

SHOWCASING SOUTH ASIAN CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO BRITISH COLUMBIA



Satwinder Bains, Director of the South Asian Studies Institute at UFV, shines in an interview, April 12, 2022.

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South Asian Studies Institute (SASI) at the University of the Fraser Valley Launches Six Projects

By Dr. Satwinder Kaur Bains

Six new resources aimed at reducing racism through education are now available across British Columbia. You can access all six resources at www.threadingourstories.ca.

This multi-part project, called the South Asian Canadian Legacy Project, aims to raise awareness of the valuable contributions of South Asian Canadians

to British Columbia's diverse cultures, history, heritage, economy, and society.

"The South Asian Canadian Legacy Project empowers British Columbians to discover, learn, research, and share the rich and robust histories of South Asian Canadians who helped build this beautiful province," said Dr. Satwinder Kaur Bains, Director at UFV's SASI.

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Engage with the six projects from the South Asian Canadian Legacy Project.

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Saffron Threads

A new learning resource for BC K-12 teachers exploring South Asian Canadian history, culture, and heritage,





Kwantlen Elder Lekeyten honours the launch of the project at Surrey City Hall. At right is Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum and Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

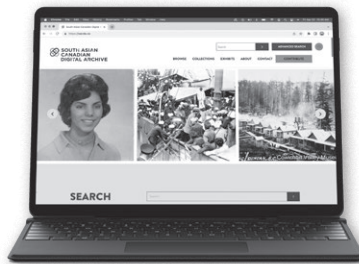
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Saffron Threads includes detailed activity plans and resources, developed in partnership with Open School BC, that will help teachers bring important topics for all students into the classroom including migration and settlement, discrimination, identity, and culture.

Teachers and parents can find Saffron Threads resources available via digital download for free at www.saffronthreads.ca.

South Asian Canadian Digital Archive

Rich archives that tell the stories of South Asian migration and contributions to Canada have found a new life as part of the Legacy Project. The UFV South Asian Studies Institute has methodically digitized thousands of photos, documents, and videos from privately held collections to create the South Asian Canadian Digital Archive (SACDA). Find it at www.sacda.ca.



Haq and History

This bilingual travelling exhibit—presented in Punjabi and English—created in partnership with the Royal BC Museum will be visiting all regions of the province over the next four years. “Haq” means “rights” in Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu.

The exhibit explores themes of trans-pacific journeys, families and homes, community celebrations and commemorations, sawmill

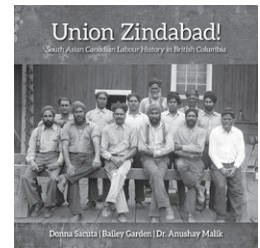
experiences, and community activism for rights and justice. As the exhibit travels, it will partner with local GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) sector institutions and South Asian Canadian communities to add relevant local content and expand the historic record. An exhibit-based outreach kit for educators, schools, and community centres can be requested through the Royal BC Museum.

Haq and History can be viewed in the atrium of the Surrey Centre Library until June 30, 2022 before it makes its way across BC and into its communities.

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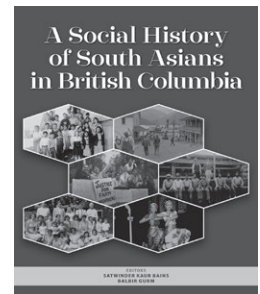
This new book incorporating ground-breaking research chronicles the history of South Asian Canadians’ involvement

in the BC labour movement. It was developed in partnership with the BC Labour Heritage Centre.



A Social History of South Asians in British Columbia

This book is a collaboration between 19 authors that threads together South Asian Canadian stories from 1897 to the present.



Historic Sites of Significance

The Project also undertook documentation of and further engagement with historic sites of significance in BC in collaboration with Heritage BC.



The future is in good hands. Launch of *A Social History of South Asians in British Columbia*, April 12, 2022.

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