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# INDICAN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Connecting and creating friendship  
between India & Canada

Dear Members,

A warm greetings to all.

The festival of lights is in full bloom as I write the sixth newsletter. Diwali is the most important and largest community Indian festival which symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance." Diwali is one of Hinduism's most popular festivals. It is celebrated worldwide by Sikhs, Punjabis, Gujaratis, Jains, Buddhists, Tamils, Nepalese, Sri Lankans, and East Indians.

It was heartening to hear from the Prime Minister of Canada, who wished the Indian Diaspora in Canada and described Diwali as a global festival. While Diwali is still celebrated in India and Canada with the same spirit and exuberance, I continue where I left off last month.

In the previous newsletter, I mentioned that, in recent years, the lack of permanent pathways in the U.S. led to an increasing number of Indian foreign workers moving to Canada to pursue permanent residence. Indians continue to be the highest recipients of Canadian visas and permanent residency. According to data released by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), out of the 405,303 new permanent residents in 2021, at least one-third were Indians. The data came when Canada continued to revive from the labour shortage exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. The North American country, since then, has been relying heavily on migrants to fill the gap.

According to a report published in the Economic Times, approximately half of the nearly 450,000 international students who moved to Canada in 2021 were Indian citizens. More Indian students are now choosing campuses in Canada because of programmes like Post-Graduation Work Permit, which allow them to stay in the country after graduation.



**Surender Gupta**  
President

Students who arrive in Canada on post-graduation work permit are allowed to look for jobs, and they can eventually apply for PR. As a result, there has been an unprecedented rise in student visa applications, and the processing time has also increased. In an email to Business Standard, the Consulate General of Canada said that the number of study permit applications rose in 2022. Following this unprecedented spike, Canada's High Commission advised students to discuss options with their colleges if they could not arrive in time for the session. To be continued in the following newsletter.

Live a blissful life.

President

Indican Friendship Club

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# SERVICES

## ABOUT US

INDICAN Friendship Club is a virtual platform for the Indians and Canadians to connect and build healthy relationships. It is a membership based club, wherein you can subscribe on our website and avail our services. Keeping the connection between these two countries in mind, this club allows its members to interact, celebrate, and trade virtually. Our services can be availed by all our members.

## OUR VISION

We aspire to connect and bring together more than 10,000 people from India and Canada through INDICAN Friendship Club and create one stop shop for them where the citizens can look for every service that they may require. This will act as a platform to network, exchange business and also build connections across the countries. We will also expand beyond India and Canada in the later run to give our members a wider exposure.

## AIM

Giving an extraordinary flavor to this virtual club, we believe in providing one-of-a-kind opportunities to explore both countries and its people. We also intend to do cultural exchange between the people of both the countries which will reflect both the cultures and bring people together.

### ● Visa Support

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### ● Tourism

Hodophiles in our club can avail the service of tourist support from our associates. They will provide you with expert advice and make your trip unforgettable. We can assist and provide you with attractive packages which cover all aspects of your trip of both the countries which will reflect both the cultures and bring people together.

### ● Matrimony

Our on board associate will help you to find your perfect match in India and Canada fulfilling all your requirements.

### ● Residency Support

Our associates will provide you with professional advice on the residence and associated paperwork. Meeting new individuals here will undoubtedly provide you with an advantage in learning more about the locals.

### ● Business Investments

ICFC can introduce you to unique start-ups where you can be an investor and get relevant profits. It will bring your attention to some innovative and unexplored companies.

### ● Personal Branding

You can avail the service to construct your own social and corporate image through our professional and experienced associates. They will also help you to build your own brand.

- **IELTS**

The students who wish to appear for the The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) will get guidance and support from our expert associates of both the countries which will reflect both the cultures and bring people together.

- **Event Management**

With appropriate event management and assistance, our associate will assist you in making your event successful and memorable. We can handle your event from end to end.

- **Career Counseling**

Students can spend their time here without any worry. Our associates will guide them for their future in their respective country or abroad. They will help them to understand their abilities and plan accordingly.

