

## WICCI – List of Board Members



- **Mokshi Virk- President**

**Profile** - Director of a Not-for-Profit, Realtor, Events organizer, TV & Radio Host, socially conscientious citizen, doting mother, caring wife, dear friend and an exemplary example to the community, Mokshi Virk is all of these things.

She is one of the few people who are willing to walk the extra mile for the benefit of the community. It was this sentiment that led to Mokshi's hosting her first Celebrating Womanhood event in 2013 in Brampton. What started as a humble sole endeavor in 2013 about celebrating and recognizing women heroes is now a Non-profit organization **Indo-Canadian Arts and Culture Initiative (ICACI)** with a whole GTA community supporting it as she had a Sold-out event in March last year in 2019.

Celebrating Womanhood Gala event has seen its 7th year and we saw Mokshi won two prestigious Awards on the occasion of International women's day celebration, Mokshi was recognized with "Woman Achiever Award" from Glorious Women of Wonders, Canada in 2019 and International Women Achiever's Award in Arts & Culture category in March 2020

She is recently nominated as **President of Toronto, Canada** by the management and officials of **World Book of Records U.K.**

She is a recipient of "**Woman of Action Award-2017**" by Access Health and Peel Woman Entrepreneur Group and "**Community Initiative Award 2017**" from International Women's Association 2017. She received "**Community Support Award**" from Absolutely Fabulous women and "**International women's Day Award**" in 2018. Besides this, she was recognized as an outstanding individual for winning a 2017 "**Citizen Award for Inspiration**" from the City of Brampton.

Building a stronger community where she lives with her family and runs her real estate business and non-profit organization is a very important to her. She encourages local business network to support the events that would enable women entrepreneurs to showcase their talent and achieve excellence.

As women of today, she believes we must lead our society into a new paradigm of recognition and equal opportunities. In today's age, women work full-time contributing to the advancement of country and humankind. She is working towards building a better world where men and women live harmoniously, free of violence and discrimination.



- **Chitrlekha Potnis- Vice President**

**Profile-** Chitrlekha has a. B Tech from Nagpur University, India. She has Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Electronics & Microprocessors and Industrial Management. She has published 52 technical papers nationally and internationally, and has been on various advisory committees of International Conferences on Engineering Education. She is a currently the President and Co Owner of Peel College of Professional Studies, a college that is owned and operated by women.

She has almost thirty five years of professional experience in industry, academics, and education management. She has extensive experience in the education field, having been a teacher, and college administrator all her life. She has handled the entire gamut of functions required to run an educational institute. This includes everything from starting new courses, teaching, designing curriculum, marketing courses, and industry – institute interaction to enable students to get hands-on experience in their chosen field.

She was awarded a Woman Hero award in the field of Education at the 6th Annual Celebrating Womanhood 2018 Gala by the Indo-Canadian Arts & Culture Initiative (ICACI). She was named one of the 50 influential women in the GTA by Nikisar Inc. and Women of the Earth Empowerment (WEE) in 2018.

She was conferred the Education Excellence Award at the World Marketing Summit & Kotler Awards Canada 2019



- **Micky Gulati**- Board member

Profile- Born and raised in Lucknow, India, Micky's passion had always been to teach. She believes that there's no better feeling than to share your knowledge and experiences that can ignite the imagination and shape the character and future of an individual. As they say, one child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world; and that's exactly what drove Micky through her youth and still drives her now. She completed her Bachelors of Education at a young age and has been lighting the people around her ever since. Fast-forwarding to more of her work and projects in recent years, Currently a Director/Owner at Design 8000 Beauty Academy. Over the past 30 years the company has participated and achieved high levels in many events across Canada and the globe, including Miss India Worldwide, Miss Canada Globe National Pagent, Miss Mundo Latina International beauty pagent, Winner of Top 50 GTA Entrepreneur Award, Toronto Hair & Beauty Award 2018, Consumer Choice Award,JunCtion Community Award, Proud to be a part of Air Canada uniform unveiling event . She continues to dream big & achieve higher positions in the global scale. She owns a company, Design Television, where she broadcast events taking place in the community & across the globe as a community service . She looks at the world with a broader perspective always remembering that sky is never the limit, your mind is.



- **Anuradha Chatterjee**- Board member

Anuradha Chatterjee is a President's award winner for scout and girl's guide in 1994 by Dr.Shankar Dayal Sharma in India. She was a practicing advocate before immigrating to Canada.

