



Open Letter to POTUS & the USA Ambassador to Canada: The Challenges of Being an Indo-American Business Owner in Canada

In early September 1969, Dr. Krishnan Suthanthiran arrived from India to Ottawa to pursue his Postgraduate studies at Carleton University in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering. He graduated with a Master's Degree in 1971. His full bio can be reviewed at www.teambest.com/about_bio.html.

After completing his studies at Carleton University, Ottawa, he was unable to secure suitable employment in Canada for 18 months—from January 1971 to the summer of 1972—even though he was a permanent resident of Canada. With a Permanent Resident Visa from the USA consulate in Toronto, Canada, Suthanthiran traveled to the U.S. in June 1972 and arrived in Washington, DC in late June 1972.



After losing his father to cancer, Suthanthiran dreamed of working in cancer research and treatment to save many lives. He was fortunate to secure employment as an engineer/physicist in the Radiation Oncology Department at then, Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, DC, which was chaired by Dr. Ulrich K. Henschke. This opportunity was a godsend, and with the mentorship of his supervisors and Dr. Henschke, Suthanthiran developed many new devices and technologies for cancer research and treatment.

Later, in 1978, he left his employment at then, Howard University Hospital to start a business supplying medical products, while also continuing his work in cancer research and treatment.

Suthanthiran's TeamBest Global (TBG) Companies currently have 450 employees worldwide. They have launched Brachytherapy Research and Education (BREF) and Best Cure Foundation (BCF), as well as initiated the Global War on Cancer, in honor of Suthanthiran's late father, on April 29, 2015 under BCF and BREF. Later, in memory of Suthanthiran's late mother, they introduced 3E—Education, Empowerment, and Equality to support women and the underprivileged, as a division of BCF.

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Suthanthiran obtained his Canadian Permanent Residency in 1970. After graduating from Carleton University and relocating to the U.S., he has visited Canada almost annually. He has donated over 100 million dollars to Carleton University for the purchase of needed equipment for engineering students and has established and supported multiple endowments at Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Suthanthiran became a U.S. citizen in 1989, although he was eligible in 1978, and has traveled to more than 20 countries. However, he has faced periodic harassment from Canadian immigration only when entering Canada, despite having invested over 100 million USD in high-tech medical equipment and energy infrastructure in the country and being an American citizen.

He employs over 160 high-tech employees in Canada. These employees all have Crown Corporation Benefits, which are significantly better than those of provincial and USA employees. The company cafeteria in Ottawa offers a wide range of healthy meal options for free for all staff and visitors from 6:30 AM to 2:30 PM on work days. Additionally, the entire building, including 100,000 sq. feet of manufacturing space, has been air-conditioned and upgraded—a substantial improvement from the previous 60 years when the manufacturing space was not air-conditioned under the previous owners.

In 2010, the employee's union awarded Suthanthiran a plaque to show appreciation for improving the work environment for the manufacturing staff. This improvement included fully air-conditioning their work area, offering free and healthy meal options in the cafeteria, and treating them well, like a family.

There has been hostility from various parties—the union employees, the Federal Government of Canada, and even the trucking company. This has forced Suthanthiran to reconsider moving manufacturing to the U.S. and India, as he is losing tens of millions of USD in business and operational losses annually. In 2024 alone, his company, Best Theratronics, Ltd. (BTL) in Kanata, Ottawa, Canada, has lost more than 20 million USD worth of orders.

None of the Canadian banks will offer BTL loans or credit cards. The Canadian Export Development Corporation (EDC) and the Canadian Business Development Bank will not provide support for BTL with appropriate performance guarantee bonds, while EDC lent 500,000 dollars to a Columbian national in South America who lost all of the funds.

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**Plaque of Appreciation from
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When BTL won a contract for 15 million dollars for a high-energy/high-current cyclotron by competing in an international tender of INFN—the Italian National Lab—the bank with whom BTL had loans, refused to renew BTL’s loans or offer banking services, fearing that BTL would fail in entering into new technology that BTL had not been in business before. Today, 13 years after winning this International Tender, BTL and its affiliate BCS/USA companies are the leaders in high-tech cyclotrons globally. These high-tech cyclotrons are used in research, radioisotopes production for diagnosis and therapy globally and are an essential part of medical procedures today.

The hostility from the unions, the Canadian federal government, and others who have been trying to shut down BTL for over 10 years, along with the lack of support from Canadian banks and even the trucking company, and the high property taxes in Ottawa, are causing BTL to consider moving to the U.S. or India.

Despite BTL’s manufacturing of advanced technology developed by Canadian engineers and scientists in 1951 for cancer treatment, Canadian hospitals do not purchase or use this technology, while thousands of cancer patients die each year.

The great support and productivity of U.S. employees, banks, EXIM Bank, and the incentives provided by the U.S. government, as well as those of the government of India, make it an attractive proposition to relocate BTL’s Canadian manufacturing to another country more than ever.

Suthanthiran will continue to engage in dialogue with various Indian and American government agencies about his plans during his upcoming travels to India and while he is in the U.S.A.

Look for Suthanthiran’s Canadian business experiences in a documentary drama to be released in 2025 titled “No Good Deed Goes Unpunished.”

For more information about Best Cyclotron Systems expansion, please visit <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/717542581/bcsi-to-expand-manufacturing-of-cyclotrons-for-research-radioisotope-production-theranostics-in-india-europe-usa>.

For more information on the BCF and Best Cure Foundation Global Healthcare Delivery Plan, please visit: <http://www.bestcure.md> or http://www.teambest.com/news/Best_Cure_Foundation_Presentation_5_20_2022.v4.pdf.

The TeamBest family of companies, collectively known as TeamBest Global, has been proudly developing, manufacturing, and delivering reliable medical equipment and supplies for more than 40 years. TeamBest includes over a dozen companies offering complementary products and services for brachytherapy, health physics, medical physics, radiation therapy, blood irradiation, vascular brachytherapy, imaging, medical particle acceleration, cyclotrons, and proton-to-carbon heavy ion therapy systems. TeamBest is the single source for an expansive line of life-saving medical equipment and supplies. Its trusted team is constantly expanding and innovating to provide the most reliable products and technologies.

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Today, TeamBest employs hundreds of talented engineers, scientists and others, offering thousands of products and services. TeamBest's independently-owned companies are proud to be represented in North America, Europe, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. "Everyone deserves the Best healthcare. We aim to work with medical professionals to provide the Best products, technologies and services. Our mission is to uphold our reputation for excellence in the healthcare field by developing, manufacturing and delivering cost-effective, high-quality products to benefit patients worldwide," states Krishnan Suthanthiran.

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