



Celebrating
10
YEARS

Thank you for supporting the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies

In the early 2000s, UFV teamed up with visionary members of the South Asian community to create a partnership and develop a vibrant program of India-Canada studies and engagement at UFV. Their goal was to involve students, professors, and community members and agencies in an exciting, ongoing endeavour focused on research, teaching, and community and economic development in both India and Canada.

From 2003 to 2006, dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to raise funds for the establishment of a

\$2.5 Million endowment to create the BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development. This impressive goal was achieved through the support of numerous donors who built an endowment fund for the Chair.

In 2006, UFV established the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies (CICS) to house the Chair and serve as a hub for research, engagement, and study. In the past ten years, the centre has undertaken many research projects, created a program of study, supported and mentored student research,

and partnered with universities in India. The CICS has built strong community partnerships locally and across Canada with numerous Indian Diaspora communities, held international conferences, invited visiting scholars from around the world, curated acclaimed exhibits, and developed business ties with India.

We are proud of our achievements and look forward to your continued involvement with our UFV community. Thank you to our donors, volunteers, and students for their continued support.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

The community leaders and benefactors who helped establish the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies showed remarkable vision and faith in our university. With their wise counsel and generous support, and under the outstanding leadership of Satwinder Bains and her colleagues, we have built together a centre for education, scholarship, and service that in 10 short years has established a reputation for excellence not just regionally but nationally and internationally.

The centre has become a busy portal linking the Fraser Valley and the ancestral homeland of many people in our community. It has brought to our university and the Fraser Valley many scholars and dignitaries who have engaged, challenged, and enriched us.

It has played a key role in the development of our campus in Chandigarh and supported the UFV/BC Innovation Chair in Canada-India Partnership Development. And it continues to build those vital connections that facilitate the exchange of people and ideas between Canada, India, and other parts of Asia.

What a remarkable 10 years! What a legacy! What a foundation we have built for our future work together as university and community partners!

With deep gratitude and congratulations to all,

Mark D. Evered, Ph.D.
President & Vice-Chancellor



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to thank you for celebrating our anniversary with us on May 3 — an important 10-year milestone in the history of the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley.

Each journey is filled with many stories and experiences, and these last 10 years have not disappointed in this regard. What started as an idea quickly became a reality, and opportunities have presented themselves at every turn and every corner. The centre's work has been enriched by the people who have worked so hard and with such dedication to bring our mandate to life.

Community members, donors, faculty colleagues, staff, students, the leaders of UFV, and organizations have all lent their support through goodwill, financial contributions, energy, commitment, time, ideas, and friendships. Your partnerships have been crucial.

We have learned much along the way, and we know there is still so much to do. As we enter our second decade, we feel it is important for our identity to reflect the broader field of South Asian studies. We are pleased to announce the centre's new name: South Asian Studies Institute (SASI).

We count on your continued support in the future. Thank you.

Satwinder Kaur Bains
Director

