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**FROM ALL
VALUED MEMBERS**

ISC Team

Year in Review: Indian Society of Calgary 2024 Highlights

Dear Members, Supporters, and Friends,
As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible growth and support from our community. This year has been a testament to the power of togetherness, and we are proud of the progress we've made in fostering a vibrant, welcoming environment for all.

Reflecting on a Year of Growth and Togetherness

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors, we've expanded our reach, hosted more events, and provided invaluable support to those in need, from mentorship and job-seeking assistance to helping newcomers settle in Calgary. Together, we've built not just a community, but a family.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you in the coming year.

Warm regards,

The Indian Society of Calgary Management Team

20+

Events in 2024

10,000+

Members

150+

volunteers



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

GROWTH AND IMPACT:

This year, our membership grew significantly, enabling us to host more events and extend our reach. Through the hard work of our volunteers and support from our sponsors, we've not only enriched our cultural celebrations but also assisted many individuals with mentorship, job-seeking, and newcomer support.

OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT:

The Indian Society of Calgary is proud to foster a welcoming and supportive environment. This year, we created spaces for people to come together, share their talents, and have fun. From cultural celebrations to meaningful mentorship opportunities, 2024 was a year of engagement, connection, and joy.



* Annual Volunteer Meet-Up (3rd February)

The Annual Volunteer Meet-Up was a meaningful gathering focused on networking, planning, and recognizing the hard work of volunteers. Attendees had the opportunity to connect, discuss upcoming initiatives, and share ideas to strengthen community engagement. The event reinforced the spirit of teamwork and appreciation for those who dedicate their time to the Indian Society of Calgary.

* Community Star Awards (2nd March)

A night of appreciation, the Community Star Awards recognized outstanding contributions within the community. Honorees received certificates and trophies, acknowledging their dedication and impact. The event emphasized collective appreciation, ensuring that every contributor was celebrated equally. It was a heartwarming occasion, bringing together individuals committed to making a difference.



* Holi Celebration (15th April)

The festival of colors was celebrated with grandeur, drawing a large crowd for a day of music, dance, and vibrant festivities. Attendees enjoyed traditional Holi activities, throwing colors in joyous celebration of unity and diversity. The lively event featured cultural performances and energetic beats, creating an unforgettable experience for all. It was a true reflection of community togetherness and joy.

* School Resource Fair (April)

The School Resource Fair was an informative event focused on student resources and career guidance. Students and parents explored various educational opportunities, learning about academic support, career pathways, and community programs. Experts and mentors provided valuable insights, equipping attendees with tools to navigate their academic and professional journeys. The event aimed to empower students with knowledge and direction.





* Calgary Police Service Diversity Fair (April)

At this engaging fair, the Indian Society of Calgary set up a booth and participated in discussions on diversity and inclusion. Attendees had the chance to connect with police representatives, fostering a deeper understanding of community policing and safety initiatives. Informative speakers shared insights on cultural inclusivity, making it a valuable experience for all. The event highlighted the importance of collaboration between diverse communities and law enforcement.

* IMPACT-Networking Event (May & September)

The IMPACT Networking Event served as a dynamic platform for career mentorship, business networking, and community engagement. Professionals, entrepreneurs, and newcomers connected over meaningful discussions, exchanging ideas and support. The event helped bridge gaps, fostering mentorship opportunities and new collaborations. It played a crucial role in strengthening community ties and professional growth.



* Asian Heritage Fest (May)

A vibrant celebration of Asian culture, this festival featured an array of performances, a cultural showcase, and an informative booth. Attendees experienced the rich heritage of various Asian communities through dance, music, and interactive exhibits. The event provided a platform to appreciate diverse traditions and build intercultural connections. It was an enriching experience highlighting the beauty of cultural diversity.

* Lilac Festival (June)

At the Lilac Festival, the Indian Society of Calgary showcased cultural performances and stalls, along with community engagement activities. Visitors enjoyed traditional Indian delicacies while experiencing lively dances and music that brought the festival to life. The event provided a fantastic opportunity to interact with the broader Calgary community. It was a perfect blend of celebration and outreach.





* **Canada Day (1st July)**

The Society celebrated Canada Day with a festive booth, delicious food, and a special cake-cutting ceremony. Attendees from various backgrounds joined in to mark the nation's birthday with joy and unity. The event was filled with patriotic spirit, bringing people together in a shared celebration. It was a wonderful way to showcase multicultural harmony and community pride.

* **Seniors Event (20th July)**

This event was designed to provide seniors with a fun, social, and engaging experience. Guests enjoyed lively performances, entertaining games, and a variety of delicious food. It also served as an opportunity for seniors to connect with each other and share stories. The day was a beautiful blend of enjoyment and appreciation for the elder members of the community.



* **Bollywood Concert (7th September)**

A night of electrifying entertainment, the Bollywood Concert featured an incredible performance by Meet Jain. The audience was thrilled by the music, dancing, and high-energy atmosphere. Fans enjoyed a mix of Bollywood classics and new hits, making it a night to remember. The event was a grand success, bringing people together through music and celebration.

* **Ganesh Utsav (7th September)**

A beautiful religious and cultural celebration, Ganesh Utsav brought the community together in devotion and festivity. Attendees participated in traditional rituals, prayers, and cultural performances, embracing the spirit of the occasion. The event highlighted the importance of faith, tradition, and unity. It was a deeply meaningful gathering that resonated with all who attended.





