Vision
Shastri envisages compassionate, progressive, sustainable civil societies in India and Canada. This includes an interconnected and empowered India-Canada community fostered by mutual trust and respect.

Mission
To improve the quality of life of the peoples of Canada and India by building and strengthening intellectual and cultural linkages through research, dialogue and exchange.

Our Mandate
Shastri builds academic and cultural relationships between India and Canada by providing programs and services that facilitate and sustain bi-national dialogue, understanding and interaction. These relationships encompass both institution-to-institution and individual-to-individual linkages.

SHASTRI 2009-2010 AT A GLANCE
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Events, Major changes, Strategic Planning initiatives

LEARNING ABOUT EACH OTHER

22 India Studies and 17 Canadian Studies Fellowship Grants were awarded to scholars in both our countries for the purpose of promoting academic relations and mutual understanding between India and Canada, linking academic institutions and strengthening relations between our two great nations.

LIBRARY PROGRAM

36 Canadian member institutions received over 10,000 books and journals from our exclusive India Studies library.

CANADIAN RESOURCES

Our Canadian Studies Library was visited by 234 users for reference purposes; a total of 221 books/documents were issued to research scholars.

SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT

Under the Shastri Millennium Development Grant, and through multi-year funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), three grants were awarded to bi-national teams to undertake public policy relevant research.

ADVANCING CANADIAN STUDIES

Member institutions promoting Canadian Studies in India hosted seminars, workshops, lectures and other related activities at various locations of our 50 Indian member institutions.

STRENGTHENING THE BOND

On November 17, 2009, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper attended an Education Roundtable organized by the High-Commissioner of Canada, Joseph Caron. Shastri President, Prof. Sumana Singh took part in this event alongside some of India’s most accomplished educationists and leaders in higher education. Valuable discussions took place focused on the importance of bi-lateral ties, national policies for the enhancement of knowledge exchange and the potential for greater collaboration between Canadian and Indian academic institutions to create mutually beneficial opportunities for economic advancement.

SO SCHOLARS MAY GO THE DISTANCE

Our new Faculty and Student Mobility Program provides opportunities for Indian and Canadian faculty members and outstanding Indian students to travel to a host college, university and research institutions to teach, deliver seminars, pursue courses and/or complete internships.

MOU WITH QUEBEC

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Shastri and the Province of Quebec on February 5, 2010. Under this MOU, Indian graduate and post-graduate students have the opportunity to study at Quebec institutions of higher learning without the burden of paying international student tuition rates. Additional MOUs are currently being discussed with the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. These educational opportunities, facilitated by Shastri, contribute to greater knowledge sharing and cooperation between Canada and India.

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