- **IT Solutions**

Our experienced associates will provide you with all types of IT solutions for your websites and other mediums of digital presence. It can help you to build your online audience and expand your business presence.

- **Medical Consultancy**

Being a member of ICFC, you can avail medical consultancy by our associates in both the countries. We have specialists onboard who can guide you properly with appropriate treatment.

- **Banking/Financial Support**

People wanting to avail banking services or financial support while traveling across the country can contact our on board associates for this particular service. You will be safe from frauds and other deceptions.

- **Chartered Accountancy**

We have some experienced Chartered Accountants onboard based in Canada and India. You can avail their services with us.

- **Real Estate Guidance**

If you plan to invest in properties of other countries then this service can surely help you. Our onboard associates can help you explore different options.

- **Numerology/Astrology/Tarot**

Everyone has the curiosity to know a bit about their future, or advice that can help them to brighten their future. We have a group of onboard associates of numerologists, astrologists and tarot readers who will assist you with their services.

- **Property Management**

Our onboard associates will help you with the supervision of your abandoned properties and maintain them properly. They will also directly deal with the prospects and tenants.

**\*TOS**

INDICAN Friendship Club shall be providing you with the platform where you can render/avail the services from the onboarded associates/service providers but will not be responsible for the service delivery in any form or any commercial transactions. It shall remain at the discretion of the ICFC member and The Associate.



# CANADA IN LATE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY



In 1986, following the British Columbia provincial election, Moe Sihota, (Manmohan Singh). He was the first Canadian of south Asian descent to be elected to provincial parliament. Sihota, who was born in Duncan, British Columbia in 1955, ran as the NDP Candidate in the riding of Esquimalt-port Renfrew two years after being involved in municipal politics, as he was elected as an Alderman for the city of Esquimalt in 1984.

Significant urbanization of the Indo-Canadian community began during the 1980s and early 1990s, when tens of thousands of immigrants moved from India into Canada each year. Forming nearly 20% of the population, Fort St. James had the highest proportion of Indo-Canadians of any municipality in Canada during the 1990s. Prior to the large urban concentrations that exist in the present day, statistically significant populations existed across rural British Columbia; a legacy of previous waves of immigration earlier in the 20th century. In 1994, approximately 80% of South-Asian Canadians were immigrants. The settlement pattern in the most recent two decades is still mainly focused around Vancouver and Toronto, but other cities such as Calgary, Edmonton, and Montreal have also become desirable due to growing economic prospects in these cities.



# CANADA IN LATE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY



**D**uring the late 20th and into the early 21st century, India was the third highest source country of immigration to Canada, with roughly 25,000–30,000 Indians immigrating to Canada each year according to Statistics Canada data. India became the highest source country of immigration to Canada by 2017, with yearly permanent residents increasing from 30,915 in 2012 to 85,585 in 2019, representing 25% of total immigration to Canada. Additionally, India also became the top source country for international students in Canada, rising from 48,765 in 2015 to 219,855 in 2019. Mirroring historical Indo-Canadian migration patterns, the majority of new immigrants from India continue to hail from Punjab with an increasing proportion also hailing from Delhi, Mumbai, Gujarat and Southern India.



Until the 1950s, Sikhs formed up to 95% of the entire Indo-Canadian population. In the contemporary era, Canadians with Indian ancestry are from very diverse religious backgrounds compared to many other ethnic groups, which is due in part to India's multi-religious population. Amongst the Indian Canadian population however, the religious views are more evenly divided than India, owing in part to historical chain migration patterns, witnessed predominantly in the Sikh-Canadian community.

The last census report detailing the religious proportion breakdown of the South Asian Canadian community was done between 2005 and 2007 by Statistics Canada, with results derived from the 2001 Canadian censuses. This report found that among the Indo-Canadian population, Sikhs represented 34%, Hindus 27%, Muslims 17%, and Christians 16% (7% Protestants /Evangelical + 9% Catholic). Relatively few people of Indian origin have no religious affiliation. In 2001, just 4% said they had no religious affiliation, compared with 17% of the Canadian population.





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