* **Mentorship and Networking (October)**

Part of the IMPACT program, this event focused on fostering mentorship connections and professional growth. Newcomers and professionals engaged in discussions about career pathways and business opportunities. Experienced mentors provided guidance, helping individuals navigate their professional journeys. It was a valuable platform for networking and community support.

* **Diwali Party (9th November)**

One of the biggest celebrations of the year, the Diwali Party featured cultural performances, a grand dinner, and special guests. The event included a traditional pooja led by Pandit Ji, bringing spiritual depth to the festivities. Families and friends came together to celebrate the festival of lights with music, dance, and joy. The night truly embodied the essence of Diwali—light, happiness, and togetherness.



* **Volunteers Appreciation Party (December)**

A special evening dedicated to recognizing the incredible efforts of volunteers. The event featured heartfelt appreciation speeches, certificate presentations, and a fun-filled TV giveaway. Volunteers were celebrated for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. It was a joyful gathering, reinforcing the importance of community service and gratitude.

* **Christmas Celebrations (December)**

A warm and cheerful celebration, this event brought members together for a festive Christmas gathering. Attendees enjoyed a cozy evening filled with holiday spirit, good company, and seasonal treats. It was a wonderful way to end the year, reflecting on shared experiences and friendships. The celebration captured the joy and unity of the holiday season.



OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

This year, the Indian Society of Calgary maximized the support we received to make a tangible impact in our community. Here's how:

- **Event Funding:** Resources were allocated to successfully organize 18 community events, enriching cultural celebrations and fostering inclusivity.
- **Newcomer Support Initiatives:** A portion of our resources was dedicated to mentorship programs, job-seeking assistance, and welcoming newcomers to Calgary.
- **Volunteer and Sponsorship Support:** Our sponsors and volunteers were pivotal in ensuring efficient planning and execution of initiatives.



Volunteers

100+



Events

20+



Newcomer Supported

5000+

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into 2025, the Indian Society of Calgary is excited about the future and the opportunities ahead. We are committed to building on our successes and continuing to strengthen our community through new initiatives and enhanced programs:

* THE IMPACT PROGRAM:

In the coming year, we'll be focusing on helping newcomers settle more effectively in Calgary. Through mentorship and community support, we aim to create a smoother transition for those starting a new chapter in our city.



* EXPANDING COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

We aim to strengthen support programs for newcomers and those seeking mentorship and career guidance.

* ENHANCED CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS:

With a growing membership, we plan to host more engaging and inclusive events that celebrate our rich heritage.





* EXPANDING MENTORSHIP:

We are looking to grow our mentorship program, welcoming more mentors and mentees. This will provide even more opportunities for personal and professional development for both newcomers and established members of our community.

* CONTINUED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Our events and support initiatives will continue to grow, ensuring that all community members have opportunities to connect, learn, and thrive together.



* VOLUNTEER EMPOWERMENT:

Continuing to recognize and support the invaluable contributions of our volunteers, we'll provide more opportunities for involvement and growth.

* STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS:

Collaborating with local organizations and businesses to amplify our community impact.



We are excited to embark on another year of growth, and with your continued support, we will make 2025 another year of meaningful impact.

CALL TO ACTION / INVITATION



STAY CONNECTED:

Stay engaged with us through our Facebook page, visit our website, and keep spreading the word about our programs. You can also reach us at info@calgaryindians.org. Together, we can continue to grow our community and make it a place where everyone feels supported and valued.



VOLUNTEER:

Our programs, events, and initiatives rely on the support of our dedicated volunteers. If you are passionate about making a difference, we encourage you to join us in our mission to create an inclusive, welcoming space for all.

BECOME A MENTOR:

Help newcomers navigate their new life in Calgary by becoming a mentor in our Impact Program. Your guidance and experience can make a world of difference for someone starting their journey here.

We are excited to see what we can achieve together in 2025 and beyond. Thank you for being an essential part of the Indian Society of Calgary!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

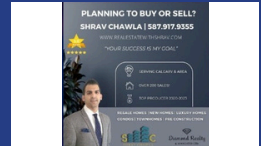
We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, and community members whose unwavering support and dedication made this year a resounding success. Without you, none of our events, programs, and initiatives would have been possible.



* OUR SPONSORS:

Your impact goes beyond financial support; it is a testament to the power of community. We are grateful for your trust and look forward to achieving more together.

Your generosity has been instrumental in bringing our vision to life. Your support has helped us create meaningful programs, host vibrant events, and extend vital resources. With your contributions, we have strengthened community ties and celebrated our heritage. Your belief in our mission has provided mentorship, career guidance, and a welcoming space for all.



THANK YOU



* OUR VOLUNTEERS:

Your efforts remind us of the strength that comes from working together. Thank you for your dedication, and we look forward to another successful year.

You are the backbone of our Society, making our achievements possible. Your time, energy, and passion drive every event, program, and community initiative. Whether coordinating logistics, engaging with attendees, or providing mentorship, your hard work is invaluable. Your commitment fosters inclusivity, support, and cultural pride within our growing community.

Together, we have created a positive, inclusive space for all. Thank you for being an essential part of our success.



CLOSING MESSAGE



MORE!

Engagement



MORE!

Community



MORE!

Support

- * As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible support and dedication of our members, volunteers, and sponsors. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are excited to continue our journey of growth and community engagement in 2025.
- * Together, we've created a space where everyone feels welcome, supported, and empowered. We look forward to another year of working alongside you to make Calgary a more connected and inclusive city for all.
- * Thank you for being a vital part of the Indian Society of Calgary. Here's to another year of success, collaboration, and making a positive difference in our community!

STAY CONNECTED!



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