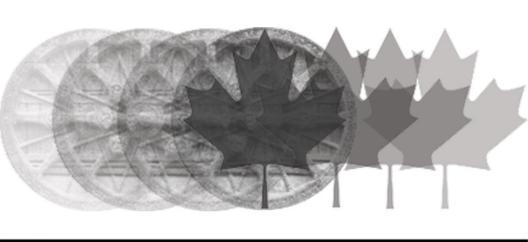
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# Annual Report

### Mission

#### The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute...

- Builds knowledge between Canada and India through scholarly activities, academic, cultural exchange, and applied research.
- Develops academic, cultural and economic bridges between India and Canada by promoting academic fellowships, research and partnerships between universities, institutions of higher learning and research, business, government, and the Indo-Canadian community.
- Is a collaborative effort of its 55 member institutions, the Governments of Canada and India, and individual donors.

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# President's Report

#### April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006

Speech as delivered by Shastri President Arun P. Mukherjee to the Canadian Members Council Meeting, June 2006.

I welcome you all to the first, albeit nominally second, Canadian Members Council meeting. It is only a year ago that the Board of Directors of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute voted to dissolve themselves and reconstitute as the Canadian Members Council, thereby bringing the bi-national structure into existence. Many changes came about because of the transformation of our governance model. A very visual example of this change is reflected in the size of your binders, which are not as heavy as they used to be. Like other non-profit organizations, SICI, too, has begun to rely on tele- and web governance and dissemination. I will speak more about the changes in our governance later in this report.

As you know, I am the last SICI President to have held office for three years. From now on the presidency will rotate each year between India and Canada. Dr. Chiranjib Sen, my successor, will be the first President under the new governance model.

These have been three momentous years in SICI's 38 year existence. In these three years, SICI has faced some serious challenges to its very survival. I believe that while there have been major gains, the challenges have been met only in part. A great deal remains to be done.

One major gain has been the discovery that SICI has friends. There are people in the academia, in government, in the public service, in business and in the community who support SICI, and are prepared to work to ensure that it continues to do its important work. These friends are our assets as SICI continues the efforts to overcome the challenges to its continued existence. I would like to thank these friends for their faith in and hard work on behalf of SICI.

The number of people I owe thanks to is large, but I would like, in particular, to acknowledge some of those without whose help SICI could not have survived the latest crisis. They are:

- Hon. Flora MacDonald, Past Chair, Canadian Advisory Council
- Mr. Ravi Seethapathy, Chair, Canadian Advisory Council
- Mr. Peter Walker, Member, Canadian Advisory Council and former Canadian High Commissioner to India
- Ms. Patricia Marsden Dole, Member, Canadian Advisory Council and former Deputy Canadian High Commissioner to India
- Mr. Kant Bhargava, Member, Canadian Advisory Council
- Mrs. Sonja Bata, Member, Canadian Advisory Council
- H. E. Shyamala Cowsik, Indian High Commissioner to Canada
- Mr. Nirai Srivastava, Deputy Indian High Commissioner to Canada



- Mr. Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary, Indian Ministry of Human Resources Development, and Member, SICI Executive Council
- H. E. Lucie Edwards, Canadian High Commissioner to India
- Mr. Kenneth Macartney, Deputy Canadian High Commissioner to India
- Mr. Jonathan Fried, Senior Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister, Privy Council Office
- Ms. Diane Harper, Senior Analyst, Global Affairs Secretariat, Privy Council Office
- Mr. David Mulroney, Deputy Minister, Foreign Affairs Canada
- Mr. James Fox, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Foreign Affairs Canada
- Mr. Arif Lalani, Acting Director General for Asia, South and Pacific, Foreign Affairs Canada and Member, SICI Executive Council
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- Dr. Bir Sahni, Professor Emeritus, Concordia University and Member, Focus India
- Mr. S. J. S. Chhatwal, former Indian High Commissioner to Canada and Chair, Focus Canada

In addition, there are individuals who, while in their previous positions, extended every possible help to SICI and to me. I would like to thank them also:

- Ms. Shashi Tripathi, Secretary, North America, Indian Ministry of External Affairs and former Indian High Commissioner to Canada
- Ms. Parvati Sen Vyas, former Deputy Indian High Commissioner to Canada
- H. E. Peter Sutherland, former Canadian High Commissioner to India
- Mr. Brian Dixon, former Deputy Canadian High Commissioner to India
- Mr. S.K. Tripathi, former Secretary, Indian Ministry of Human Resource Development and Member, SICI Executive Committee
- Mr. B. S. Baswan, former Secretary, Higher Education, Indian Ministry of Human Resources Development and Member, SICI Executive Committee
- Mr. Champak Chatterji, former Joint Secretary, Indian Ministry of Human Resource Development and Member, SICI Executive Committee
- Mr. Ravi Mathur, Joint Secretary, Indian Ministry of Human Resource Development and Member, SICI Executive Committee
- Mr. James Junke, former Director of South Asia Division, Foreign Affairs Canada

One of the most enriching experiences for me has been riffling through SICI's closets when I served as Vice President in India from February 2001 to June 2001 and finding the historic photos of our distinguished guests, illustrious prime ministers and presidents. These photos now adorn our publicity brochure that we introduced for the first time during my term as President. Another experience that I shall treasure was making contact with our founder, Professor Michael Brecher, and all the

living past presidents. It was gratifying to discover their strong affection and concern for SICI. Many of them provided valuable feedback on the first documents Jan Knowles and I prepared for the Government of Canada. I urge the future SICI Presidents to remain mindful of this history and ensure that the institution utilizes the willing support and good will of these well wishers as well as of the friends whose names I have mentioned.

I am now pleased to provide you with an update on the last year in SICI's life,

#### SICI's Participation in the 11th Technology Summit

I traveled to Delhi as part of the SICI delegation to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Technology Summit and Technology Platform organized by the Confederation of Indian Industries, the Government of India's Ministry of Science and Technology, and Trade and Commerce Canada. The event was held in New Delhi during September 19-22, 2005. This was the first time that Canada was chosen as India's summit partner and a large team of Canadians, drawn from the industry, universities, research councils and government ministries attended the summit. I made a presentation, entitled "Postgraduate Research and Education: Opportunities and Partnerships," at the session on higher education. Our booth at the Canadian Pavilion, I am proud to say, was one of the most popular ones. I believe that our very attractive backdrop display, featuring our logo and the names of all SICI member institutions had something to do with the crowds, which included the then Minister of Industry and Trade, Honorable Jim Peterson, that congregated near our booth. I thank Jan Knowles, our former Executive Director, for conceiving, designing and finally carrying the heavy display to Delhi.

SICI invited the Indian members of the EC as well as a number of Indian specialists named by the Science and Technology Committee of the Indian Members Council to the summit. SICI organized a number of discussion sessions and facilitated a session for Foreign Affairs Canada. The Indian Ministry of Human Resources Development helped us organize a session with seven IIT Directors or their representatives, many Canadian universities' delegates and Dr. Arthur Carty, the Prime Minister's Science Advisor. I believe that our participation in the Summit centre-staged SICI's capacities as a deep network of Canadian and Indian academics that can play an important role in the delivery and implementation of the recently signed Science and Technology Agreement between the Governments of India and Canada. Another important message we sent was our ability and willingness to support three way collaborations involving industry, government and academia through our collaboration with the Sophia Hilton Foundation of Canada and Toon Boom Animation on the Annanman Story Project.

