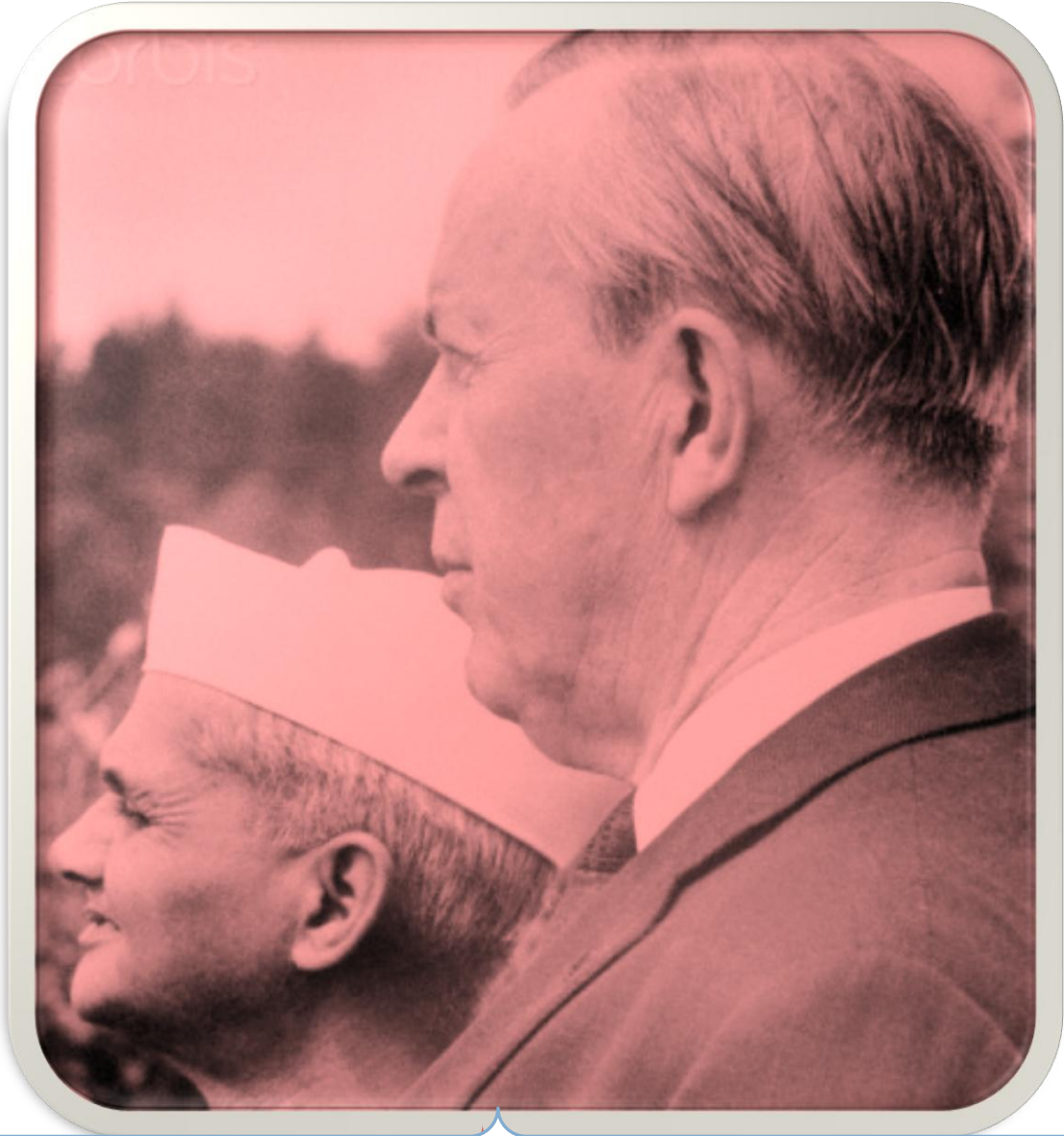


# SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE



## **Shastri Newsletter**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Shastri Members and Friends,  
Greetings!

I took over as President SICI on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 from Professor Girish Shah. I owe a great amount of thanks to Immediate Past President Professor Girish Shah, who had been an outstanding leader and colleague. During his presidency, he put much effort into mounting the information base and moving ahead into difficult times, and did so in a manner which was highly professional and helpful. Upon assuming the new accountable position in the Institute, I'd like to say it's an honor to have the opportunity to serve for the year as President SICI. I'm grateful to those past Presidents and Executive Council members who have worked and devoted personal resources to lend to the vision that made *Shastri Institute* strong and successful. I have my full trust and belief in the newly formed Executive Council who are a group with outstanding talent and sense of service. I look forward to work with each of them to accomplish goals and mission of SICI.

