

right up there, world wide; the biggest in software. There is something I failed to see coming.

Back in Chor Bazaar, the old thief's market where I practically furnished my whole house. There certainly isn't what there used to be here, but it must still be one of the world's best markets.

So this is the newest society glossy? Not in my day. They didn't have the paper. Look here, there's an article on the Maharaja of Wankaner. They say he's the last of The Jhala Rajputs. He does look a trifle chetif, but he's certainly not the last. Madhuri from Whadwhan, charming girl is lunching us tomorrow. And here's a page on Hansraj Mariwalla and family. Still the perfect gentleman I see. I worked him in and he's dining us at that vast new dining room in the Oberoi. Ain't it hell. I might just manage another party. Indefatigable these Bombay wallahs. Waiter!



Consul and Consulate General re-opened, 1989

## DELHI: A FAMILY POST

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The best two words to describe the High Commission in New Delhi are big and busy. With a total of fifty-three Canada-based staff, and one hundred and ninety-nine locally employed staff, it ranks as one of Canada's largest. As well as being the largest recipient of Canada's aid, India boasts our second largest immigration program. From administration to public affairs, trade and industrial development to consular, everyone seems to be moving in the fast lane. From computerized files to cow powered lawn mowers, our mission here, like India itself, represents as broad a range of contrasts as one is likely to find in the Foreign Service.

New Delhi currently appears to be a "family" post, with a total of fifty-four children (with many more to come this year!). The number of children at this post is greater than the entire staff of most of Canada's missions.

The recreation complex, located on the chancery compound, is the focal point of social activity for the High Commission community. This facility is composed of a pool, two clay tennis courts, a playground area and a multi-purpose room. Over the last year, activities at the "Cabana" have ranged from charity fund raisers (Terry Fox Run, Give from the Heart Food Drive) to large parties for the entire community (Medieval Night, Shipwreck party, etc.).

Life in Delhi, be it good or bad, is always interesting. Whether it's being stuck in a traffic jam caused by a couple of ox carts, in a temperature of 46C, or a trip to the Taj Mahal, being in India is certainly an experience to absorb and to remember. Snake charmers, camels, palaces that reveal a mughal splendour in every line, shopping in crowded aromatic markets, and a sense of overwhelming poverty mixed with unimaginable wealth, all contribute to a posting that often is the highlight in a Foreign Service career.