SICI is now well positioned to utilize the opportunities that will become available in the wake of the Science and Technology Agreement between



India and Canada. I thank Dr. Steven Liss for taking the leadership role to work on developing a Standing Committee of Science and Technology. Listening to the debates at the S&T Summit and at the Human Dimension of S & T conference, which was held in New Delhi in February 2006, I felt that SICI can carve out a niche vis-à-vis the use of science and technology for the enhancement of social justice. Our experience with the two CIDA-Shastri Projects (CSP I & II) and with the Shastri Applied Research Project (SHARP) will stand us in good stead in pursuing these new areas of research.

In personal terms, while I enjoyed the happening atmosphere of the Summit and frenetic behind the scenes networking, it was a difficult time to travel since I had to keep up with my teaching, supervision and other professional activities at York, jet lag notwithstanding.

#### The Library Workshop

At the June 2005 meetings in Ottawa, the Indian members of the EC had shown great interest in the new developments in the field of information technology that have transformed Canadian libraries. I, too, watched mesmerized as Moninder Bubber, the Chair of our Library Programme Advisory Committee, took us on a virtual tour of her library's hidden electronic treasures. An upshot of this impromptu demonstration was the decision to convene a workshop of librarians in India in November 2005. Moninder Bubber's detailed report on her visit has helped me envision the very important role SICI can play in providing electronic access to our members to each other's library resources to our mutual benefit on the one hand, and to introduce Indian librarians to the best practices in Canadian libraries on the other. I imagine a SICI electronic commons, which will leverage our collective resources for our mutual benefit.

#### **Roundtables for the Quebec Delegation**

One of the most exciting developments last year was the invitation to SICI to organize three round tables for the Quebec Delegation that traveled to India during January 16-20, 2006. Ten Quebec university presidents and research officials were part of the delegation led by Premier Jean Charest. I attended a one-day conference convened by the Quebec Government to consult business, universities and community groups interested in India prior to Premier Charest's trip to India. These round tables, held in Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, brought together the Quebec university presidents and other academics and their Indian counterparts. SICI has received letters of appreciation from Minister Monique Gagnon-Tremblay and others for its role in bringing about these exchanges.

I thank John Wood, the Canadian Academic Advisor, and Sarmistha Roy for organizing these round tables at short notice. Professor Bir Sahni's hard work in several roles contributed greatly to the success of the round tables, beginning with the idea and up to its execution. I thank

Professor Sahni for his long term support and behind the scene work for SICI. A direct outcome of the round tables, I believe, is Laval University's decision to join SICI. We are positive that other Francophone universities will join as well. I am proud to leave the organization with one new member joining, and two members who had let their membership lapse, the University of Waterloo and Guelph University, rejoining SICI.

Besides the Quebec Delegation, there were other Canadian academic visitors who met Professor Wood and Sarmistha Roy, the Director of India Office. I believe that SICI's role and history are now becoming better known in the Canadian academic circles, and I foresee an expansion and formalization of SICI's informal role in facilitating linkages between Canadian and Indian universities through on site support and follow ups.

#### **Human Dimension of Science and Technology Conference**

A bi-national conference on the Human Dimension of Science and Technology was held on February 20-22, 2006 at Surajkund, near Delhi. Once the Government of India granted permission to use the surplus funds in the India Studies budget, the conference was organized in record time, thanks to the efforts of the co-chairs, Drs. Braj Sinha and Amarjit Narang, and logistical support by our dedicated staff in both India Office and Canada Office. 28 academics from Canada and 34 academics from India attended this conference that was our first effort at exploring the human and social dimension of science and technology research in Canada and India. It was quite apropos that the headlines in the Indian papers on the opening day of the conference were about the bird flu that had struck several parts of India. Dr. Rajesh Kochhar, the keynote speaker on the opening day, made the bird flu outbreak the central focus of his speech, "The Arrogance of Technology."

Speaking, again as a non-expert, it was one of the most unusual conferences that I have attended as we academics generally stick to our own disciplines. It was very refreshing to hear interdisciplinary perspectives on practical, ethical, legal and economic aspects of the technological and scientific advances of our times. I do hope that the cochairs and organizers of the conference, Drs. Braj Sinha and Amarjit Narang, will put together the proceedings of the conference, for otherwise this important conference may be soon forgotten. I would like to thank Sarmistha Roy and the entire India Office staff who worked day and night during the conference. I am deeply grateful to the Government of India for funding this important initiative.

One of the most interesting corners of the conference venue was the book exhibit put up by the India Office Library Programme staff under the leadership of Sanghmitra Jana. It helped participants grasp the importance of our Library Programme, which, sadly, is underutilized by some of our members.



#### Dr. A.P. Seethapathy Memorial Symposium

On February 22, 2006, SICI organized the first Dr. A.P. Seethapathy Memorial Symposium. Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, the world-renowned agro-scientist, delivered the keynote speech entitled, "Mission 2007: Every Village a Knowledge Centre." I thank Ravi Seethapathy for the bequest to SICI for the Memorial Symposium, which will be held annually.

#### Launch of CIRA

The Canada India Research Agenda (CIRA) document was launched on February 22, 2006, the final day of the Surajkund conference on the human dimension of science and technology. Work on the CIRA document began in the wake of the Canada-India Research Forum SICI held in June 2004. At that time, participants recognized that the Forum was only a first step, and that there was a crying need for the higher education and research sectors in Canada to actively seek opportunities to develop research and programme partnerships with Indian institutions of higher learning rather than simply focusing on recruiting international students from India. SICI acknowledges with gratitude the funding that it received from the Conference and Research Fund of Foreign Affairs Canada. From June 2004 to October 2005, SICI organized round table discussions, bi-national meetings, and one-on-one dialogues with its member communities in Canada and India. The document is a result of this exercise, and reflects the spirit of cooperation and collaboration among SICI's member communities and other stakeholders. The CIRA document will evolve as our members' priorities as well as Canada-India relations crystallize further in the coming years. It will be updated annually to reflect these developments.

The document captures snapshots of the recent initiatives in building Canada-India relations, contains a summary overview of the coordination of higher education and science and technology in Canada and India, provides information about the regulating bodies and funding agencies in both countries, and includes recommendations made by participating universities and institutions. Additionally, individual members' profiles, including their academic strengths, current research foci and priorities for internationalization of higher education are attached with the document.

I am very pleased to report that we have received several accolades for this document. These letters of appreciation and the generous funding we received from Foreign Affairs Canada speak volumes about the excellent work that has gone into the production of this document. I would specially like to acknowledge Jan Knowles and Kakali Majumdar for their hard work on this document.

#### The Calgary National Consultation

Based on the completion and publication of the CIRA document, we successfully applied for a grant from the Government of Canada

Conference and Research Fund to hold a national consultation in Calgary on March 27, 2006. The project had to be implemented within a three week timeframe from the date of approval of the project, as the RCF funding approved for the project needed to be used before March 31, 2006. Though organized in a relatively short timeframe, the meeting was successful in that it represented a necessary step in SICI's efforts to obtain recommendations from its members on its future programme envelopes beyond 2006.

