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Raghwa Gopal Bio

A recognized leader in B.C.'s tech and innovation community with extensive experience starting, growing and selling numerous businesses, Raghwa Gopal joined Innovate BC as President + CEO in 2019. Under his leadership, Innovate BC is delivering high-impact programs that foster innovation across B.C.'s economy, with a focus on accelerating sustainable solutions – from cleantech, agritech and more – to the problems faced by British Columbians and around the world. He has also been instrumental in leading efforts to secure funding from multiple sources to help serve the B.C. innovation ecosystem as well as leading programs that supported hundreds of local businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, as CEO of Accelerate Okanagan, Gopal played a crucial role in the creation and management of successful programs for technology companies at all stages of growth, and he has been a driving force in the development of the Okanagan's tech sector into a \$1.6 billion economic contributor.

Gopal has been recognized with multiple awards, including RBC's Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards and Business in Vancouver's 500 Most Influential Business Leaders.

In addition to his corporate experience, Gopal has lectured in the Faculty of Management (Business) at UBC Okanagan and the School of Arts and Sciences (Computer Science); has been an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Okanagan College School of Business; and serves on the boards of multiple organizations including the University of British Columbia, India Canada Innovation Council, Women's Enterprise Centre, Central Okanagan Economic Development, and the Province of B.C.'s Emerging Economy Task Force.