



SIETARINDIA

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Sietar India Inaugural Conference

**More Masala for the Melting Pot:
Sharing Cultures and Competence for
Collaboration**

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The Society for Intercultural Education Training and Research (SIETAR)-India is a non-profit association of educators, researchers and trainers from a wide range of practical and academic disciplines who share a common concern for intercultural relations. SIETAR-India provides an opportunity to learn from and share with colleagues in the intercultural arena and advance the body of knowledge and practice in the field.

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Welcome to SIETAR India's Inaugural Conference!

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The ability to communicate, collaborate and create across cultural difference is being recognized as a critical professional, personal and societal competence for the 21st century. While this phenomenon is world-wide, it is a salient feature of a changing India. The growing number of people working internationally in India, either virtually or actually, the need to enhance education that prepares Indians to be “glocal” citizens, and the reality of the regional, linguistic and communal diversity of India are only some of the areas where the impact of culture is increasingly being felt.

The purpose of the SIETAR-India inaugural conference is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, techniques, strategies, theories, tools and creative expression useful to fostering effective intercultural relations and thus to develop ourselves as intercultural practitioners and the intercultural field.

Professionals from any discipline that deals with intercultural issues and fields in which intercultural work is exercised and applied are encouraged to attend.



The Program

The SIETAR India inaugural conference program offers 14 concurrent sessions by sterling intercultural practitioners in the areas of training, consulting, coaching and facilitation as well as sessions on education and academic research. The program offers a balance of presenters from India and their counterparts from France, Germany, the Netherlands, Thailand, the UK and the US.

We are honored to have three outstanding guest speakers address the conference: Hema Ravichander, Sharad Sharma and Dr. Mathew Chandrankunnel.

Ms. Ravichander will tell us, after a decade of leading Human Resources at Infosys, why intercultural work is so close to her heart. Mr. Sharma, who during his tenure at Symantec Corporation fostered the highest innovation intensity across all company locations worldwide, will speak on intercultural challenges in IT. Finally, Dr. Mathew Chandrankunnel will ask us to reflect on culture and the way forward for India and humanity.

As important as the presenters and speakers, our program also creates many opportunities for the participants at the SIETAR India inaugural conference to connect with their colleagues from across the city, across India and across the globe to share knowledge, viewpoints and coffee. At the inaugural reception and gala evening we will enjoy entertainment and conviviality in our intercultural community.