The participants included university administrators, Canada Research Chairs, and academics and researchers with experience in research, research design and administration. The guided consultation was designed in a manner to facilitate focused discussions on 6 key questions. The meeting gathered collective input of the participants on the scope, nature, and possible features of SICI's new programme envelopes, enhancing and/or broadening the scope of its current activities and programmes, expanding its member services, and the next steps needed to be taken. Although the report of the national consultation is still in draft form, its recommendations have helped us tremendously while preparing our submissions to CIDA's Partnership Branch for the release of funds.

I would like to thank the University of Calgary for co-sponsoring the National Consultation.

#### **Shastri Applied Research Project**

CIDA imposed a March 31, 2006 deadline to complete SHARP, which created a major logistical challenge, both for Project Director Jan Knowles, and the 19 project teams. However, despite the deadline challenges as well as the resignation of the Project Coordinator, Anuradha Chatterji, in October 2005, SHARP has been successfully completed. Special thanks are due to Jan Knowles, Shanthi Johnson, Kaberi Nandy and Sarmistha Roy for their dedicated support to the research teams, organization of round tables and workshops in five locations around India, and fulfilling of all the reporting requirements.

I would like to put on record how much I, and the other participants, enjoyed, and learned from, the presentations on Aquaculture related SHARP projects that were made at the October 2004 Vancouver Round Table. I am also very pleased with the 19 attractive brochures, presenting the main findings and policy recommendations of each team, published by SICI, first in June 2005, and then in March 2006. One team has already published a book entitled, *The WTO and India's Pharmaceuticals Industry: Patent Protection, TRIPS, and Developing Countries* (Oxford University Press. 2005). I congratulate Shree Mulay and Sudip Chaudhuri for this important publication. Others, no doubt, will be forthcoming.

I believe that the partnership projects carried out by SICI with funding from CIDA, whether they be SHARP, or its predecessors, CSP I and CSP



II, are a wonderful example of relevant and accessible academic research to promote social justice and environmental issues. I still remember the CSP II workshop I attended in April 2001, where Gary vanLoon and his team disseminated their findings to an overflowing audience at the India International Centre, about the complexities of wet and dry agriculture. I hope that SICI will continue to promote this highly innovative model of participatory and partnership based research.

#### SICI's Ongoing Programmes

Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who served on the India Studies Committee, Canadian Studies Committee, Library Programme Advisory Committee, and Canadian Studies Development Programme, the ongoing work of granting Shastri Fellowships and Youth Internships, selecting the Distinguished Canadian Lecturer awardee, and overseeing the Library Programme was carried out efficiently and promptly. I thank Drs. Nandi Bhatia, John Chant, Moninder Bubber and John Wood for chairing the committees. Thanks are also due to the individuals who agreed to serve on these committees. It is exciting to realize that over the 38 years of SICI's existence, it has granted more than 800 Fellowships to Canadians going to India and 500 Fellowships to Indians coming to Canada. In these years, it has also supplied over half a million books and periodicals to Canadian member libraries.

#### The Challenges

While the Institute has many achievements to celebrate, there is much to be anxious about, the foremost being our funding situation. A big question mark was raised about our very existence when CIDA decided to close down its bilateral programme in India in 2003, even before the ink had dried on the VIIIth addendum to our MOU with the Government of India. Jan Knowles and I, both newly appointed in 2003, had to begin lobbying the Canadian Government right away. It was very disheartening at first as there seemed little historical memory about the Institute in the various governmental branches in Ottawa. In those early days, it was only Jan and I who repeatedly rang the bell at closed doors. Then, Flora Macdonald, the outgoing Chair of the Canadian Advisory Committee (CAC), introduced us to some of the key players. An excellent lobbying team was formed when Peter Walker, a CAC member and a former Canadian High Commissioner to India, and Patricia Marsden-Dole, another CAC member and a former Deputy High Commissioner to India, joined our team. With this team in place, Ravi Seethapathy, the new CAC Chair, and I took up the challenge in earnest. The outcome of these three-year-long lobbying efforts, I believe, is a raised awareness in the Federal Government about SICI. We were mentioned in two joint declarations by Canadian and Indian governments, which can be interpreted to mean that the Canadian Government is committed to finding a way to fund SICI.

That we were saved from near death, nineteen days after the funding ran out, is a positive development, even though the funding level is reduced

and even though it is only for a year. Jan Knowles, Kakali Majumdar and I worked hard to get the contribution agreements ready so that the funding could be released as soon as possible.

It is a measure of the raised awareness about SICI in government circles, and the effectiveness of our lobbying efforts, that the newly elected government in Ottawa approved the one-year funding within days of taking office. Work on ways to ensure sustainable funding for SICI had begun much earlier, but had been interrupted by the federal election.

While I am disappointed at the level of funding we have received, which is significantly less than what we need, I would like to believe that this funding is a sort of down payment, and fully appreciate the significance of the fact that it has come as a result of a very quick decision by a new government that is in the process of determining its fiscal and policy priorities. To that extent, I take it as a good sign.

We have, in a way, been given a reprieve. We will now need to get down to work right away in terms of communicating to this new government about our needs, finding allies who can champion our cause, and continuing our efforts towards long-term sustainable funding on the Canadian side. I am greatly encouraged by H. E. Lucie Edwards' comment that "If SICI did not exist, we would have to invent it." Indeed, the newly signed 10 million pound UK-India Education Research Initiative seems very similar to SICI's mandate, except that we have done excellent work of partnership building and exchanges with a far smaller budget.

A number of people have worked very, very hard to ensure that SICI was provided the funding on the Canadian side that it needed to carry on with its important mandate.

I want to thank David Mulroney, James Fox, Arif Lalani, Cindy Termorshuizen, Paula Kennedy, Jonathan Fried and Diane Harper for their unwavering support.

I cannot say enough about the assistance I received from our former Executive Director Jan Knowles, Canadian Advisory Council Chair Ravi Seethapathy, and Canadian Advisory Council Member Peter Walker. I could not have taken on this challenge without the inordinately hard work that Jan, Ravi and Peter put into all aspects of our lobbying efforts: producing presentation documents, drafting letters, participating in face-to-face meetings with senior politicians and their staff, and organizing SICI events.

I am also very grateful to the Government of India and, in particular, the Indian High Commissioner, H. E. Mrs. Shyamala Cowsik, and Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Niraj Srivastava, for their support and efforts on our behalf. I am grateful to the Government of India for moving forward with the IXth Addendum to our MOU even when the situation on the Canadian side seemed discouraging. I want to thank Mr. Sunil Kumar for

his efforts on our behalf, which are considerable, and for his role on the Executive Council. I would also like to thank Dr. D.K. Paliwal, Deputy Secretary, who looks after the SICI file.

The long drawn out federal elections in the winter of 2005 and the resultant uncertainty for SICI have taken a heavy toll on the SICI staff as well as the President. We began to lose staff in both offices soon after July 2005, thus burdening the remaining ones. As March 31 drew closer, we had to make contingency plans and prepare for the worst. Our staff, in the Canada Office, was in a double bind. On the one hand, they have had to forego their vacation due to extraordinary workloads, which also led to overtime accruals; on the other hand, they had no certainty of having a job after March 31, 2006.