Anuradha immigrated to Canada to fulfill her dreams. She has worked with many organizations as an event manager and coordinated several community events. Her ambition is to serve the community and she is actively involved in it.

She won an Award of Appreciation from Indo Canadian arts & Culture Initiative for her community work in Canada.



- **Namrta Mohan**- Board member

**Profile** -Founding Director of Talk Heals Psychotherapy, Canada. She Leads a supervisory group for students and 'in training' psychotherapists. She is a Registered Psychotherapist with College of Registered Psychotherapist of Ontario (CRPO) and a Member in good standing with Ontario Association of Mental Health Professionals (OAMHP)

She is a Chair for Parent Council, Thorndale Public School, Brampton. She is Skilled in the areas of holistic psychotherapy, interpersonal relationships, trauma, anxiety, depression and stress

She is Passionate towards providing trainings and consultation to corporate sector and educational institutes



- **Shivani Rana** – Board member

**Profile**- Shivani Rana is quite active in management field and she has a corporate experience of about 15 year.

She was associated with Hospitality and Banking field, and now she is very active in media industry in Canada especially focused on South Asian community.

In past 15 years, she gained a lot of experience in management and technical skill, people

management, event strategizing, planning, and execution. She is very passionate about helping in the community.



- **Raakhy Pangasa-** Board member

**Profile** - Having an academic background from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, I have worked with various local and multi-national companies of high repute in India, United Kingdom and Canada. I have had the opportunity to gain experience and add value via Accounting, Business, Analytics, Reporting and Process Improvement roles.

I am also a very active member of various Women as well as Community organizations like ICCI, Razzmatazz, Zoom Entertainment, Peel Women Entrepreneur Group, Brampton Entrepreneur Centre, New Brampton. I love to volunteer at temples Hindu Heritage Centre & Vishnu Mandir, a few food banks, Ngo Seva, and am also a Vice Chairperson at Parents School Council. I do my bit by taking Hindi language classes, organizing Festival celebrations, book readings, storytelling, helping students and new immigrants with initial settlement bottlenecks and whatever other ways I can.



- **Ramneet Gadi-** Board member

**Profile-** Ramneet is passionate about developing strong organizational and community relationships. She has over 15 years of experience in health care equity, inclusion, risk management and emergency planning. Ramneet's versatility in working within community educating, collaborating and advising senior executives on cross cultural relationships has helped improve trust, confidence and reputation for organizations such

as William Osler Health System, Trillium Health Partners (formerly, Trillium Health Centre) and Region of Peel.

Ramneet has been the Board member at Regional Diversity Roundtable, Advisory member at Sikh Committee at William Osler Foundation, Central West Local Health Integration Network Diversity Core Action Group and Regional Renal Committee- enhancing partnerships and creating equitable access. Her Leadership in creating an equitable and inclusive environment is reflected in Osler achieving the first two Diversity awards- Canada's Best Diversity Employer 2013 & Accreditation Canada's: Embracing Diverse Practices in Palliative Care 2012.

A mother of two tween children, Ramneet prides herself in raising them as good citizen and community members. She brings a unique set of skill and experience, working, both, in the community with partners such as United Way, Indus Community Services, and Punjabi Community Health Services, and with organizations such as hospitals, Municipalities and legal authorities. Her passion and strong drive to create a cohesive and supportive environment is how she identifies herself.



- **Suparna Verma** – Board member

**Profile** - Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Certified General Accountant from Certified General Accountants of Ontario – now part of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (CPA). Manager at Merchant Banking company in India and led a team for Public Issue Management.

Currently she is working as an independent accountant and tax advisor in Woodbridge, Ontario, specializing in personal and corporate taxation. She has been serving in the community by volunteering for teaching Hindi at the community Temple and participating in tax clinics conducted by CPA Ontario for low-income groups and seniors.



- **Meeta Khanna** – Board member

Profile – Meeta Khanna was working in PNB as Chief Manager when Opted for VRS 3 yrs ago to follow her passion for singing. Now, she is in singing & acting profession. She learnt music at Shri Ram Bhartiya Kala Kendra, New Delhi and also completed Sangeet Prabhakar from Pyag Ssmili, Allahbad.

She did her Acting workshop at Brampton, Toronto, Canada (10 days) with Rana Ranbir Adabi Guru(ustaad-e-mohatrim)- B D Kalia 'Hamdam' in poetry etc.

