

Did you know

that just under one million Canadians are of South Asian origin?¹⁵

"South Asians are actively engaged in making Canadian nation-building a substantial, concrete and enriching experience. Many of them have excelled in professions, politics, business and the public service. They contribute handsomely to charities, culture, and research and development in Canada. They are happy to be Canadians and proud to be loyal citizens of their adopted homeland."

Hon. Herb Dhaliwal, P.C., M.P.

*"With more than 500 works of art and craft exhibited in a series of interactive environments, **India – The Living Arts** enabled visitors to expand their knowledge of the culture of the cities, villages, courtyards and homes of India."*

Dr. Victor Rabinovitch, Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation President and CEO



The Hon. Herb Dhaliwal, P.C., M.P., was first elected to the House of Commons in 1993, and is the first Punjabi to hold a ministerial position outside India. Photo courtesy of Herb Dhaliwal, P.C., M.P.

India – The Living Arts exhibition ran at the Museum of Civilization for six months and drew 301,000 visitors. 100,000 took part in special programming arising from the exhibition. At the close of the exhibit, a silent auction raised \$20,000 for the Canadian Red Cross Relief Fund for victims of the January 2001 earthquake.

Transom decoration depicting Lakshmi, Hindu goddess of prosperity. Collection of Thérèse Dion: G. Carter

