

**Indo-Canadian Studies Centre**  
**Fellowship Programme**

**A Report on Satwinder Bains' Lecture on *Identity and Cultural Politics of the Indo-Canadian Diaspora in the British Columbia Province of Canada***

Dr. Satwinder Bains, Director of the University of the Fraser Valley, B.C. Columbia visited the ICSC from 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 under the Centre's Fellowship Programme.

During this period she had meetings with the Coordinator of the ICSC regarding future collaborations and programmes between the two centres. She also delivered a public lecture on issues of identity and culture among the Indo-Canadian community in British Columbia province of Canada.

This lecture was presided over by Daniel Bood, Consul for Political and Economic Affairs at the Canadian Consulate in Mumbai. This lecture was in collaboration with the Department of English of the University of Mumbai and attended by students and faculty members from various departments of the university.

In his opening remarks Mr. Bood spoke about the multicultural policies of the Canadian Government and the attempts to integrate Indo-Canadians in Canadian society.

Dr. Bains' power point presentation introduced notions of hybridity, fractured identities, assimilation and alienation to the audience. She spoke with passion and clarity on the ambivalence of the Indo-Canadian identity and the changing family structures among the diasporic community.

The lecture was well received and followed by discussion.