Works— Two ghazal albums- Khushboo, Hasratein released. Videos on youtube.

Ghazals on [gaana.com](http://gaana.com).

She has Performed at ghazal concerts in Tricity of Chandigarh/ Panchkula/ Mohali. and in America including Punjabi Folk Show organised by North Zone Cultural Centre at Rick Garden, Chandigarh, Ghazal and other shows at Harayana Kala Kendra, Gandhi Bhawan, Punjab Kala Bhawan, Haryana Punjabi Sangeet Avademy, Ehsaas Adabi Society, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, World Punjabi Conference, Canada, Jagat Punjabi Sabha, Canada.

She host shows like bhajan sandhyas both in India as well as in Canada.

Her upcoming projects are two singles in punjabi ( songs of Surinder Kaur ji and Noorjehan ji) under process.

She has been given many honours and awards like Golden Globe Award, women icon award, Saraswati Award , Naari Shakti samman

She participated at World Punjabi Conference 2019, Toronto

She is a Member of Malton Women Council, Toronto; participated in social work and performed For MWC at various forums. She has the honour of being the key speaker at MWC meetings, participated and performed in Carabram Multicultural Festival, Brampton, Canada

She is hosting a Live talk show called 'Andaaz Apna Apna' at Hamdard TV, Brampton, Canada

She is a Founder member of NGO called Sirjanharian International Women Association, Canada and working for welfare of women and others associated with literature and music

She has been Guest Speaker at Corporate events, have been judging various shows and been chief guest/ guest of honour at various forums.

She has been coordinating and hosting monthly virtual musical show 'Jhankaar ' which is held on first Sunday of month where new upcoming singers are provided a platform to perform

She has been holding Meditation sessions at corporate offices and colleges whereby they are taught breathing exercises, Forgiveness Sadhana & Planetary Peace Meditation under the aegis of Yoga Prana Vidya, Spiritual Healing Group.

And the journey continues.....



- Sujata S Khopade- Board member

**Profile:** Sujata is a Financial Analyst in her professional work life. She is a Law graduate from a reputed university in Mumbai. She moved to financial services business later on and worked in Stocks. Out of her own interest she has learnt Financial Analysis from Harvard School, USA.

She can be described as a Positive, goal oriented person who can identify opportunity in every challenge.

Her family previously owned Engineering works company, SK Industries in India. They have collaborated with several big companies like Crompton Greeves, Bajaj and some companies in Singapore.

Sujata has also established a document management start-up that manages physical documentation of companies. And has now entered into Health Equipment business.



- **Dr. Taru Johri- Board Member**

Dr Taru Johri is a dentist and public health researcher. She did her Bachelor's in Dental Sciences from one of the leading institutes of India and a Master's in Public Health from King's College London, United Kingdom (one of the top 10 universities in the world). She has 6+ years of experience in Dentistry, Academics and Public Health Research. Before migrating permanently to Canada, she was working in one of the top Public Health Research Institutes of India (Public Health Foundation of India).

In Canada, she has worked with the top hospitals of Toronto – Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and St. Michaels Hospital. However, it was her latent passion for the six-yards and the South-Asian culture that led her to start her venture. She is the CEO and co-founder of "TheFavorsLab" - an E-Commerce platform that provides the South Asian community living in North America affordable and accessible options for ethnic wear and accessories.





- **Sonali Sandhu-** Board member

A business woman with Mary kay, Sonali is passionate about helping women in her community. She is a devoted mother, a caring wife and a successful business woman. She is actively involved in community events including coordinating cultural events in Canada. She is a big supporter of community events and actively participates in networking events to help and support women entrepreneurs.



- **Vasudha Khanna-** Board member

Vasudha is a Human Resource Professional; she did her MBA in HR from India and pursuing HRM from Humber College. With the passion for home décor and fashion, She has recently started her business in home decor and essentials. It's like turning her passion in interior and home decor to a business. She is very excited to take her efforts in this business to a next level.

She is very motivated and helpful entrepreneur and looking forward to contributing towards helping women in particular by supporting women initiatives in Canada.



- **Kalpana Vaze-** Board Member

Profile- Kalpana Vaze, is an educator, mother and an author of my upcoming book, Allergens are REJECTED!

She has been guiding and motivating young learner's to be confident and inquisitive individuals. Her experience in working with Special needs people has made her realize that with effort and compassion one can bring out the best in every one.