So the last several months of my tenure as President have been extremely difficult. While I continued to lobby with the assistance of Jan Knowles, Ravi Seethapathy, Peter Walker and Patricia Marsden-Dole, I also had to deal with the governance problems that arose. These have led to a huge amount of my time being taken up in grappling with issues about lines of authority and responsibility. A very sad outcome of this dissention within the ranks is the claim of constructive dismissal by Jan Knowles. Another is the erosion of the President's executive powers. While it sounds very attractive in principle to have the entire EC spend days and weeks debating over decisions via e-mail, it can lead to paralysis or chaos. The President and the EC members are volunteers. They should not have to spend endless hours, for example, debating differing interpretations of the By-laws or arguing about the roles and responsibilities of the President and other office holders, and their interactions with the staff.

I feel that we need to enhance the oversight and accountability role of the Members Councils. When there is a dispute or disagreement within the EC, there should be a process for the Members Councils to intervene through an Oversight Committee or some such mechanism.

The incoming President, Dr. Chiranjib Sen, then, must face and resolve several challenges. A new Executive Director will have to be hired and s/he will have to pick up the ball running as the window in which new funding has to be established is very, very short. Lines of authority and responsibility will have to be drawn clearly so that staff are not confused and the President's decisions are not challenged incessantly. I feel relieved in passing on the torch to Dr. Sen who has already demonstrated his leadership skills over the past year in carrying out the responsibilities assigned to him, such as presenting our IXth MOU documents to the Government of India, chairing the Indian Administrative Committee, and overseeing the Indian Members Council related activities.

If I may give advice from the benefit of hindsight, SICI can no longer assume that the work we do is self-evidently valuable. When I took over as President in June 2003, the signals I got from those in authority

suggested that we were no longer relevant. The broader community knew very little about us. It has taken me a lot of foot work to change that. It has meant attending numerous events to which the Consuls General of India in Toronto have invited me so graciously, liaising with prominent community organizations such the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) and the Canada-India Business Council (CIBC), and making presentations about SICI at umpteen round tables, conferences and special events such as the most recent one at the University of Calgary's International Associates dinner on April 19, 2006. I thank Jan Knowles for her tireless work, which led to many successful community events being organized and publicized. I thank her for securing extra funding from Foreign Affairs Canada for organizing several round tables across Canada and for publishing the CIRA document. This outreach work will have to continue as the public memory is very short and relevance always needs to be articulated.

Our efforts have produced some valuable results. As a result of this outreach, we now enjoy a higher visibility and important support. Over the course of my tenure, I met several Indian business leaders who would be willing to support SICI internships, public lectures and other such initiatives. One such initiative is already in existence. I thank Mr. Mukesh Gupta of Tata Consultancy Services for agreeing to support our Lal Bahadur Shastri Essay Prizes. Thanks are also due to Professor K. B. Srivastava and his family for their bequest to SICI for a Bharat Yatra Fund.

We are very fortunate in having Ravi Seethapathy as the Chair of the Canadian Advisory Council. The CAC has been revitalized under his leadership and its members have worked extremely hard to ensure that we procured our funding. I hope that the CAC will continue to do so. However, we will need to work hard to convince the distinguished members of the CAC, who have agreed to support SICI, that we have resolved our governance problems and are thinking hard about SICI's long term goals and priorities.

Dr. John Wood, SICI's last Vice President in India, whose title and role were changed in March 2005 when he became the first Canadian Academic Advisor, has submitted a detailed report of his own. I want to thank him for the invaluable role he played in facilitating the difficult task of restructuring SICI. His 30 year experience with the Shastri Institute was a tremendous asset in our time of storming and forming. A very important legacy he is leaving behind is the SICI history corner on the second floor of the India Office. The photographs hanging there tell a glorious history of SICI's achievements during the last 38 years.

In closing, these three years of my association with SICI as President have been both challenging and exciting. I have had the opportunity to work with and come to know some of the most dynamic people in government, academia and the community at large. I have learnt a lot



from them about organizations, about bi-national relations, about societal functioning, and about leadership.

I wish SICI well and hope that it will survive the present challenges and celebrate its  $40^{\text{th}}$  anniversary in two years' time.

Respectfully submitted

**Arun P. Mukherjee** *President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute* 

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# India Office Report

#### April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006

The whole year has been full of activities. Apart from the regular programmes and follow-up with the Ministry of Human Resources for renewal of IX Addendum to the MOU, the India Office had also taken up many new activities both challenging as well as interesting.

- Indian Administrative Committee chaired by Mr. Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Education (S&HE) met on 13 May 05 to review the 2005 – 06 budget and other administrative matters of the India Office. It approved the budget of Rs.2.34 crores for carrying out the India Studies and Book Acquisition programmes and for operations of the Delhi Office.
- The Indian Advisory Council met on 16 May to ratify the India Office Budget and review the programmes and restructuring that was undertaken by the Shastri Institute. The Council was chaired by Mr. B.S. Baswan, Secretary, Education, MHRD. A suggestion was made that the Institute may facilitate recruiting teaching faculty members from Canada for 2-3 months to develop the courses and curricula of the Canadian Studies Centres in India. It was observed by the Council that this may be taken up on a one-to-one basis with institutions in Canada
- SICI participated in the CII and Government of India sponsored Science and Technology Summit in Sept 2005, 16 Representatives (faculty and students) from Indian Member Institutions were invited to participate at the Summit. SICI's presence at the Summit included: sponsoring a booth in which its promotional materials and materials from member institutions in Canada and India were displayed. SICI also hosted the "meet and greet" session and facilitated an S&T networking meeting between Canadian and Indian academics which was chaired by VP/President elect and Chair of S&T Committee. President Dr. Arun P. Mukherjee presented a paper on Graduate Research and Higher Education Opportunities and Partnerships at the Summit panel. SICI also facilitated a meeting between all 7 Directors of Indian Institute(s) of Technology and the participants from Canada and India. The S&T Minister Mr. Kapil Sibal and Canadian Science Minister Mr. Peterson visited the booth. Recommendation that came out of participation at the S&T Summit was that SICI should create a virtual S&T working group of faculty and institutional expertise between Canada and India. The focus should be in areas such as Health, Biotechnology, and Environment Technology etc. An enthusiastic endorsement was given to SICI's organizing a Bi-national forum on the human dimension of applied science and technology research: challenges and opportunities. SICI met with officers of Department of Science and Technology who expressed an interest in co-funding the forum.
- The Focus Canada Committee, chaired by Ambassador S.J.S. Chhatwal (retd), Mr. Ken Macartney, Deputy High Commissioner for Canada, Mr. Manmohan Bhagat of the Canada-India Business Council and the Canadian Academic Advisor Dr. John Wood organized the periodic Focus Canada Forum on September 30<sup>th</sup> 05. Mr. Peter Nesbitt, the new (and first) Export Development Canada representative in India, spoke on "Seizing the Moment New Opportunities in Canada-India Trade". An audience of

