

**Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training, Leader of the Government
in the Legislative Council**

Official Visit to India, Saturday, 12 January to Sunday, 20 January 2019

Delegation

Hon Sue Ellery MLC: Minister for Education and Training, Leader of the Government
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Yaz Mubarakai MLA Member for Jandakot

Liz Carey: Chief of Staff to Minister Ellery

Accompanied by:

Mr Peter Baldwin, WA Government Trade Commissioner, Mumbai office.

Mr Jamal Qureshi, WA Government office, Education Adviser.

Overview:

Hon Sue Ellery MLC visit to India was primarily to promote Perth as a study destination for international students and education collaboration through a program covering Mumbai, Delhi and Ahmedabad and attend the 9th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit.

In 2017, India was the State's largest market for international students accounting for 15% of the State's international students. Currently there are 7,969 Indian student enrolments in the State's educational institutions. Vocational education and training accounted for 49% and higher education accounted for 43%.

Minister Ellery engaged directly in international education discussions with the Ministers of the State of Maharashtra and profiled Western Australia's education through a series of meetings with international schools, universities and key education agencies.

Minister Ellery joined the Australian delegation to the opening ceremony of the 9th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit in Ahmedabad to profile Western Australia and undertake government to government meetings on education. The Vibrant Gujarat 2019 attracted over 33,000 participants including 2,700 international delegates from over 100 countries.

The Minister was the first politician to represent Western Australia at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit.

Saturday, 12 January 2019

Departure from Perth, Western Australia and arrival in Mumbai, India.

Sunday, 13 January 2019, Mumbai

Meeting with the Dr Mukesh Batra, Founder of Dr Batra's Healthcare, Mr Nilesh Makwana, Founder & President, Borderless Gandhi and Mrs Lene Makwana, Co-Founder, Borderless Gandhi.

- Dr Batra's Healthcare has over 230 clinics across 122 cities in India, Dubai, United Kingdom, and Bangladesh. In addition, Dr Batra is a photographer who often exhibits his works at high profile events in India.
- Discussion around the establishment of his business in Australia and Western Australia's strength in vocation and tertiary health services education.
- Minister Ellery issued an invitation for Dr Batra to visit Perth and regional Western Australia for his business and photography interests in profile Western Australia in India.
- There is an also opportunity for Dr Batra to meet with the relevant training regulators, the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and the Homeopathy Association of Australia.

Monday, 14 January 2019, Mumbai

Meeting with WA Government Trade Commissioner based in Mumbai for a detailed program and in-country briefing.

Meeting with the Minister for Education, Government of Maharashtra, Hon Vinod Tawde and Australian Consul General to Mumbai Tony Huber.

- Minister conveyed the Western Australian Government's long and ongoing commitment to the India market.
- Acknowledged the existing cooperation between Western Australia's higher education institutions with the Maharashtra Government.
- Expressed the State Government's desire to cooperate with Maharashtra in higher education and vocational education and training.
- Need to further explore how WA TAFE can assist with an international qualification in India.
- Minister Tawde posted a photo of the meeting to his 644,000 plus followers.

Visit NES International School and meeting with Founder President Dr R Varadarajan. NES International School.

- 15 students from NES International School visited the University of Western Australia on a study tour. Minister Ellery issued an invitation for more students to visit Western Australia.
- General discussion on scholarships to Western Australian universities and practical placement of teachers in India from Australia.
- Minister Ellery addressed students and staff who had taken part in an International Science Festival where all the IB School of Mumbai had participated. Minister Ellery presented student awards at the event.

Meeting with WE Business School, Dr Uday Salunke Chairman and staff.

- A group of 17 students from UWA Business School visited WE School on a study tour. They attended lectures delivered by industry professionals, and visited manufacturing units where they were shown products manufactured from inception to end.
- WE Business School outlined their research priorities - energy, renewable energy and agriculture.
- Discussed opportunities to broker businesses wanting to do business in India and how their startup incubator space could be used to explore the India market.
- Minister Ellery outlined WA Government International Education Strategy and discussed opportunities for further collaboration between WE School and WA Universities.

Tuesday, 15 January 2019, Mumbai

Meeting with Tony Huber, Consul General, Australian Consulate General in Mumbai and Rod Hilton, Deputy High Commissioner to India.*

- Discussed the current and emerging trends in education and training in India.
- Received an update on the Australian Government's response to *An India Economic Strategy to 2035: Navigating from Potential to Delivery (India Economic Strategy)*. Top four priorities are tourism/education, resources, energy and agribusiness.
- Consul General reiterated how critical the WA office is to the relationship with the Indian Government.
- Opportunities for stronger links with business.
- Education, research partnerships and scholarships important.

**Attended by Yaz Mubarakai MLA, Member for Jandakot and Liz Carey, Chief of Staff to Minister Ellery.*

Meeting with KC College, Dr Hemlata Bagla Principal.

