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# Canadian Minister meets Channi to streamline migration and save youths from fraud travel agents



Chandigarh, Dec 15 : Canadian Immigration Minister Christopher Kerr visited Punjab with an aim to regulate movement of youth to Canada especially Punjabi youngsters, who want to embark on studies abroad.

Mr Kerr, who is looking after migration affairs of India, Nepal and Bhutan was accompanied by Mr Rahul Sharma, Managing Director, Government of Alberta. The Canadian delegation met Punjab Technical Education and Industrial Training and Employment Generation Minister Charanjit Singh Channi to streamline immigration.

Stating this here on Saturday, Mr Channi said Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed between Government of Punjab and Government of Alberta, Canada to streamline the migration application processes for students and saving the immigration aspirant students from fraud commission agents on February 7, 2019.

He said this is in continuation of initiative taken by a high level delegation that visited Canada this year to facilitate aspiring youths, creation of jobs for Punjabis overseas and exploring educational opportunities for both the countries. He said keeping in view of the increasing passion of Punjabi youth to study abroad, Punjab government had taken the great initiative for bright and prosperous future of the younger generation craving to study abroad and would create vigorous employment opportunities, which is the motto of the Punjab government. Earlier, Canadian delegation on Saturday held discussions with Mr Channi in the presence of senior officials of the Punjab Government over the issue of migration.

During the meeting, issues related to setting up of a Punjab Government portal aimed at funding students and immigrants interested in Canada, Skill Development for overseas Employment, studying abroad programs in various Universities, Colleges, Polytechnics and ITIs of Punjab and how the immigration Department of Government of Canada support such Initiatives of Government of Punjab were discussed.

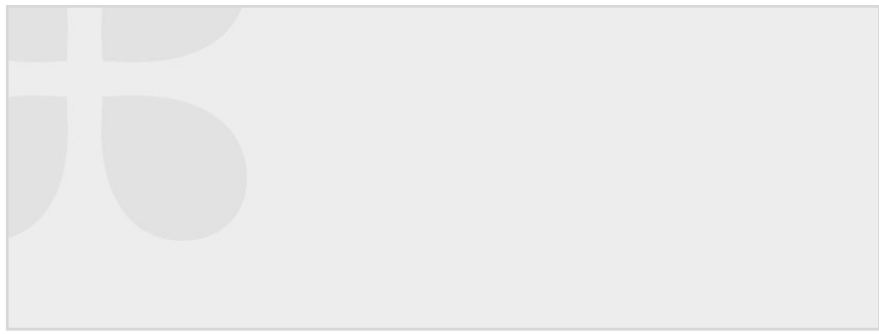
Mr D K Tiwari, Secretary Technical Education and Industrial Training, said Punjab Government is making all efforts to save youngsters from fraudster agents and provide them legal pathway to go to Canada through Skill Development .

Dr Sandeep Kaura, Advisor Skill Development Mission Punjab, took the delegation to visit existing Skill development Centers being run by the state government in Amritsar and Ludhiana and discuss with Canadian Minister the way forward in skilling the youth of Punjab as per the labor market requirements of Canada ."There is acute shortage skilled man power in Canada in different sectors", he said.

The Canadian delegation also visited Golden Temple Amritsar to pay obeisance and was honoured by district administration.(UNI)

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