- 25 consisting of business, government and academic people with an ongoing Canada connection attended the forum.
- SICI also showcased its private-public partnership with Toonboom animation from Montreal run by the Sophia Hilton Foundation and Madras Crafts Council. The project used Canadian animation technology and SICI's academics contacts with expertise in folklore to work with traditional artists from Tamil Nadu to animate and preserve a traditional epic tale. Called "The Annamar Story Project", it is to be televised in 40 minute episodes.
- On 4 October 05 a formal request for IX Addendum to MOU along with draft rationale, assumptions and programme profile and initial budget estimates were submitted to the Department of Education, MHRD.
- Canada India Research Agenda A questionnaire was created to obtain input from Indian Members and the CIRA document was prepared. Staff at both offices, with consultation from our members in Canada and India as well as the University Grants Commission and with feedback from Project's Advisory Committee in Canada have, produced a final draft. The document also contained information about Graduate Research funding in Canada and India. It is a living document to be updated by further input from members.
- New Initiative: Library Workshop: Building the Shastri Librarians' Network. The first ever Library workshop for acquisition librarians at Indian institutions was held in Delhi on 29 & 30 November with an aim to strengthen linkages between member libraries in India and Canada. The workshop discussed digitization and other modern facilities available in Canadian Libraries and the Canadian Model of Library Network. A Library Programme Committee in India was also mobilized. Mrs. Moninder Bubber, Chair of its Library Programme Advisory Committee in Canada was the main resource person. Two other Canadian librarians also participated. They were Ms. Leila Fernandes from York and Ms. Tara Mawhinney from McGill University. Librarians and CS Directors were invited from our Indian member institutions and also from Libraries in Delhi. Ms. Bubber has recently submitted a detailed report which is currently being reviewed.
- ICCS Library Internship: Ms. Tara Mawhinney came to India on ICCS Internship in August 2005 on a 6 month internship with an objective to assist in preparing a unified catalogue in the Library system later to be hosted on the SICI website. She visited the following Canadian Studies Centers (in order to prepare) the catalogue: Delhi University, South Campus, University of Mysore, University of Madras, Bharathidasan University, Pondicherry University, H P University, Shimla, Banaras Hindu University, and Gujarat University.
- Final Dissemination workshops for the SHARP projects were held in early December 05 at the following cities: Delhi, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Dehra and Dun.
- On behalf of the Canadian High Commission, in January 06 SICI India Office facilitated three roundtables in Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai titled "Québec-India Research & Educational Partnerships" on the occasion of the visit of the provincial head of Quebec, Mr. Jean Charest accompanied by heads of ten educational institutions and business delegations and Ms. Monique

Gagnon-Tremblay, Minister of International Relations. The objective was to establish Quebec's presence as a strategic partner for business development in North America, to foster interuniversity exchange and research, to forge links between Quebec and India institutions and to identify potential Indian partners for collaboration in the fields of research, joint programs, as well as faculty and student exchanges. Dr. John R. Wood and Mrs. Sarmistha Roy accompanied the team. Prof. Chiranjib Sen briefed the Quebec and Indian members at the Mumbai roundtable about the efforts of the Institute to promote links between Indian and Canadian institutions. At the roundtables short statements were given by both Quebec and Indian institutions on their areas of excellence and possible avenues of cooperation.

- Results of India Studies fellowships for 2006-07 were received. In all
  there were 32 awards for all the categories. The applications have been
  forwarded to the Ministry of HRD for issuance of research approvals and
  visa clearance. The India Office is currently engaged in processing their
  affiliations to various institutions in India.
- SICI participated at the IACS conference titled Tradition and Transformation: Canada and India from 27-29 January 06. Vice-President/President Elect Dr. Chiranjib Sen delivered an address at the inaugural session to over 250 participants of which 22 were foreign delegates. The SICI booth displayed over 100 books and journals from CS Library and also disseminated information about the ongoing programmes. There was a Powerpoint presentation for participants at the conference to inform them about the new programme initiatives at SICI. CS Directors meeting was held on 28 January in which 8 Directors of CS Centres were present apart from the representatives of CHC and SICI. Mr. Chris Greenshields, Director, International Academic Relations Division (ACE) was also present at the meeting.
- In late January SICI hosted two visits of CS Visiting Lecturers. They were
  Dr. Harold Troper, Department of Theory and Policy Studies, Ontario
  Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto and Prof. M.
  Anthony (Tony) Tremblay, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB, They
  spoke at 15 Canadian Studies Centers across the country.
- A Bi-national conference was held on Bridging the Gap: Human Dimension of Science and Technology for Indian and Canadian participants from February 20 21, 2006. The objective of the conference was to explore the human dimension and issues of applied science and technology research. It was felt that this forum would also provide an opportunity to discuss and lay the foundation for some of the new programmes of the Institute and give direction in the future for Canadian and Indian members. A bi-national Programme Committee was established for the conference which was co-chaired by Prof. Amarjit Singh Narang (member of Executive Council of SICI in India) and Dr. Braj M. Sinha (member of Executive Council of SICI in Canada). The other members of the Indian Programme Committee were Prof. S. Narayanan (IIT Madras), Prof. Abhik Gupta (Assam University), Prof. Arti Nanavati (M.S. University of Baroda) and Prof. Sunaina Singh (Osmania University).

- There was a **Roundtable on the SICI research Agenda** for participants at the Bi-national Conference on 22 February 06.
- A.P. Seethapathy Memorial Symposium on Technology and Rural Development: Lecture was held on 22 February by Prof. M. S. Swaminathan on Rural Connectivity. Mr. Peter Walker welcomed the speaker and Dr. John R. Wood gave the vote of thanks.
- The results of **Canadian Studies Fellowships 2006-07** was announced on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2006. 22 awards were given out as follows: Faculty Research: 10, Faculty Enrichment: 8, Doctoral Research: 4. The CS fellowship advisory committee chaired by Dr. Jameela Begum had met on December 15, 2005 to review the applications. The Committee comprising of disciplinary experts as well as representatives from Canadian High Commission, UGC, GOI and IACS had reviewed the applications and recommended awards based on the quality of the applications along with a disciplinary and regional balance. (Details in Annexure).
- The Project Advisory Committee of SHARP met on 18 March to review
  the results of the final dissemination workshops undertaken at various
  locations in India in December 05 as submitted by Dr. Shanthi Johnson. 6
  PAC members and 6 Project partners along with staff and management of
  the India Office were also present at the meeting. The results of the
  Projects have been printed for circulation. Soft copies will be distributed on
  CD's. The results are also being translated into Hindi for wider
  dissemination.
- Administrative Committee meeting was held on 27 March 06 to review
  the administration of the Indian operations. Upon being briefed about the
  new initiatives being undertaken by SICI as per the newer academic areas
  identified in the current MOU, the Committee felt that SICI should however
  continue its work in areas of Social Sciences and Humanities, in which it
  had established a strong record of achievement. A judicious balance
  between the old and new disciplinary foci should be maintained.
- **CSDP Committee** Chaired by Prof. Jameela Begum met on 30 March and reviewed applications received for annual CSDP grants. There were in all 16 applications which were reviewed of which 3 were recommended grants subject to revision of their proposals. The recommendations of the Committee were forwarded to the funding agency via our Canada Office in April and the results are awaited.
- The first ever **Bi-national concert** titled **Harmony** was held at Sri Ram Centre for Arts and Culture, Mandi House, New Delhi on 8 May to showcase the progress of performing artists from Canada who had been awarded fellowships under the India Studies Prorgamme. These artists are undertaking training on different dance forms and vocal and instrumental music from prestigious institutions and gurus in India. It was felt that such an event would not only provide a platform for Canadian artists but also give due visibility to SICI's programme. The event was funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development from the unspent fellowship balance lying with SICI. The Canadian High Commission as well as the Indian Council for Cultural Relations helped SICI to publicize this event. Invitations were sent to heads of institutions teaching Indian art forms,

affiliates of I.S. fellows, leading public schools in Delhi, all institutions in Delhi promoting Canadian Studies as well as to scholars who were involved with the Institute's regular programmes and members of the governing board. An event manager was hired to network with the artists and their musicians. In all, the event was a great success with an attendance of over 150 people. The Chief Guest Mr. Kenneth Macartney, Deputy High Commissioner, Canadian High Commission felicitated the performers and also the Institute.

