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2022-2023

CISE Executive Committee

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August 15, 2022

On behalf of the Council of India Societies of Edmonton and its 17 affiliated associations, I extend my warmest greeting to each and every one of you, who are here to join us to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence Day.

This year nationwide we are celebrating India @75- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It is an **initiative of the Government of India** to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.

We celebrate Independence Day to pay tribute to our great freedom fighters who gained Independence from India's struggles and sacrifices. This day also helps India to display their developments in social, political and economic departments on a global platform.

Due to COVID we were not able to celebrate India Day on Jan 26, 2022. However, today on Independence Day we acknowledge and encourage our youth and volunteer for their outstanding accomplishments in academic excellence, sports and artistic endeavors. I congratulate all of those who will be recognized today. They are the future leaders of our community and our country.

The theme of this year's celebration "Multiculturalism for unity, development and peace", which are building blocks of any society, especially for a multicultural country like Canada. Canada has been built on a foundation of multiculturalism.

I feel very proud to mention that the India Center has become a hub of various activities. It is being used by organizations affiliated with the Council of India as well as by public at large.

My heartfelt thanks to all the delegates and members of all affiliated associations. A special thanks to all volunteers who were instrumental in making all the CISE events a huge success. Financial support for all the council's events comes from many organizations and sponsors. We thank them all.

Have a memorable and enjoyable Independence Day!

Jai Hind

Gunjan Sharma
President
Council of India Societies of Edmonton





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August 20, 2022

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in today's celebration commemorating the 75th anniversary of India's independence, hosted by the Council of India Societies of Edmonton.



This event offers a chance to reflect upon the events that have shaped India's history and to celebrate its many accomplishments since achieving independence on August 15, 1947. With the theme "Multiculturalism for Unity, Development and Peace," it is also a wonderful opportunity for Indo-Canadians to share their rich and diverse cultural heritage with their fellow citizens. Canada and India have a strong, longstanding and vibrant relationship built on our shared traditions of democracy and pluralism. Our close bond is strengthened by a community of more than 1.4 million Indo-Canadians who make important contributions to our country's multicultural fabric and prosperity.

I would like to commend the organizers for their hard work in planning this celebration. Events such as this are a wonderful reminder that Canada is truly a multicultural nation, made stronger and more resilient by our diversity.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



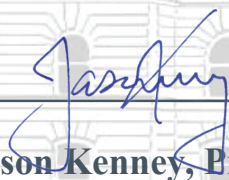
MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to send greetings to the Council of Indian Societies of Edmonton's India Independence Day and India Day celebration.

While it's unfortunate the India Day event had to be postponed due to COVID-19, it's exciting that you will have the opportunity to commemorate the Constitution of India alongside the 75th anniversary of India's independence. Alberta shares many ties with the world's largest democracy, both cultural and economic, and Indo-Canadians are a vibrant part of our diverse society. I appreciate the innumerable contributions the Indian community has made to our growth and prosperity, and I hope everyone enjoys coming together to mark this milestone.

Thank you to the Council of Indian Societies of Edmonton for making this event possible, and for preserving and promoting Indian culture in Alberta. Your commitment to multiculturalism helps make our province a great place to live.

Best wishes and enjoy the festivities!



Hon Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta





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MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to note that the Council of India Societies of Edmonton (CISE) is holding a joint celebration of India's Independence Day 2022 and India Day under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (AKAM) on Saturday, Aug 20, 2022. The theme of the event "Multiculturalism for Unity, Development & Peace" is very appropriate and encapsulating. It is heartening to know that CISE is also bringing out a souvenir on this occasion.

I would like to extend my felicitations and warm greetings to all members of CISE, former and present and all those associated with these celebrations and through CISE to the Indian diaspora living in Alberta. I hope that CISE will continue to grow stronger and will continue its commendable work in terms of promoting and preserving Indian culture, and various other outreach activities among community members and helping the community in times of need. I hope that CISE will also play an important role in promoting and disseminating among community members in Edmonton awareness about positive initiatives and changes happening in India and uphold and further promote Indian values that we hold so dear and pass them down to our younger generation. I also believe that CISE would play a bridge in further strengthening our relations with the Province.

Once again I convey my heartiest congratulations to CISE for organizing the AKAM celebrations and wish it all success in its future endeavors.

Vancouver,
August 05, 2022




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Greetings,

On behalf of Rachel Notley and the Alberta NDP Caucus I would like to wish you all a very happy India Independence Day!

Albertans of Indian heritage add tremendously to the well-being of our communities, contributing to Alberta's society, economy, arts and culture. The work of the Council of India Societies of Edmonton and the many other affiliated organizations helps to enrich life across Edmonton.

Thank you to the executive and all the volunteers for putting together the India Independence Day 2022 celebrations, and the many other events held throughout the year. I and my colleagues in the Alberta NDP Caucus, appreciate your service to our community. Happy Independence Day!