This is my first Message as President and I welcome all Shastri friends who have been with us through thick and thin with the good news of MoU signing with Government of India on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016. This was Xth ADDENDUM to the Memorandum of Understanding and the MoU document covered all details on Programme for Co-operation and it is inherent that the extension of MoU will facilitate SICI to continue with promotion of knowledge and understanding between Canada and India. The Programmes under new MoU will be Shastri Institutional Collaborative Research Grant (SICRG); Shastri Mobility Programme (SMP); Shastri Research Student Fellowship (SRSF), Faculty-in-Residence Programme (FIR) and Facilitation-cum-Information services. Besides, regular programmes MHRD has entrusted SICI to promote some other activities like to work for Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) programme to bridge the faculty gaps in priority areas of knowledge and to promote & support National Digital Library.

This year's announcement from Canada office and India office on programmes is on the cards. The Canada office announced its programmes for the year 2016-17 in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August namely Faculty Training and Internationalization Program (FTI); Shastri Research Grant (SRG); Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant (SSTSG); SICI Membership Development Fund (SMDF); and SICI Partnership Seed Grant in Aid (SPSG in Aid). India Office will be soon announcing the programme for the year 2016-17 namely Shastri Institutional Collaborative Research Grant (SICRG); Shastri Mobility Programme (SMP); Shastri Research Student Fellowship (SRSF), Faculty-in-Residence Programme (FIR) once the administrative committee is formed.

Apart from this the information I would like to share the news related to previous year's scholars who availed the fellowships in 2015-16 and went on fellowship to Canada. They are coming back with good experiences and enriched knowledge. They are very happy and thrilled about fellowship which was essential part of their research work. Upon return from Canada they have submitted final reports which are full of excitement and happiness as the fellowship helped them a lot in getting familiar with new people in their field and with addition in knowledge.

Lastly, I would say that we together can do a fantastic job which will put SICI in a strong and stable position in coming years. There will be more rigorous efforts to strengthen SICI network as our potency lies in networking. I look forward to reach out to prospective members and engage those faculties who bring a wealth of knowledge through practical applications in the work flow of SICI. I encourage members, new as well as seasoned to share their views, experience/expertise through our Shastri newsletters or assisting us as volunteer at our annual conferences in India and Canada. To support members, the Institute will continue to make available scholarship/award money and other services to those well-deserving recipients. With the positive note to bless SICI with strength I close my message and invite members to send suggestions on programmes and activities to improve them.

Sincerely,



Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay  
President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

### SHASTRI ACTIVITIES

#### **Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

The efforts to get the MoU signed ended on 15th July 2016. SICI office bearers had this pressing issue on top priority and met many people of importance in this context to pursue this matter. The MoU work was taking the shape summarily and in a meeting held on 29th June, 2016, the Union Cabinet had approved MHRD's proposal for continuation of MoU up to 31st March 2021. Later to formalize the MoU Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) signed Xth ADDENDUM to the Memorandum of Understanding on 15.07.2016. The MoU document was endowed with all details on Programme for Co-operation. Sh. V.S. Oberoi-Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Professor Suchorita Chattopadhyay-President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute & Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University signed the Addendum on behalf of Government of India and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute respectively.

It is implicit that the extension of MoU will facilitate SICI to continue with promotion of knowledge and understanding between Canada and India in the areas identified earlier and in the new areas as identified by the Government of India which include Faculty-in-Residence Programme, Faculty Development Programme for Vocational Education and Facilitation-cum-Information services. MHRD has entrusted SICI to promote some other activities which are carried out by MHRD like to identify eminent academicians from Canada for the Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) programme to bridge

the faculty gaps in priority areas of knowledge. SICI will also work to promote & support National Digital Library which is an effort of Government to digitize documents to connect libraries together.