- Orientation Programme for awardees of Canadian Studies fellowships from 9-10 May 06: Chief Guest Mrs. Shashi U. Tripathi, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs.
- A Roundtable was organized on 12 May 06 for The Indian Members Council to discuss Shastri Institute's evolving research agenda in the light of expected funding from GoI and GoC. The purpose was to strengthen the Institute's programmes and it was felt that valuable input from members of our various committees were required prior to formalizing new programmes for the next addenda. Apart from the representatives of IMC, members of Indian Advisory Council, SHARP project investigators whose institutions were members of the Shastri Institute, GoI, CHC and UGC representatives were also invited to the discussion. The probable focus area of research and exchanges were discussed by the participants and also ways by which they could build capacity and coordinate with each other to strengthen their network.
- Prof. Julius H. Grey, an eminent Human Rights scholar and an expert on Multiculturalism who had gained international exposure through his academic and professional endeavors was the **Guest Speaker** at the roundtable during the lunch hour. He gave a talk on the **Canadian Charter** of **Rights and Freedoms and the Multiculturalism Act**. It was attended not only by the participants at the SICI roundtable, but also by other academics, members of Focus Canada group and representative from the CHC.

SICI'S IX Addendum to MOU with Government of India was cleared in June; the formal signing is expected in early August.

# **Programmes**

### **Indian Studies**

The purpose of the India Studies Programme is to promote understanding of India in Canada. Under the Institute's India Studies Programme, Fellowships are provided to Canadian scholars, librarians and artists and Indian imprints are supplied to Canadian universities. The Institute's India office has been facilitating the affiliation process. The Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India funds this programme.

For the year 2005-2006, seventy one candidates applied for India Studies Fellowships. The Committee, headed by the new chair Nandi Bhatia, met on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and chose thirty six fellows. There were ten Arts Fellows, ten Student Research Fellows, five Student Language Training Fellows, two Post Doctoral Research Fellows, one Library Training Fellow, four Faculty Research Fellows and three Faculty Training Fellows.

"I value a great deal the role the Shastri Institute plays in connecting Canadians, and in particular French Canadians from Quebec, to the Indian culture... In my case the Institute is like a mother, the mother of my artistic and cultural contact with the Indian culture and its tradition which has stimulated and inspired my creation in dance."

Richard Tremblay

#### Canadian Studies

The Canadian Studies Programme is a powerful tool in the Institute's mandate to enhance bilateral understanding and academic cooperation between Canada and India. Founded and funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), the aim of the Canadian Studies Programme is to promote understanding of Canada in India.

This year, nine scholars came to Canada under the Faculty Research Fellowships; six scholars took part in Faculty Enrichment Fellowships and three students under the Doctoral Research Fellowship. The scholars and students undertook productive research in various academic fields within Canadian Studies.

The Canadian Studies Committee played a key role in linking and assisting suitable academic contacts for Indian scholars coming to Canada during 2005-2006. This year the committee was impressed by the caliber and variety of the applicants. One Canadian scholar was sent to India under the Visiting Lectureship programme, Dr. Harold Trooper of the University of Toronto, who lectured on the Canadian Jewish experience.

This year, 287 books were distributed to various Canadian Studies Centres in India. The Canadian Studies Library, located in the Shastri office in New Delhi, has further developed its electronic databases to distribute research material and publications to interested Scholars in Canadian Studies.

#### **Highlights**

- Dr. Harold Trooper selected as the 2005/06 Canadian Studies Visiting Lecturer.
- The Institute's office in India facilitated the Quebec Premier Mr. Jean Charest's mission to India.
- The Institute convened a meeting of librarians to facilitate the creation of a Canadian Studies librarian's network in India.
- The Institute participated in the Confederation of Indian Industry's Science and Technology Summit in Delhi and facilitated networking opportunities between participating Canadian and Indian academics.

"Each lecture was followed by a lengthy and often-lively question and answer period. Most sessions went overtime because of the continuing flow of questions. As much as time allowed, I made myself available to both faculty and students for informal discussion after the lecture was over, sometimes at the university and sometimes beyond its walls. I was particularly pleased by the number of students who took advantage of the opportunity for one-on-one or small group discussion."

**Dr. Harold Trooper** 2005/06 Canadian Studies Visiting Lecturer



# **Shastri International Youth Internship**

The Shastri Youth Internship Programme provides young professionals with opportunities to work in India for 6 months. The Institute delivers the programme in partnership with different universities, private institutes and non-governmental organizations in Canada and India. The internships bridge the gap between academic study and career-related international work experience with the aim to enhance the intern's employability skills for the Canadian labour market.

For the 2005-2006 year there were 37 applicants for the six CIDA-funded youth internships. The Shastri India Office arranged for an airport pick up for all 6 interns and booked 3 nights' accommodations for them. Each intern received a day's orientation at the India Office which included a briefing on work culture, social norms, banking system and accommodation in India. Each intern was able to adjust to the environment and level of responsibility given to them and make a substantial contribution to their projects.

"I have a heightened sense of my place in the world in relation to Canada and India, and feel that when I return to Canada, I will be able to apply what I have learned about different cultures and attitudes to my work here."

Asha Jalan

# **Shastri Applied Research Project (SHARP)**

The Shastri Applied Research Project (SHARP), a multi-year collaborative project, completed the funding of 19 applied public policy research initiatives in the areas of economic reform, environmental management and social development/health through bi-national multi-disciplinary research teams. The SHARP Project fostered sustainable development and strengthened relations between India and Canada by supporting both institutional and individual academic collaboration.

All SHARP teams participated in one of the final six regional dissemination workshops/round tables held in December 2005. In addition, all teams organized workshops to disseminate their results, usually to academics and policy makers. Teams also participated in academic conferences and seminars. Some project teams partnered with other organizations and held national workshops for wider dissemination.

The project teams prepared several articles and books for publication. While some publications included results from the projects, others encompassed background information papers or foundation papers on the thematic area of the project. Other resources produced included flyers, posters, training manuals, videos, and a television documentary. In addition, the Institute produced 500 sets of the SHARP Results briefing profiles (one on each of the 19 projects) for distribution in Canada and India.

