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Canadian team (red jerseys) playing the Indian team at a tournament in Ladakh in January

When the High Commission of Canada to India started operations in New Delhi back in 1953, the official residence also served as the chancery. The trade, development, consular and public affairs programs were located in different parts of the city. The current building was designed by Poon, Gardner, Garrett, a Vancouver-based company, and was inaugurated in 1972. As Canada's engagement with India grew and diversified during the 1990s, more staff was hired and the building was expanded. The 12-acre high commission compound also houses staff quarters for roughly 30 CBS and the popular Club Canada, which offers meals and catering to staff and families and provides a venue for receptions.



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Canada's Minister for Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, Jason Kenney, interacting with mission staff during his visit in September 2010

From the leafy diplomatic setting on Shantipath to the outer reaches of cyberspace, Canada's team at the High Commission in New Delhi will continue to showcase Canada as a natural partner for South Asia's "crouching tiger." As the high commission makes the most of new technologies to highlight Canada's strengths in India, personal contacts will remain essential in moving the bilateral relationship ahead. The New Delhi mission is fortunate to have a large, diverse and committed staff to help make this happen.



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High Commissioner Stewart Beck displaying a brochure produced by the advocacy program at the high commission in New Delhi during a reception for delegates who participated in the Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas in January 2011. Several Canadians of Indian origin attended the event.