



# INDIAN SOCIETY OF CALGARY

Yearly Newsletter - Reflecting on a Remarkable Year!



Through social, cultural, and economic initiatives, we have strived to create a more inclusive and connected community

## Anti-Racism Community Engagement

January 7th, 2023

We hosted a significant Anti-Racism round table, supported by the Alberta Government, bringing together Calgary community members and officials like Hon. Rajan Sawhney and Hon. Devinder Toor. Attendees shared experiences of racism, particularly in Alberta's South Asian community, emphasizing the need for action. Despite challenges, the event inspired unity and responsibility for positive change, advancing civil society-government collaboration on racism and multiculturalism.



## Volunteer Meet-up

January 21st, 2023

We connected, shared experiences, and built professional networks with members old and new. Thanks to all who attended.



## Ukrainian Calgarian Job Fair

January 27th, 2023

We supported the Ukrainian newcomers at the job fair!



## Upcoming Events

Save the date for our **Holi: Festival of Colors** on **April 13, 2024** at **Bowness Park!**

A vibrant event with music, colorful powder, and Indian food. Attendees can enjoy playing with colors, dancing, and taking photos.

Holi unites people of diverse backgrounds in joyful celebration.

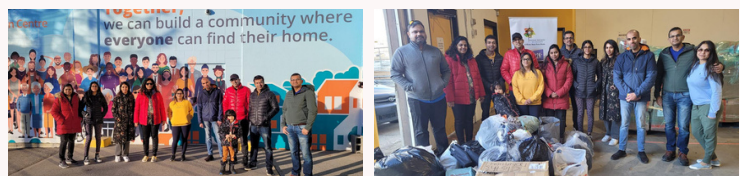
Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with our community!

You're Invited!

## Donation Drive for Turkey and Syria Earthquake Victims

February 11th, 2023

Relief materials were sent via chartered Turkish Airlines.





## Vibrant Holi Celebration with Grateful Sponsors!

March 18th, 2023

Our Holi Event was a vibrant success! People of all ages celebrated with colored powder and traditional music. Thanks to our generous sponsors, this unforgettable celebration will be cherished for years.

### A Big Shoutout to our Holi Sponsors:



## Incredible Experience at the Diversity Fair!

April 19th, 2023

We joined the Diversity Fair organized by the Calgary Police Service, celebrating our diverse community and the contributions of people from various backgrounds. The event offered a platform for learning, connection, and celebration of diversity. Our heartfelt thanks to the Calgary Police Service for hosting this wonderful event, promoting unity and inclusion in our city. We look forward to future opportunities to celebrate our diverse community.



## Seniors Day Celebration: A Heartwarming Success

June 24th, 2023

Our Seniors Day event was an extraordinary free gathering, full of laughter, games, and friendship. It provided a wonderful opportunity for seniors to connect, make new friends, and enjoy heartwarming performances and lively music. The showcased talent proved that age is no barrier to spreading happiness and creating beautiful memories.



Thank you to all the seniors, volunteers, and attendees for making this event a resounding success!



### A Special Thanks To:

Amit Gupta - Real Estate Agent at Re/Max Realty Innovations for your generous sponsorship  
 Parmeet Singh, the NDP representative for Calgary-Falconridge, for gracing us with his presence and uplifting words of encouragement  
 B TV's Shavei Singh for covering the magic of this event

## A Resounding Success on International Women's Day!

March 4th, 2023

Our International Women's Day Celebration gathered nearly 100 guests and volunteers for empowerment, featuring a gender equity panel, inspiring stories, and the Naari Shakti award to Savita Singh. Sponsored by Harwinder K Johal and Ms. Navneet Jandu, it raised awareness about women's equity.



## Blood Donation Camp

April 15th, 2023

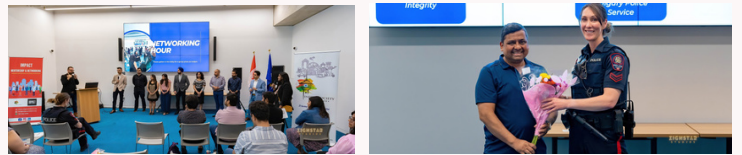
In partnership with Canadian Blood Services - Calgary, we hosted our second blood donation drive in 5 months. A total of 20 community members donated blood, helping save lives. Thank you to all who participated!



## IMPACT Professional Networking Event

May 21st, 2023

The launch of our Impact Mentorship Program brought together professionals from diverse fields. Connecting with inspiring individuals and learning about their work was truly rewarding. Our program aims to pair aspiring professionals with experienced mentors to guide them toward their career goals, fostering positive community impact.



Thanks to everyone who came out to support this important initiative!



## Lilac Festival

June 4th, 2023

The Lilac Festival on Fourth Street was a hit! Our Indian Society of Calgary proudly showcased our vibrant culture and community spirit. Connecting with festivalgoers and sharing our rich heritage was amazing. Thanks to everyone who joined us, making the event truly memorable. Can't wait for next year's festival with even more excitement and joy!