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# Financial Statements

# Canada Office Financials

Balance Sheet	Year Ended March 31 2006 2005		
Assets	\$	\$	
Current Assets Cash and Term Deposits Receivables Inventory Prepaid Expenses	789,584 230,806 1,060 7,220	999,117 38,224 1,180 256,172	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,028,670	1,294,693	
Restricted Cash Capital Assets	9,080 13,278	7,960 18,968	
Total Assets	1,051,028	1,321,621	
Total Assets	1,051,028	1,321,621	
Total Assets  Liabilities and Equity	1,051,028	1,321,621	
	<b>1,051,028</b> 388,180	<b>1,321,621</b> 57,595	
Liabilities and Equity  Liabilities  Current Liabilities			
Liabilities and Equity  Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Due to India Office	388,180	57,595 -	

Total Liabilities and Equity 1,051,028 1,321,622

842,244

208,784

999,178

322,444

**Total Liabilities** 

Fund Balances

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances	Year Ended 2006	March 31 2005
Revenue	\$	\$
Programmes Canadian Studies Programme -	000 500	007.500
Foreign Affairs & International Trade Youth Internship Programme - Canadian International Development Agency	282,506 89,022	227,588 74,991
Shastri Applied Research Project - Canadian International Development Agency	1,101,315	495,364
Operating Revenues	145,850	166,377
Other Restricted Funds	16,150	5,444
Total Revenue	1,634,843	969,764
Expenses		
<u>Programmes</u>		
Canadian Studies Programme - Foreign Affairs & International Trade Youth Internship Programme -	200,525	175,588
Canadian International Development Agency Shastri Applied Research Project -	71,022	59,991
Canadian International Development Agency	832,782	230,778
Operating Expenses	629,144	470,941
Other Restricted Funds	16,150 1,749,623	5,444 <b>942,742</b>
Total Expenses	1,749,023	942,742
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues	(114,780)	27,022
Fund Balances, beginning of year Endowment Contributions	322,444 1,120	288,562 6,860
Fund Balances, end of year	208,784	322,444

N.B. These financial statements are based upon the Institute's audited financial statements for 2005-2006 but are not themselves audited. The financial statements, audited by Grant Thornton LLP for the Canada Office and by Khanna Gulati & Associates for the India Office, are available from the Institute's offices.

# India Office Financials

Balance Sheet	Year Ended March 31 2006 2005		
Assets	Rs.	Rs.	
Fixed Assets Gross Block Less: Depreciation	5,106,211 (3,410,274)	, ,	
Total Fixed Assets	1,695,937	1,423,061	
Current Assets, Loans & Advances Cash and Bank Loans and Advances  Total Current Assets	14,782,319 2,089,559 16,871,879	2,280,542	
Total Assets	18,567,815	21,571,769	
Liabilities and Equity			
<u>Liabilities</u> Current Liabilities <u>Long Term Liabilities</u> Capital Grants	14,456,797 2,847,733	14,861,033 2,404,427	
Total Liabilities	7,304,530	17,265,460	
Equity Accumulated Surplus	1,263,285	4,306,309	
Total Liabilities and Equity	18,567,815	21,571,769	

Income and Expenditure Account	Year Ended March 31 2006 2005	
Revenue	Rs.	Rs.
Operating Programmes	7,505,448	7,114,986
CIDA-SICI Project	158,918	274,059
SHARP Programme Canadian Studies / Special Activities	20,902,080	11,908,937
Activities	1,630,002	1,514,774
Library Programme	10,241,909	8,814,420
Fellowship Programme	10,260,700	3,846,781
Seminars and Conferences	-	16,656
Restructuring/ Governance Initiatives	587,461	536,205
Total Revenue	51,286,518	34,026,818
Expenses		
Operating	10,379,225	5,082,882
<u>Programmes</u>		
CIDA-SICI Project	158,918	274,059
SHARP Programme	20,902,080	11,908,937
Canadian Studies/Special Activities  Activities	1,630,002	1,514,774
Library Programme	10,241,909	8,814,420
Fellowship Programme	10,260,700	3,846,781
Seminars and Conferences	-	16,656
Restructuring & Governance Initiatives	587,461	536,205
Depreciation	362,678	413,466
Less: Transfer from Capital Grant	(193,432)	(228,813)
Total Expenses	54,329,541	32,179,367
Net excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses	(3,043,023)	1,847,451
Reserve funds brought forward	4,306,309	2,458,858
Reserve funds carried forward	1,263,286	4,306,309

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## India Studies Scholars 2005-2006

**Basi, Mandip** Student Research, University of Delhi
"Encounters with Ayurvedic Medicine and Notions of Personhood in New Delhi"

**Bidaye, Prasid** Student Research, University of Mumbai "Exile, Self and Poetics in Postcolonial Indian Literature"

#### Charkraborty, Kabita Student Research,

Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

"Experiences with non-formal education: the voices of migrant working children living in squatter settlements in Kolkata, India"

#### Daughrity, Dyron Post-Doctoral Research

St Johns and the Bishop Stephen Neill Study Centre

"Hinduisms, Christian Missions, and the Tineevelly (Tirunelveli) Shanars: A Study of Interactions between Hindus and Christian Missionaries in 19<sup>th</sup> Century India"

#### Desai, Urmi Student Research, Jawaharlal Nehru University

"Emerging Powers, Emerging Alliances? A Case Study of the India-Brazil Partnership"

**Fernandez, Leila** *Library Training, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation* "A Study of Online Research Repositories in Indian Educational Institutes"

#### Geary, David Student Research

Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage

'Globalizing the Sacred': World Heritage, Transnational Pilgrimage and Multilocalities in BodhGaya, Bihar

#### Gupta, Deepti Arts, National Institute of Kathak Dance

"Teaching Traditions in Kathak, Lucknow Gharana: Traditional Methods and Modern Environments"

## Janmohamed, Zaheer-Abbas Arts, National Institute of Kathak Dance

"Classical Indian Percussion"

#### Joglekar, Samidha Arts, Swarameyee Gurukul, Pune

"Training Hidustani Classical Music in Mumbai, India"

#### Kachroo, Meera Student Language Training

Kuppuswami Sastri Research Institute

"Studying Sanskrit in Chennai"

#### Kodavatiganti, Neena Arts, Foundation of Bharatha Natyam

"Foundations of Bharatanatyam: technique refinement and repertoire acquisition in the Tanjuvar style"

#### Kumar, Ravi Arts, Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra

"Ravi Kumar's Indian Classical Music (instrumental)/sarod specialist training project"

#### Leary, Brandy Arts, Tarun Chhau Vatika

"Seraikella and Mayurbhanj Chhou: Explorations in Movement Relationships"

Majithia, Roopen Faculty Training, Dharamaram Vidya Kshetram

"A Study of the Commentaries of Shankara and Ramanuja on the Bahrama Sutras  ${\tt Bhadrayana}''$ 

**Millar, Eve** Student Language Training, Jawaharlal Nehru University "Language Training"

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"New Indian experiments with Participatory Video: A Study of Subaltern Public Spheres"

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"Advanced Studies in Indo-Persian Literature"

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An "Open Window" Between Two Nations: French Cultural Exchanges with India, 1947-1989

Parmar, Prabhjot Student Research, Bhandarkar O.R. Institute

"Representations of the Partition of India in Bollywood Cinema"

Przychoodzen, Janusz, Faculty Training, Jawaharlal Nehru University

"Dialogues et experiments multiculturels dans la literature indienne: Approache comparative avec la literature québécoise"