### **Programme Announcement for the year (2016-2017)**

SICI, Canada Office has announced the programs for the year 2016-17. The announcement is available on SICI website at the link provided here. Please click on the link for more information.  
<http://www.sici.org/home/>

1. **Faculty Training and Internationalization (FTI)** -The FTI grant will allow the Canadian and Indian faculty members to travel to universities of alternate countries upon invitation to work on receiving/delivering capacity building training on areas, such as: teaching-learning pedagogy, course or curriculum development or any other areas identified by the host institutions. The duration for such faculty mobility would be between 4-6 weeks. This is a quality enhancement program geared towards capacity building of institutions and faculty members.

2. **Shastri Research Grant (SRG)** – SRG is a bi-national research initiative to support research collaborations. The research theme will build on issues concerning all domains of studies: social Sciences subjects (i.e., anthropology, communications studies, economics, education, human geography, history, law, linguistics, political science, public administration, management, psychology, sociology, humanities, cultural studies), STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) including food security and sustainable development; water resource management; gender and health, bi-lateral trade and investment; energy and environment; securing future of children and youth and higher education-mobility.

3. **Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant** -SSTSG assists faculty members including graduate and post graduate students with travel subsidies to participate in conferences, workshops, seminars and academic meetings in India or Canada with a view to establishing institutional and scholarly linkages. The objectives of SSTSG projects are to promote the mobility of scholars between India and Canada, to initiate or strengthen Canada-India knowledge exchange and partnerships, which support education cooperation between the two countries.

4. **Shastri Membership Development Fund**- SMDF grants (with small funds up to CAD \$500) are being offered to all SICI's Canadian Members Council Institutions in 2016-17 with the sole purpose of widely publicizing different SICI activities and programs offered by both SICI's India and Canada offices within their institutions.

5. **Shastri Partnership Seed Grant in Aid (SPSG in Aid)**- SPSG in Aid program, which provides partial matching financial contribution as well as logistical support for partner organizations' programs and activities. Eligible partner organizations include all the current SICI member institutions, other

educational institutions in Canada, provincial and territorial governments in Canada, as well as private or public companies operating in Canada. The purpose of SPSPG in Aid program is to support furthering bilateral exchanges, institutional linkages, as well as areas traditionally supported by SICI, including research and other academic collaborations between Canadian and Indian Institutions.

## MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

### **ISEC, Bangalore**

The BYID interns 2013-14 have published their papers as internship outcomes. Ms. Pavithra Rajan and Mr. Jonathan Gangbar were interns at Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore. In all these papers support from Shastri has been acknowledged.

1. Integrated Child Development services in India: A Sub-National review ( Jonathan Gangbar, Pavithra Rajan and K.Gayithri) in R.K.Mishra, K.N.Jehangir, Geeta Potaraju and Sobin George (ed.) Health systems strengthening: Country Experiences, Academic Foundation, 2016, New Delhi.
2. Integrated Child development services in Karnataka, (with Jonathan Gangbar and Pavithra Rajan and K. Gayithri) ISEC, 2014, Bangalore
3. Integrated Child development services in India-A sub national review (with Jonathan Gangbar, Pavithra Rajan and K. Gayithri) Working paper 318, ISEC, 2014, Bangalore.
4. Child and maternal health Nutrition in South Asia: Lessons for India, ( Pavithra Rajan, Jonathan Gangbar and K. Gayithri) ISEC Working paper No 323, ISEC, 2014, Bangalore.

### **Himachal Pradesh University**

Dr. Papiya Lahiri, Himachal Pradesh University, recently authored one book on the celebrated Canadian playwright Sharon Pollock. The book deals with the political powers to be like government, state, institutions (cultural, social, political) that impacts and influences the lives of the individuals. Pollock has dedicated her life to studying the various historical records and presenting them before the audience from a fresh perspective.



The book release was done by the Hon'ble CM of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Virbhadra Singh; the Governor, Shri Acharya Devvrat; Vice Chancellor, ADN Vajpayee and other dignitaries on stage. It was inaugurated on the

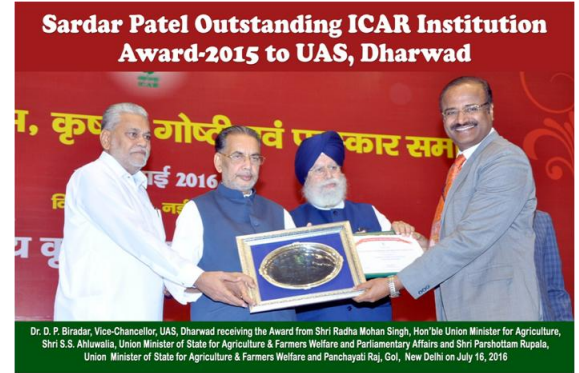
Foundation day of the H.P. University, Shimla.