Her experience in the education field can go a long way in supporting our young generation in Canada.

She is actively involved in supporting "Nachiket library project", which runs village libraries for students in the most remote and under privileged area of eastern Maharashtra, India. She also provide financial support for education to students in the remote village of Parbatipur, Assam India. where her childhood friend runs a school for the children of the Tea garden workers.

She is also involved with MEHAR Canada, a mental health support group, as this topic is very close to her heart.



- **Renu Kalra – Board member**

Profile- Her Motto is, " We may be strong as individuals but together we are invincible."

She has expertise in Auditing, Accounting, Administrative and Customer Service with experience in government, retail, immigration and transportation sectors. She has Master's degree and B.ED with major in socio, economic, political and psychology. She is proficient in multi languages besides bagged many accomplishments of awards and rewards at local and regional levels. Her hobbies are learning, yoga, meditation and arts. She is asStrong believer in the progress of the women and society in every sphere. According to her "Talent wins games, Teamwork wins Championships".



- **Nalini Raghavan- Board member**

**Profile:** Passionate about organizing and coordinating events and people management. Experience in coordinating fashion shows broadcasted on many popular TV channels like Zee TV. She has coordinated and hosted many fashion shows and cultural events in Canada. She is very passionate about Arts and Culture and has supported many community organizations.

Nalini has been recognized by many organizations for her contribution to supporting community events including Indo Canadian Arts & Culture Initiative for coordinating the Cultural event.



- **Nisha Bhakthan-** Board member

**Profile:** Nisha did her Hons. In Bachelor of Social Work from York University, Toronto She is currently doing her Diploma in Immigration Consultancy from CDI College Bachelor of Commerce, India

She had worked on contract with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada as Integration and Settlement Officer in past and has experience and passion of helping immigrants in our community.

She is an Executive Director for Nitevox productions ( media business)

Also, she is a Vice President for Mississauga Kerala Association and very actively involved in the community.



- **Dr Sonal Bhatt-** Board member

**Profile of Dr.Sonal Bhatt, International Ayurvedic physician and an expert Consultant**

Dr. Sonal Bhatt M.D. (Ayurveda) is a highly qualified Ayurvedic physician and Panchakarma specialist from one of the leading Ayurvedic universities in India, Jamnagar Ayurvedic University.

She is also a Registered Holistic Nutritional Consultant and has been practicing as an Ayurvedic consultant, Panchkarma specialist, teacher and researcher in India, Canada and North America for over 30years. She is currently practicing and teaching Ayurveda and offering holistic health services in Toronto. She is a very passionate community leader.



- **Richa Sareen-** Board member

Richa is a self-employed Insurance Professional. She was born in India but she has chosen Canada as her home. She is very passionate about helping people & families. She started her career as a Fashion Designer in India; worked as an Educator in the Toronto District School Board, to now successfully running her Insurance Business in Ontario.

She get immense peace & satisfaction in empowering women and educating newcomers to Canada. She has worked in Model Schools where kids had difficulty understanding English, and now she is educating families on how to be financially smart.

Her goal is to educate and insure the life & assets of her clients and to equip them with the tools to plan their future She is a proud single mother of 2 beautiful teenage boys who are her heartbeat. The motto of her life is simple, “When you become Fearless, the world becomes Limitless “



- **Pardeep Dosanjh-** Board member

Profile - My name is Pardeep kaur Mehat-Dosanjh. I was born in India and I come from a Sikh family. My father was a hard working farmer and my mother stayed home to raise 7 loving children.

I moved to Canada in search of a life full of hope, prosperity, freedom and security. I now live in Ontario with my husband and our three beautiful and successful children.

Professionally, I have worked as an Office Administrator, a Human Resources Recruiting coordinator as well as a health care worker.

Currently, I am employed with a government funded hospital as a clerk in the Emergency Department where I also work as a scheduling representative for Covid-19.

I am a proud business entrepreneur, currently working towards recruitment of International students who are planning to attend a college within Canada.

I am dedicated, passionate and eager to help others, and enthusiastically accept new challenges.



- **Prabha Agarwal** – Board member

Profile: Big supporter of Women in Business, She has been in textile business and now in the service industry of Mortgages. She is a Board of Director of Agarwals based in Canada. Her Passion is to help women become independent and empowered.

Prabha is very involved in helping immigrant families get into their dream homes by helping them getting mortgage. She is very active in the community especially South Asian community that are based in Canada

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