Sincerely,

Hon. Christina Gray, MLA
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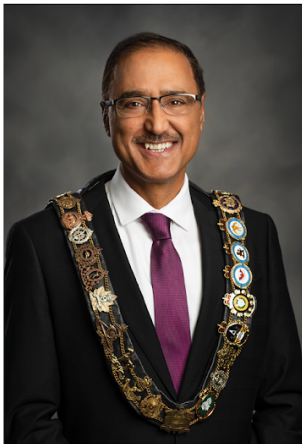


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Message from His Worship Mayor Amarjeet Sohi



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, welcome to the joint celebration of India Independence Day and India Day.

This 75th anniversary celebration of India's independence recognizes the hard work, innovation and enterprise of Indians along with the democratic traditions that have shaped that journey.

This year's theme of Multiculturalism for Unity, Development & Peace resonates strongly in India's historic freedom struggle and its future evolution. Here in Edmonton, which is located within Treaty 6 territory, we celebrate the diversity of all cultures and believe that the rich histories and beautiful traditions of Indigenous communities, of more than 100 ethnic and racial groups collectively make our city stronger, more welcoming and vibrant. As a home to immigrants and newcomers from around the world, Edmonton is working hard to ensure that all voices and cultural practices are freely expressed and respected.

I thank the Council of India Societies of Edmonton and the many volunteers for ensuring this important milestone in history is celebrated with pride.

I wish you a safe and healthy celebration!

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Amarjeet Sohi

MAYOR, CITY OF EDMONTON





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PROGRAM SCHEDULE



(Saturday, August 20, 2022, 10 AM - 1 PM)

Introduction of MCs	Ms. Rashmi Sinha, Vice-President (Program), CISE
Master of Ceremonies	Mayank Dalal and Mallika Patnaik
National Anthems Jana Gana Mana/ O' Canada & Patriotic Song	CISE Executives and Volunteers led by Rashmi Sinha Mayank Dalal, Mallika Patnaik, Allana Mathur, Arshiya Mathur
Welcome Address	Ms. Gunjan Sharma, President - Council of India Societies of Edmonton
Ganesh Vandana Dance (Bharatnatyam) (Telugu Cultural Association of Alberta)	Madhushree Deshpande
Introduction of Chief Guest	Ms. Bindu Kannan, Vice-President (Communication), CISE
Greetings by Chief Guest	Hon. Amarjeet Sohi, Mayor, City of Edmonton
Awards Presentation:	CISE Special Recognition Award, CISE Citizenship Award, Distinctive Achievement Award and Post-Secondary Achievement Award Presenter: Mr. Amarjeet Sohi Facilitated by Gunjan Sharma and Bindu Kannan (CISE Award Committee Co-Chair)
Tarana (Kathak) (ShantiNiketan Society of Edmonton)	Anya Meiah Choreographed by: Ms. Usha Gupta of Usha Kala Niketan
Introduction	Dr. Mrinal Mandal, Past President, CISE
Greetings by	Hon. Kaycee Madu, Minister of Labour and Immigration for Alberta
Awards Presentation:	Academic Honors Awards Grade 1 to 3 Presenter: Mr. Kaycee Madu Co Presenter: Mr. Kapil Sharma
Rajasthani Folk Dance Rangilo Mara dholna	Kreena Patel and Ria Patel Choreographed by: Kreena Patel

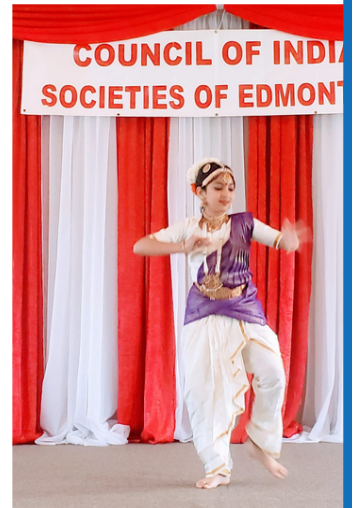
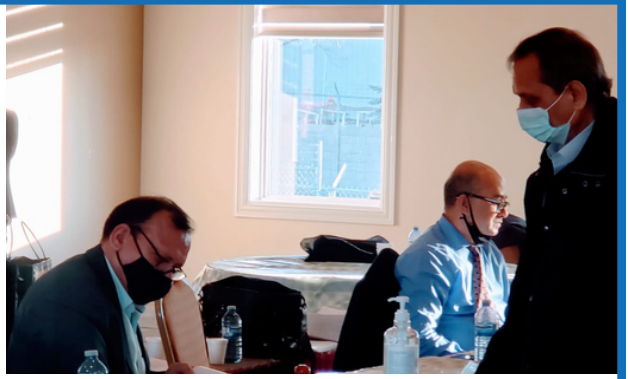


