



## The International Conference organised by Stella Maris College, Chennai



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- The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Leadership was jointly organised by Stella Maris College, Chennai and Trinity Western University, Canada
- The FARR Centre was inaugurated at the conference at Stella Maris College, Chennai

Stella Maris Collage, Chennai in collaboration with Trinity Western University, Canada jointly hosted a two-day (16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019) international conference on the topic, “**Connecting Globally: Emerging Strategies on Glo/cal Leadership**”.

The conference witnessed the inaugural of the two-year M.A. Leadership Programme at the Canadian (FARR) Facilitating Academic Resource and Research Centre at Stella Maris College, Chennai. The Canadian FARR Centre was inaugurated by **Consul General Ms. Nicole Girard, Canadian Consulate, Bengaluru.**

The FARR Centre is an outcome of the academic partnership of the Stella Maris College, Chennai and Trinity Western University, Canada who have jointly envisioned to offer a unique pathway through the M.A. Leadership Programme to enhance higher education in a robust manner. Additionally, the FARR Centre will promote student exchange programmes, leadership training for both staff and students and conduct study abroad programmes.

**Dr. Renuka Rajaratnam, Dean, Research & International Programmes, Stella Maris College, Chennai** briefed the audience on the partnership and collaboration between the College and Trinity Western University, Canada in setting up the FARR Centre and acknowledged the tremendous support and encouragement received from the **Dr Sr. Rosy Joseph, Principal Stella Maris College, Chennai** and **Sr. Susan Matheikal, Secretary Stella Maris College, Chennai**. She mentioned about the various opportunities students could avail by the FARR Centre such as faculty and student exchange programmes, study abroad programmes, and exchange of academic resource and research information.

**Consul General, Ms. Nicole Girard, Canadian Consulate, Bengaluru** delivered the inaugural address on the *“Role of Women in Leadership”*. She spoke about cultural collaboration and the importance of women in leadership. She highlights instances from her career hereby inspiring the younger audiences in taking leadership roles. She insists that leaders should put issues on the agenda and work on them. She highlighted the need to support daughters by providing good education and to work hard to the best of their potential.

The keynote address on *“The Fate of the Commons in an Interconnected World: Leading Change in Higher Education”* was delivered by **Dr. Philip Laird, Provost, Trinity Western University, Canada**. He spoke about the latest trends in Global Education. The futuristic talk emphasized the importance of career-ready and future-ready education. Dr. Philip highlighted the characteristics of knowledge age education and how learning has changed the knowledge age. He also mentioned about the mega trends affecting higher education and competencies for student success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He points out that the Canadian FARR Centre will be a significant platform to provide and exchange knowledge and develop meaningful education for learners amongst various other advantages.

The Day 2 of the conference included a session on *“Understanding Individual and Collective Empowerment for Women around the World”* by Professor Brenda Lee Sasaki, Trinity Western University, Canada and the second was session on *“Multiplication through Mentoring”* by Professor Jonathan Michael, Trinity Western University, Canada. The two sessions was followed by student paper presentations on Youth Leadership.