Sachdev, Paul Faculty Research, Jamia Millia Islamia

"HIV/AIDS: A Study of Knowledge, Attitudes, Gender Equality and Perception of Risk Among University Students in Delhi"

Sandness, Adela Faculty Research, Bhandarkar Oriental Institute

"Saravasti in Ancient Indian Literature"

Shankar, Aarti Arts, Sri Lalgudi GJR Krishnan

"Advanced Technique in Carantic Classical Violin"

Singh, Raiendra Faculty Research, University of Delhi

"Indian Patterns of Code-Mixing and Bilingual Proficiency"

#### St. Michel, Sonia Arts, Kalahetu

"Advanced Odissi Training"

Taneja, Leena Student Research, Vridavan Research Institute

"Tracing Faith: Principles of Identity and Difference in Gaudiya Vaishnava Theology and Jacques Derrida"

Thambirajah, Natasha Student Language Training

Pondicherry Institute of Linguistics and Culture

"Advanced Tamil Language Training in India"

Tiwari, Shilpa Student Research, University of Delhi

"Global Markets, Local Realities: the Lived Experience of Ayurvedic Medicinal Plant Collectors in Chamba District, Himachal"

**Tremblay, Richard** Arts, Lasya Academy

"The Kathakali Medea: Research, Creation, and Pre-production of a Kathakali Drama-Drama based upon the Greek Classical Tragedy, *Medea"* 



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Universities	Total
Alberta	314
British Columbia	4201
Calgary	351
Canadian Museum of Civilization	125
Concordia	459
Dalhousie	541
Fraser Valley	114
Guelph	109
ISL	76
Lethbridge	480
Manitoba	573
McGill	1783
McMaster	354
Queen's	578
Regina	616
Saint Mary's	700
Saskatchewan	142
Simon Fraser	128
Toronto	4314

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## Social Development – Health

**Sharit Bhowmik** Western Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research **Judy Whitehead** University of Lethbridge

"Urban Poverty Issues, Policy Evaluation and Public Participation in Mumbai"

#### David Hulchanski University of Toronto

Ashok C. Yesudian Tata Institute of Social Sciences

"Trends in Family and Social Structure and their Impact on Health in India: A Case Study of the Urban Poor in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh"

#### Shanthi Johnson Acadia University

Sebastian Irudaya Rajan Centre for Development Studies, Kerala

"Promoting Healthy Aging through Community Development in India"

#### Shree Mulay McGill University

Atul Sood Jawaharlal Nehru University School of Social Sciences

"Impact of Liberalization & International Trade Regimes on Access to Medicines and Health Sciences"

#### **Economic Reform**

Mukesh Eswaran and Ashok Kotwal University of British Columbia Willima Wadhwa and Bharat Ramaswami India Development Foundation

"The Impact of Economic Reform on Employment and Poverty"

#### Indira Ramarao University of Mysore

Karim-Aly Kassam University of Calgary

"Building Capacities of Rural Communities Through People's Institutions: Self-Help Groups as Channel for Infrastructure Building and Economic Empowerment"

#### Amita Shah Gujarat Institute of Development Research

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"Food Security and Sustainable Production Systems in India: Implications Under Trade Liberalization"

#### **Eckhard Siggel** Concordia University

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"Economic Reforms in India and Their Impact on Exports, Employment and Poverty"

#### Ravi Srivastava Jawaharlal Nehru University

René Véron University of Guelph

"Globalization and the Poor: Sustaining Rural Livelihoods in India"



## **Environmental Management**

Mark Flaherty University of Victoria

Kishor Samal Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies

"Development of a Knowledge-base for Coastal Aquaculture Policy-Making, Planning and Management"

#### B.S. Ghuman Panjab University

**Anantha Duraiappah** *International Institute for Sustainable Development* "Livestock and Environment Sustainability: Experience of the Indian Punjab"

#### **Duncan Knowler** Simon Fraser University

Joyashree Roy Jadavpur University

"Assessing Environmental Management Options to Achieve Sustainability in Shrimp-Mangrove System in the Indian Coastal Zone of Bay of Bengal"

#### Amarjit Narang Indira Gandhi National Open University

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"Engaging Communities in Solid Waste Management: A Study of Bhagidari Programme in Delhi and Taskforce 2010 Initiatives in Toronto"

# **Vishwa Nath Sharda** Central Soil and Water Conservation Research Training Institute **Shiv Prasher** McGill University

"Environmental Impact Assessment of Community- based Water Resources Management Projects in Uttranchal"

## John Sinclair University of Manitoba

R.B. Singh Delhi School of Economics

"The Roles of the Public, Private and Civic Sectors in Sustainable Environmental Management: A Search for Balance"

#### Patrick Martin University of Guelph

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Managing Water Resources: Socio-economic and Policy Implications of Restoration in the Yamuna River Basin"

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"Urban Governance and Environmental Management: Action Oriented Policy Studies on Waste Management in Jabalpur and Raipur"

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#### **Doctoral Research**

Sharma, Seema Doctoral Research, McGill University

"Railways as a vehicle of change as depicted in literature- A comparative study between India and Canada"

Smitha, K. C. Doctoral Research, University of Toronto

"Governance and Urban Service Delivery with reference to Public Health: A comparative Study of India and Canada"

**Thattil, Mary Yasmin** *Doctoral Research, University of Toronto* "South Asia Canadian Diasporic Fiction"

### Faculty Enrichment

**Augustin, Marie Pierre** Faculty Enrichment, Université de Montréal "French Canadian Civilization"

**Dubey, Yogesh Kumar** Faculty Enrichment, University of Calgary Public Participation in EIA

**Sarangi, Dhir** Faculty Enrichment University of British Columbia "Initiation into the Modern Art of the West- Study of European, American and Canadian Paintings: Comparison Contrast (from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"

**Sheshandri, Vijay** *Faculty Enrichment York University* "Canadian Science Fiction Written by Women"

**Singh, Sunaina** Faculty Enrichment University of Toronto "Literature and Society: Anglophone, Francophone and Diasporic Constructs"

**Singh, Pankaj. K.** Faculty Enrichment York University "Canadian Literature"

## Faculty Research

**Charkraborty, Pinaki** Faculty Research University of Ottawa
Federal Funding Arrangements to Aboriginal Self Governments in Canada: Lesson for India

**Dahiwale, Samarth Modku** Faculty Research, University of Calgary "Entrepreneurship among the Aboriginal Peoples in Canada"

Maitra, Shipra Faculty Research, University of Toronto "Local Government Financial Reform Process: Case Study of Delhi and Toronto"



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Ramaswamy, K.V. Faculty Research, University of Toronto
"Market Structure, Competition, and Competition Policy in Canada and India: A
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Rao, Srinivasa Faculty Research, University of Toronto

"Family, Community, and School in Multi-Cultural Contexts: Educational Experiences of Indian Immigrant Children in Canada"

**Srikanth, Haresamudram** Faculty Research, Simon Fraser University "Liberal Democratic Nations and the Indigenous People: A comparative study of the strategies of Accommodation pursued in the province of British Columbia in Canada and the state of Assam in India"

No. of Books

**Tiwari, Prakesh. C.** Faculty Research, McMaster University "Aboriginal Participation in Forestry Management in Canada"

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Healthy Aging in Chennai: Community Development

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Access to Quality Health Care and Information: How does Gender Intervene?

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