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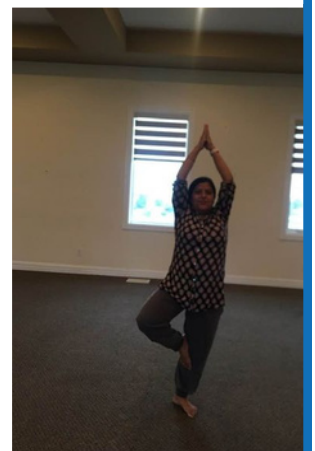
Introduction	Ms. Rashmi Sinha, Vice-President (Program), CISE
Greetings By	Hon. Prasad Panda, Minister of Transportation for Alberta
Awards Presentation:	Academic Honors Awards Grade 4 to 6 Presenter: Mr. Prasad Panda Co Presenter: Mr. Jordan Walker, MLA for Edmonton-Sherwood Park
Bharatnatyam Dance By (Canadian Kerela Cultural Association)	Kesia Biju Choreographed by Rajammal Ram
Introduction	Mr. Dhiru Ladwa, Past President, CISE
Greetings by	Ms. Christina Gray, MLA for Edmonton-Millwoods
Awards Presentation:	Academic Honors Awards - Grade 7 to 9 Presenter: Ms. Christina Gray Co-Presenter: Mr. Jasvir Deol, MLA for Edmonton-Meadows
Deshbhakti Dance (Alberta Hindi Parishad)	Jyoti Joshi
Awards Presentation:	Academic Honor Awards; Grade 10 to 12 Presenter: Mr. Preetam Sharma, Past President, CISE Co-Presenter: Mr. Vivek Ahuja
Kerela Folk Dance (Edmonton Kannada Association)	Sarah, Niveda, Catherine, Faeba and Serah Choreographed by Nabel Thomas of Mudra Dance Academy
Awards Presentation:	Junior High and Senior High Academic Excellence Awards Presenter: Mr. Chander Mittal, Past President, CISE Co-Presenter: Dr. Mrinal Mandal, Past President, CISE
Vote of Thanks	Ms. Rashmi Sinha, Vice-President (Program), CISE
Bhangra (Asian Youth Club)	Presented by Punjabi Folk Dance Academy Choreographed by: Gursevak Singh Sidhu





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Great recognition - Gunjan



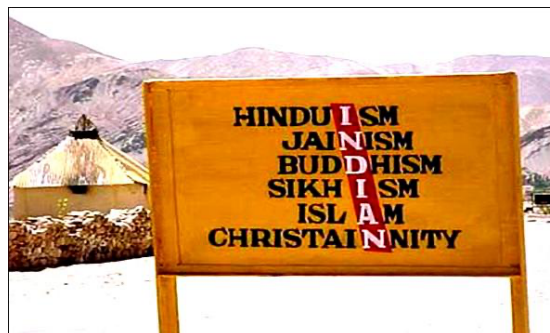
Multiculturalism for Unity, Development and Peace

By Mayank Dalal

India is a great example for the study of multiculturalism because the ethos of Indian philosophy has always been that of inclusive spirituality, ethnicities, and adherence to ethics of non-aggression, peaceful co-existence, and concerns of humility. Multiculturalism can be understood as the state of co-existence of diverse cultures. Culture includes racial, religious, linguistic, etc. which may have differences and distinctions in customary behaviours, cultural assumptions and values, patterns of thinking and communicative styles. It also aims at the preservation of different cultures and their identities within a unified society as a state or nation. Scholars have hailed the Indian Constitution of 1950 as a prescient model of multicultural accommodation for its recognition of a range of group-differentiated rights within a broadly liberal democratic framework.

The current and 14th Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, in his speech at the 76th United Nations assembly, rightly attributed India as the mother of all democracies. Democratic states set the premise for multicultural societies to exist. Unlike multicultural nations such as Canada, Australia, USA, UK and European Union countries, where people of different cultures look very much alike in their physical size and facial features, dress, language, food habits, religious practices, way of life etc., people of India show clear distinctions in their physique, dress, language, food habits, religious practices and rituals. This unique unity of India in the midst of multicultural diversity and unlimited freedom as the world's largest democracy, is the beauty which is a wonder to the world.

India draws its principles of universal acceptance and tolerance from its Hindu roots which have a history that dates back to 5000 BCE. Mother India, other than being a sacred land that gave birth to three of the world's major religions including Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism, is also home to one of the world's first Islamic mosques that were built in the 600 CE. With such a diverse history, it is only natural to assume that India's high cultural competence is indigenous to its land and its people.



India has inherited principles of 'Vasudaiva Kutumbakam,' meaning the entire world is one family, and 'Sarva Dharma Sambhaba,' meaning all religions are true and equal. Perhaps India and Indians knew that in order to prosper, mutual respect for each other's culture, religion and traditions is foremost. Gladly, contemporary India took it even further by constitutionalizing policies of legal pluralism in the form of religious family laws by allowing religious communities to practice their own cultural norms (Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Parsi), providing territorial autonomy for several linguistic and tribal groups, as well as quotas in legislatures, government jobs and educational institutions for caste and tribal minorities.



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