The book also features an Interview with the playwright at the University of Calgary where I was invited as a speaker to present a paper.

## UAS, Dharwad

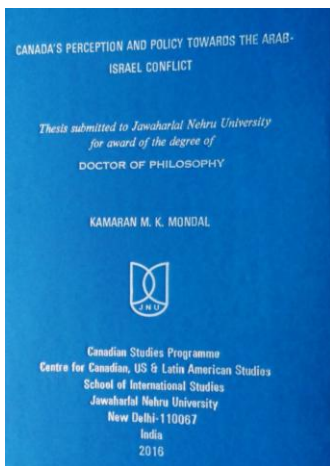
UAS, Dharwad bags the prestigious National Award Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institution Award 2015 given by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi. The award was received by Vice-Chancellor, Dr. D.P. Biradar on the occasion of 88<sup>th</sup> ICAR Foundation Day, Krishik Goshti and ICAR Award Ceremony held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on July 16, 2016.

Award was presented by Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister in the presence of Sh. S.S. Ahluwalia, Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Parliamentary Affairs; Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Panchayati Raj; and Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Dr. Trilochana Mohapatra, Director General, ICAR, New Delhi. The award is adjudged based on overall academic performance and organizational profile of the University, quality of graduates, relevant research output and useful technologies to farmers.



## Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

On 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Ph. D degree in Canadian Studies was awarded to Kamaran Monir Khalkullah Mondal by the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The doctoral research monograph entitled 'Canada's Perception and Policy towards the Arab-Israel Conflict' was completed at the Canadian Studies of the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2016. Mr. Mondal has acknowledged Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and its library. He said that "in completing the study, the 'Shastri Knowledge Mobility Grant' in 2012 proved very useful in accessing and procuring some critically needed inputs from Canada without which writing the monograph would have become otherwise pretty difficult". The thesis traces the roots of the conflict to the pattern of Jewish immigration even before the birth of Israel and the UN plan to allocate very large and fertile lands to the Jewish state. It also highlights the enthusiasm and support rendered by Canada's Jewish community to the new nation including supply of arms.



## UPCOMING EVENTS/CONFERENCES IN INDIA AND CANADA

### **Literary Journalism: From the Center, From the Margins:** The Twelfth International Conference for Literary Journalism Studies

The International Association for Literary Journalism Studies invites submissions of original research papers, abstracts for research in progress and proposals for panels on Literary Journalism for the IALJS annual convention on 11-13 May 2017. The conference will be held at the University of King's College,

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The deadline for submission of research papers, work-in-progress abstracts, and panel proposals for the annual conference is 1st December 2016. [Read more](#)

**Website:** <http://ialjs.org/conference-information/>

### **CICE-2017 main theme is Global Issues in Education and Research**

The Canada International Conference on Education (CICE) will be held from the 26th to 29th of June, 2017. Submissions are accepted in English and French. Interested may submit a proposal not more than 400 words, on or before January 31, 2017.

You can submit a research paper, case study, work in progress and report for virtual presentation under the open call for papers via email to [virtual@ciceducation.org](mailto:virtual@ciceducation.org) . [Read more](#)

**Website:** <http://www.ciceducation.org/>

### **Seventeenth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations**

University of Toronto, Chestnut Conference Centre is organizing an interdisciplinary conference with its companion collection of journals Common Ground Publishing on 26th to 28th July 2017. Scholars may send proposals on diversity in the workplace, education, diversity policy, and community and government social issues. The deadline for submitting abstracts/proposals is 26th June 2017. [Read more](#)

**Website:** <http://ondiversity.com/2017-conference/call-for-papers>

### **Second International Conference on Communication & Media Studies**

University of British Columbia is organizing conference on 16th to 17th November 2017. This interdisciplinary conference and its companion journal invite scholars to share perspectives on media cultures, theories of communication and media, media technologies and literacies, and the business of media. The last date to receive proposals/abstracts is 16th August 2017. [Read More](#)

**Website:** <http://oncommunicationmedia.com/2017-conference/call-for-papers>

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