## Magical Moments at Desi Open Mic Night

June 30th, 2023

Our Desi Open Mic Night with Madhuban Performing Arts was magical! Thanks to all the talented performers who left us spellbound. It brought together a vibrant community for soul-stirring performances, showcasing the power of art to create cherished memories. Stay tuned for more exciting events celebrating our community's talent. Thanks for being part of this unforgettable journey!



## Mosaic Multicultural Festival

*Embracing Diversity, Celebrating Unity!*

June 30th, 2023

The Indian Society of Calgary presented 'Mosaic: The Multicultural Festival', celebrating our diverse community with vibrant performances, delicious cuisines, and kids' activities. Thanks to all who made it a success. Let's keep cherishing and celebrating our diverse world and its beautiful cultures.

We were honored to have the Nigerian Canadian Association of Calgary, Calgary Police Service, Harayanvi Society of Canada, Hon. MLA Gurinder Brar, and Immigrant Services Calgary joining us, promoting intercultural understanding and collaboration.



## Sunshine Celebration at Summerfest

July 22nd, 2023



A Big Shoutout to our Sponsors:

TELUS  
Amit Gupta - Real Estate Agent at Re/Max Realty Innovations  
YYC IPTV - Joyt Gur

Vendors:

Second Cup Canada  
Little Caesars Pizza  
DP's Cuisine  
Not Just Curry  
Gate Of India Airdrie

Summerfest was a day of fun and community! People enjoyed activities for all ages, delicious food, games, and a Bollywood dance party. Thanks to our sponsors and vendors for making it a memorable event!

## Indian Independence Day

August 15th, 2023

We celebrated the 77th Indian Independence Day at Calgary City Hall! It was a day filled with music, dance, and unity as we showcased the rich cultural diversity of India. This event, organized by 18 Organizations of Indian Heritage, promised to be a memorable celebration for the whole family. We extend our gratitude to our generous sponsors for their financial support, making this event possible.



A Special Thanks To:

Thank you to all our esteemed guests and attendees for joining us in commemorating this special day.

Your Alberta (Government of Alberta) | Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India | India in Canada (Consulate General of India, Vancouver) | India in Canada (High Commission of India, Ottawa) | CBC Calgary | Global News Calgary | Stephanie Kusie | Rajan Sawhney | Raj Dhaliwal | George Chahal | Muhammad Yaseen | Irfan Sabir | Gurinder Brar | Calgary Police Service

## Adventure-filled Camping Trip at Aspen Ranch Campground!

July 28th-29th, 2023

We had a fantastic two-night camping event at Aspen Ranch campground, organized by the Indian Society in Calgary! With over 40 families, there was excitement, laughter, and unforgettable moments. Thanks to everyone for making it extraordinary!



## Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

September 17th, 2023

Our spectacular free event celebrating Lord Ganesha, filled with music, dance, and traditional rituals. Family and friends joined together to share in the spirit of togetherness. Thanks to our volunteers, sponsors, and guests for making this event a success!



## Diwali Utsav

November 4th, 2023

The Diwali Fest! Thanks to your overwhelming response, this event promises to be a night to remember, filled with laughter, joy, and unforgettable memories. Special thanks to our sponsors for their invaluable support in bringing this affordable and eco-friendly event to our community. It's more than just a party; it's a festival celebrating unity and culture.





MARCH 1ST, 2024

# Volunteer Spotlight

## Our Dedicated Volunteers!

We believe in recognizing the outstanding contributions of our members. Our volunteers selflessly dedicate their time and energy to lend a helping hand at events and provide invaluable support behind the scenes. Their unwavering commitment and passion inspire us all.



# Milestones & Achievements

## Launch of our IMPACT Mentorship Program!

On **May 21st, 2023**, the Indian Society of Calgary launched their **Impact Mentorship Program** at their professional networking event!

A program empowering newcomers in Alberta to achieve their professional goals and advance their careers through mentorship.

The event created a vibrant networking and learning platform, bringing together aspiring professionals, job seekers, and seasoned experts from various fields.

Our IMPACT Mentorship Program offers incredible opportunities to forge industry connections, access career opportunities, and shape your professional journey in Canada.

Let's make a positive IMPACT on your career path together!

*We love seeing our community come together and create unforgettable memories. If you have any photos or videos from our events, we encourage you to share them with us! Tag us on social media or send them directly to our email. We may feature them in our upcoming newsletters, website or social medias*

*Get involved with the Indian Society of Calgary and help us build a more inclusive community! Whether you're interested in volunteering, attending events, or supporting our initiatives, your involvement will make a meaningful impact.*



For sponsorships or donations please reach out on [info@calgaryindians.org](mailto:info@calgaryindians.org)

Visit our website or contact us to learn more about how you can contribute to our mission