



## Report on the Global Emerging Leadership Program 2022 conducted at Sairam Campus, Chennai in association with GELP, Canada on 29-11-2022.

Global Emerging Leadership Program (GELP) is a social enterprise aimed at developing leadership programs for students and young professionals. GELP provides professional guidance to students seeking their next post-secondary and career experience. GELP's goal is to promote leadership development and to equip global leaders with the tools to create change and impact within their communities. The Global Marketplace provides an opportunity to help delegates understand the dimensions of leadership through experiential learning and skill-based workshops.

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Sai Leo Nagar, West Tambaram, Chennai - 600 044.

cordially invite you for the inaugural function of  
**GLOBAL MARKETPLACE FOR CAREER AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT**  
MoU Signing between  
**Sairam INSTITUTIONS** & **GELP**  
Chennai, India Canada  
and GELP's Global Leadership Award Ceremony

**29th November, 2022, Tuesday**  
9:30 AM @ Sigma Auditorium

**Dr. SAI PRAKASH LEOMUTHU**  
Chairman & CEO,  
Sairam Institutions  
will preside over the function

**Mr. OMAR KARIM, MBA., MscIB., EdD (c)**  
Founder & President, GELP  
has kindly consented to be the chief guest

**Mr. ELDER WILSON BEARHEAD**  
Canadian Indigenous Elder  
and Knowledge Keeper  
will deliver the special address

Dr. C. R. Rene Robin  
Dean (Innovation)  
& Convener

Dr. K. Palanikumar  
Principal / SIT

Dr. K. Porkumaran  
Principal / SEC

**DELEGATIONS OF GELP & SAIRAM**

**Mr. Joel Hampson, MEd [c]**  
Director, Campus Engagement

**Mr. Dustin King**  
Project Coordinator, GELP

**Ms. Sobhana Jaya-Madhavan, MSW, PhD [c]**  
Associate Vice President, External Relations,  
Simon Fraser University, Canada

**Ms. Karthik Chavan MBA, MScIB**  
South India Ambassador, GELP

**Mr. David Woodward**  
Executive Leadership Coach &  
Work Integrated Learning Faculty,  
Vancouver Island University, Canada

**Dr. Srividhya Mouli, Ph.D, MBA**  
Director, International Partnerships, GELP

**Mr. Seth Recalma**  
Keynote Speaker,  
GELP Member of the Nuu-chah-nulth  
and Hwalwala'wala peoples

**Mr. William Sharp, MSc**  
Chief IT Consultant &  
Former President,  
University of Calgary Alumni Association

**Ms. Amber Lasse, MBA [c]**  
Marketing and Event Coordinator,  
HeadStart, USR

**Ms. Shamshi Karim**  
Special Advisor, GELP

**Mr. Mohit Payare**  
NSP Project Coordinator,  
GELP

**Dr. K. Porkumaran**  
Principal, Sri Sairam Engineering College  
Chennai

**Mr. Kurtis Johnstone**  
Technology Specialist, GELP

**Dr. K. Palanikumar**  
Principal, Sri Sairam Institute of Technology  
Chennai

**Ms. Megan Wolfe**  
Content & Outreach Specialist, GELP

**Dr. C. R. Rene Robin**  
Dean Innovation & Convener  
Sairam Institutions, Chennai

The Global Marketplace Leadership Program 2022 was one of the major international events in Sairam campus in collaboration with the Global Emerging Leadership Program (GELP), Canada. GELP is partnering with Simon Fraser University - Canada, Vancouver

Island University - Canada, and many Canadian universities. More than 20 delegates from Canada visited the college to honor the Global Virtual Summit Winners who won prizes worth \$850 CAD in Global Virtual Summit and to sign an MoU with our institution.

The program was conducted on Tuesday 29th November 2022 with 2500 students from Sri Sairam Engineering College and Sri Sairam Institute of Technology. The event started with the Thamiz Thai Vazthu. It was followed by a Classical dance performance to showcase our tradition. As per the Tamil custom the programme was given an auspicious beginning with Kuthuvilakku being lit by the delegates and the other officials who were on the dais. Our Eminent CEO Dr. Sai Prakash Leo Muthu felicitated the chief guest, Omar Karim, Founder & President, GELP and all other GELP delegates with a garland, shawl and memento as a token of gratitude.



A video on GELP was played to introduce the students to the program. Mr. Omar Karim, Founder and President, Global Emerging Leadership Programs (GELP) welcomed the gathering. The dynamic CEO and Chairman, Sairam Group of Institutions Dr. SaiPrakash LeoMuthu addressed the gathering and inspired the students to make effective use of the platforms provided. The core of the program was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). A MoU on International Internship , Student and Faculty Exchange programme was signed between **GELP and Sairam Institutions** on stage amidst the cheer

and applause of the audience. It was a historic moment with a significant milestone in the international relations of our institution.



A video on the UN Declaration of Rights of Peoples – Global Perspective was played during the program. Mr Elder Wilson Bearhead, Canadian Indigenous Elder and Knowledge Keeper delivered the special address on Global Skill Development from an Indigenous World View.

There was a panel discussion on “Future of Work” by the following panelists. Ms.Shobhana Jaya Madhavan , Associate Vice President ,Simon Fraser University ,Mr.Brock Dykeman ,International Director , Continental Institute for International studies, Mr.Luke Nixon , Social Entrepreneur ,Ms.Gwen O’ Mahony ,PR and Government Relations specialist , Mr.Naresh Raj, Chief Information Officer ,Sairam Institutions, Chennai and Dr.A.Arunachalam ,Dean Placement, Sairam Institutions ,Chennai.

Simultaneously workshops were conducted for 450 students in three different venues. Dr. Ravi Chandra Raju, Ashoka Fellow and Co-Founder of DYN Naturals, India conducted a workshop on Social Entrepreneurship: The Art of the Start at Alpha Hall. In Beta Hall, a workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership: Navigating Uncertainty and Conflict with Courage was conducted by Lyndsay Passmore, Program Chair, Melville School of Business, Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Charlene Bearhead, Director, Reconciliation, Royal

Canadian Geographical Society conducted the workshop on Leadership in Action: Leading Change at Gamma Hall.



In a parallel session, at the AV Hall, A video depicting the "Sairam Legacy" was presented by Dr. K. Palani Kumar, Principal, Sairam Institute of Technology. Dr. K. Porkumaran, Principal, Sairam Engineering College spoke on the "Opportunities in Sairam." Dr C.R Rene Robin, Dean (Innovation), Sairam Institutions showcased the Sairam Innovation Ecosystem. A "Networking Event" took place to create a bond between Sairam & GELP Delegates. The Canadian delegates were given a tour of the Sairam Campus which left them awed and impressed.

At the Valedictory function in recognition of Students and Global Virtual Summit Winners, the awardees were honored with prize money and a memento. Omar Karim, The Founder and President, GELP appreciated the initiatives taken by Sairam Institutions and recognised Sairam as institutional partner. An inspirational video 'Explore the Leader in You' was played to encourage student participation in GELP programs. The interactions elicited by the GELP team helps our students and Faculty to know the International internship opportunities ,Students and Faculty exchange programme .

Adding color and festivity to the programme, a cultural fiesta was staged by students of Sairam Institutions. Girls and boys showcased the diversity in Indian culture through their dance performances. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. C. R. Rene Robin, Dean (Innovation), Sairam Institutions. The programme concluded with the National Anthem.

