

**Centre for India-Canada Studies: Journey of Thirty Years**  
**University of Delhi South Campus**  
**March 31, 2022**  
**S.P. Jain Auditorium, South Campus, University of Delhi**



The Centre for Indo-Canadian studies recently celebrated its completion of 30 years on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The event was held at the S.P. Jain Auditorium in association with International Relations, University of Delhi. The event also coincided with the completion of the 100 years of the University of Delhi.

There were several major highlights of the event. The Centre released a commemorative Book showcasing its glorious journey of 30 years. It organized the Shastri-Pearson Lecture which was delivered by Honorable and Padma Shri Awardee, Professor Balram Bhargava (Director General, ICMR and Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare), who played a vital role in leading the war against Covid in India. His talk was fascinating as he provided first-hand information - 'the inside story' - on how India, under the able leadership of the present Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, managed successfully its war on Covid by employing an integrated approach and augmenting expertise and capacity on various fronts from 'science to logistics for dealing with a disaster of this magnitude' and also helping out Indian nationals stuck abroad. Prof. Bhargava also highlighted the achievements of India in various fields since independence which he labeled as various revolutions. He especially highlighted the contributions of our late Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri ji, under whose able leadership, India achieved new heights on various fronts including the white revolution.

The event was attended by CICS members, former Directors of CICS and students and faculty of the University. Presence of several important dignitaries marked the event. The invited dignitaries included Professor Bhargava (Chief Guest), Professor S. P Singh, Director, South Campus (Chairperson), and Guests of Honour: Shri Ajay Bisaria, (High Commissioner of India, Ottawa, Canada), Mr. Colin Shonk (Counsellor and Head, Advocacy Program, High Commission of Canada, India), Dr. Prachi Kaul (Director, Shastri, Indo-Canadian Institute), and Special Guest, Professor P.C. Joshi (former PVC and Acting Vice Chancellor, DU).

The program began with a Welcome address by the Director, CICS (Professor Suman Kundu), followed by video screening of the 30 years of journey of CICS by the Joint Director (Professor Yamini Gupta). Following this, the Commemorative Book was released by the Dignitaries. This was followed by brief addresses by the Dignitaries. Following this, Professor Bhargava delivered the Shastri-Pearson Lecture 'Going viral: making of Covaxin the inside story'. The event ended with the address by Professor Joshi who spoke on public health in India and Canada. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Professor Yamini Gupta. The entire event was compered and managed by the students of the Department of Finance and Business Economics, South Campus, DU.





