have an American president from our community?*

*Session Chair: Tanveer Kathawalla*

*Speakers: Rishi Kumar, Sameena Mustafa, Deep Sran, Krishanti Vignarajah, Thiru Vignarajah*

*Riverside Hearth*

**12:30 pm Lunch**

**1:30 pm Plenary Session**

*Amphitheater*

### **USA & India – Ever the Twain Shall Meet**

*Panelists: Frank Islam and Sunil Wadhvani*

*Moderator: Shyam Lal*

*Speakers: Rich Verma, Nisha Biswal*

*Panelists: Sadanand Dhume and Rick Rossow*

*Moderator: Manpreet Anand*

*Amphitheater Foyer*

**3:00 pm Chai Break**

**3:30 pm – 4:45 pm Breakout Sessions**

*Thurber*

### **Can Indian-Americans Be 1% of Everything?**

Indian-Americans are 1% of the US population and now 1% of the US Congress.  
Can we aspire to similar goals in other professions?

*Session Chair: SK Gupta*

*Speakers: Navneet Chugh, Kesha Ram, Ganesh Sitaraman, Navin Thukkaram*



*Conant***“Get Out of My Country! You’re Not Like the Rest of Us!”**

How should Indian-Americans combat racism and other human biases based on gender, sexual orientation, age, etc.?

*Session Chair: Gautam Raghavan*

*Speakers: Shaun Jayachandran, Jay Kansara, Sushma Raman*

*Potomac F***STEM and Liberal Arts: Yin and Yang of Education**

What are the advantages and disadvantages of one type of education versus another? Must it be an either-or choice?

*Session Chair: Varun Sivaraman*

*Speakers: Maya Ajmera, Devesh Kapur, Sunder Ramaswamy*

*Bacon***\$500 Billion US-India Trade: Reality or Fantasy?**

Trade and investment opportunities between the US and India appear to be inexorably increasing, but there are still obstacles to be overcome. Will the two countries make a quantum leap in their business and economic relations?

*Session Chair: Nish Acharya*

*Speakers: Shama Barot, Anand Deshpande, Vinny Gupta, Jigar Patel*

*Riverside Hearth / Terrace*

**6:30 pm Drinks, Dinner and Entertainment**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Riverside Hearth*

**7:45 am Breakfast**

*Amphitheater*

**8:45 am Plenary Session: From Inspiration to Impact**

*Vrundan Bawankar*

*One-on-one with Arun Kankani and Balan Ayyar  
Manvendra Singh Shekhawat and Lakshmi Pratury*

*One-on-one with Deval Sanghavi and Maya Ajmera*

*Anshu Gupta*

*SaiPrasad Venkatachalam*

*Q&A with Sejal Hathi and Priya Natarajan*



*Amphitheater foyer*

**10:15 am Coffee Break**

**10:30 am – 11:45 am Breakout Sessions**

*Thurber*

**Can Indian Spirituality Salve America's Fissures?**

America's social fabric is divided right now. Can a healthy dose of Indian spirituality help cure this ailment?

*Session Chair: Amita Shukla*

*Speakers: Mandar Apte, Kanniks Kannikeswaran, Ira Trivedi*

*Conant*

**Giving to India – Money or Time?**

Well intentioned people in the US and in India want to donate their money and/or their time. But what's the most effective way to give back? How to select causes and charities?

*Session Chair: Nalini Saligram*

*Speakers: Rahul Ali, Raj Gilda, Ganesh Natarajan, Sascha Sippy*

*Bacon*

**ABCDs Are From Venus, NRIs From Mars**

People born in India think, speak and act differently than the next generation of Indian-Americans. How to bridge this cultural/generation gap?

*Session Chair: Shinjini Kundu*

*Speakers: Shohini Kundu, Ajay Mago, Raju Reddy*

*Riverside Hearth*

**12:00 pm Lunch and Wrap-up**

**1:30 pm Buses Depart to  
Union Station and Dulles Airport**