- General discussion about the Western Australian Government International Education Strategy.
- Minister Ellery issued an invitation for KC College to encourage students to study in Western Australia.
- KC College priorities are life sciences, media, management and languages and would like to explore greater collaboration with WA universities.
- Priority would be genuine exchange of faculty and students and the inclusion of VET elements in university program to focus on 'job ready' skills for students.

Meeting with the Minister for Medical Education, Government of Maharashtra, Hon Girish Mahajan.

- Expressed the Western Australian Government's desire to cooperate with Maharashtra in vocational and tertiary health services education.
- Perth-based health care service provider and Registered Training Organisation, My Flex Health International, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) to deliver: Certificate in Ageing Support; Certificate in Health Services Assistant; faculty development workshops; a student exchange program; blended delivery of Continuing Nursing Education programs ranging from 2 hour modules to 40 hour specialist modules.

Meeting with the Minister for Labour and Skill Development Mr Sambhaji Patil Nilangekar, Government of Maharashtra.

- Discussed international education and 'Skilling India' priority.
- Discussed the importance of a pilot and demonstrated success of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Perth-based health care service provider and Registered Training Organisation, My Flex Health International, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS).

Wednesday, 16 January 2019 – New Delhi

Meeting with IDP Education – Gurgaon Office, Mr Piyush Kumar, Regional Director, South Asia.

- General discussion regarding how the Western Australian Government recognises the significant contribution and benefits that international education brings to the State. This included discussion about the International Education Strategy and the introduction of the Western Australia State Nominated Migration Program Graduate Stream and the Graduate Occupation List to provide a skilled migration pathway for eligible international Western Australian university graduates.
- Discussed familiarisation tours to Perth.
- Minister Ellery and Mr Mubarakai recorded a video that was posted on IDP Education (India) social media platforms.

Roundtable Lunch and briefing with key education agents.

- Opportunity to directly promote Perth an international education destination and provide an update on the recent WA Government announcements on the Western Australia State Nominated Migration Program Graduate Stream and the International Education Strategy.
- Minister Ellery issued an invitation for the migration agents to visit Western Australia.

Meeting with Amity University, Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University and President, Amity Education Group and Prof (Dr) Gurinder Singh, Group Vice Chancellor.

- Tour of Amity University campus.
- Discussion around further collaboration with WA universities in the future.

Briefing and dinner with the Australian High Commissioner to India Harinder Sidhu.

- Australian High Commissioner provided an update on current and emerging trends in education and training in India.

Thursday, 17 January 2019, Ahmedabad

Meeting with the Association of Australian Representatives in India (AAERI). Mr Rahul Gandhi, President and Mr Rupesh Patel, General Secretary.

- The Association of Australian Representatives in India (AAERI) is an independent organisation that ensures the credibility of education agents who are recruiting Indian students on behalf of Australian education and training institutions.
- General discussion around Perth an international education destination. Minister Ellery provided an update on the recent WA Government announcements on the Western Australia State Nominated Migration Program Graduate Stream and the International Education Strategy.

Visit to Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU).

- Tour of PDPU University campus.
- Discussion around further collaboration with WA universities in the future.
- Received a briefing on PDPU's 'Study in India Exposure Program in Indian Psychology', in which Edith Cowan University (ECU) students have visited PDPU to participate in a structured academic and cultural program as well as related activities.
- Minister Ellery delivered speech to representatives of PDPU management, senior industry representatives and students on the current scenario in education and training in Western Australia.

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Friday, 18 January 2019, Ahmedabad

Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019.

- MoU signing ceremony between All India Institute of Local Self Government, Gujarat and MyFlex Health International, Australia.
- Speech delivered promoting Western Australia as a trade and international education destination during Australian Country Session as part of panel with Australian High Commissioner in India Harinder Sidhu and H E General The Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales and Governor General-Designate Australia.
- Meet and greet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as part of Australian delegation.

Saturday, 19 January 2019, Mumbai

Meeting with Wilson College.

- Minister Ellery received briefings on how WC College could collaborate further with WA universities.
- Research proposals were received and provided to WA universities.

Meeting with representatives from the Association of College Principals of Mumbai.

- Minister Ellery delivered speech about Perth an international education destination. Minister Ellery provided an update on the recent WA Government announcements on the Western Australia State Nominated Migration Program Graduate Stream and the International Education Strategy.
- General discussion around opportunities for greater collaboration with WA universities.

Lunch and meeting with Vice Chancellor of the University of Mumbai.

- General discussion around strengthening the relationships between the University of Mumbai and Western Australia.
- Minister Ellery witnessed the signing of the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between University of Mumbai and Edith Cowan University.

Sunday, 19 January 2019

Depart Mumbai to Perth. Arrive Perth, Sunday, 20 January 2019.