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SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE

In furtherance of the existing friendly relations between India and Canada, marked by warm cordiality and fruitful cooperation in diverse fields of development, the Governments of India and Canada are pleased to announce the establishment of a Canadian Institute of Indian Studies and named "The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute" in honour of the memory of the late Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Primarily, the object of the Institute will be to promote and foster growth of research in Indian studies in Canadian universities and thereby contribute to greater understanding of Indian life and culture among the academic community of Canada and through it in that country as a whole. For that purpose, the Institute will promote programs of studies and research in India in the fields of humanities and social sciences by qualified scholars selected from Canadian universities and colleges. The Institute will also support other academic programs and activities relating to India and encourage Canadian universities and colleges to create chairs for different aspects of Indian studies. And, the Institute will acquire library materials relating to India for distribution among the founding members of the Institute who are McGill University, the National Library of Canada, and the Universities of British Columbia and Toronto.

The programs and the activities of the Institute are, however, intended to be of mutual benefit to both concerned countries. The programs of research