

## UK Chevening Programme@ 40



The Chevening Programme, managed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, stands out as a global model with several of its unique features. With more than 130 countries participating in the award, the scholarship is very competitive. Chevening is a global brand today. 'Chevening Fellowships Scheme', which ensures a global leaders and opinion makers, was launched by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 2004. This programme provides places for mid-career professionals already in positions of leadership and influence to undertake short-term studies/ training in premier institutions of higher learning, such as University of Cambridge, London School of Economics, Nottingham Business School and London Business School.

The Cheveners have a global platform acting as a Club for knowledge sharing and cooperation. Chevening Association of India, set up in 2020, has number of experts and dignitaries that matter in government, business, and in academic and public life, like Piush Goyal, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Amitabh Kant, former CEO, NITI Aayog, and now Sherpa of G-20. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister, Siddharth Roy Kapur, renowned film producer, founder of Roy Kapur Films, Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister of Delhi, T. V. Somanathan, Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Union Ministry of Finance, Gita Gopinath, Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The Chevening Association of India, the national forum of Cheveners from India, was formed in 2015 at New Delhi, with chapters in Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai and Bangalore.

Globally, the clout of Chevening lies in names including, but not limited to, Álvaro Uribe – former President of Colombia, Anastacia Palaszczuk – Premier of the Australian state of Queensland, Anne Enright – Booker Prize-winning author, Bogolo Kenewendo – Cabinet Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, in the Cabinet of Botswana, Carlos Alvarado Quesada – President of Costa Rica, Chen Liangyu – former member of the Politburo of the Chinese Communist Party, Gideon Olanrewaju – Nigerian educational development practitioner, Guðni Th. Jóhannesson – President of Iceland, Jorma Ollila – Non-Executive Chairman of Royal Dutch Shell; Non-Executive Chairman of Nokia, Marek Belka – former Prime Minister of Poland; currently Head of the National Bank of Poland, Mélanie Joly – Canadian Cabinet Minister, Pooja Kapur – Indian Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria[25] and the Republic of North Macedonia, Shirani Bandaranayake – Chief Justice of Sri Lanka, T. V.

Narendran – CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel, and Ziad Bahaa-Eldin – Deputy Prime Minister of Egypt.

Institute of Small Enterprises and Development joins the efforts of the Chevening Association of India(CAI) and the British High Commission in providing guidance to prospective candidates in this highly competitive Fellowship Programme. Our special areas of interest are, Economic Governance SMEs and Livelihoods, Climate Change and Responsible Business.