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Result Out !

Check out the results for the **Shastri Alberta Students in India (SASI) Project 2024-25** and the **Shastri Best Research Paper Award (SBRPA) 2023-24**. SASI is an initiative of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) that aims to redefine internships, offering Alberta students a comprehensive experience in India that fuels personal, academic, and professional growth. SBRPA is an annual award to recognize outstanding research work done by SICI Alumni during their fellowship/grant/award tenure.

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What's Fresh?

Signing of MoU between SICI and Government of Saskatchewan Canada



On February 20, 2024, Premier Scott Moe of the Government of Saskatchewan and Dr. Pavneesh Madan, President of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance academic and research connections and linkages between India and the Province of Saskatchewan.

The MOU will be in effect for three years and post-secondary institutions covered under it will continue working together to develop provincial-international education strategies and plans, build connections and share knowledge.

SICI's Bi-national Agri-Cluster Workshop 2024



The second in-person workshop under 'SICI-led Bi-National Agri-cluster ' was organised on February 22-23, 2024, at Tamil Nadu Agriculture University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. Over a hundred academicians, administrators, scientists, and business professionals attended the workshop.

This workshop had two (2) preliminary sessions on Agriculture education and skill development and, Industry–Academia collaboration for training and research and seven (7) technical sessions in the overall workshop. These 7 sessions were based on varied themes such as 1. Precision & Digital Agriculture, 2. Crop Science / Crop Improvement/ Crop Protection, 3. Food processing and value addition, 4. Organic agriculture/waste management, 5. Soil Health / Water Management / Bio Stimulants, 6. Agriculture economics /marketing/ Entrepreneurship and 7. Animal agriculture / Integrated Farming system.

New Members Joining!

Congratulations to new members who have joined the SICI fraternity! They bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience that will benefit SICI and its members' council. We look forward to their contributions and to making SICI a stronger and more effective organization and vice versa. Welcome aboard!

- National Institute of Technology, Calicut
- Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore
- Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai (commonly known as Vel Tech)
- National Institute of Technology, Warangal
- Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, Jais, Amethi
- National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur
- International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad

Outreach, Facilitation and Visits

Exploring Collaborative Opportunities: SICI Team Visits Leading Indian Institutions



The SICI team conducted visits to [Chandigarh University](#), [Indian Institute of Technology Ropar](#), [Chitkara University](#), [Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee](#), and [MNIT Jaipur](#). The visits involved discussions on infrastructure assessment and exploring opportunities for internships, faculty and student exchanges, and fostering institutional collaborations. Additionally, discussions were held to facilitate hosting Alberta's post-secondary students through the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's Alberta Students to India Programme

Engagement with UGC Chairman and Deputy High Commissioner of Canada in India



Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute held a fruitful meeting with Shri Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman of the University Grants Commission of India (UGC), discussing updates on SICI's 55 years of activities promoting higher education, research, and cultural ties between Canada and India. We also had a constructive discussion with Mr. Stewart Wheeler, Deputy High Commissioner for Canada in India, exploring opportunities to enhance collaboration through bilateral partnerships. Additionally, we had the honor of meeting Hon. Cameron MacKay, High Commissioner of Canada in India.

Short-Term Virtual Course

Don't miss the opportunity to join SICI's 5-day **"Business Breakthrough Workshop for Entrepreneurship"** from **July 8–12, 2024**, and learn more about entrepreneurship with Prof. Vijayalakshmi Iyengar of the **Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management**, New Delhi . Commit 5 hours daily to transform your business.

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/wLrycEAhparkYBuk8>

For further information, visit

<https://www.shastriinstitute.org/SICI-LBSIM-Workshop-2024>

SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE

BUSINESS BREAKTHROUGH WORKSHOP FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Learn Winning Strategies and Game Changers to become a Successful Woman Entrepreneur

July 8-12, 2024 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (IST)

Join our **ONLINE WORKSHOP** to shape your passion and make your dream come true. Become empowering voices and inspiring futures and create history. Secure your spot right now and invest in this golden opportunity !!!

Who should attend

- All Startup Entrepreneurs
- All aspiring entrepreneurs from rural, semi-urban, and urban areas, willing to discover game-changing strategies to transform their business ideas into successful ventures.
- Academicians, Faculty, Postdoctoral / Doctoral Scholars, Students
- Government Officials, Think tanks and Policymakers

Why Should you attend the workshop?

- Personal consultation at the price of a workshop
- To give a turnaround to your business
- To make the right choice of your business model and convert your business idea into a live wire business
- Information encyclopedia on all that you need to know before you begin your entrepreneurial venture
- To understand where and how to approach for funding
- To understand the relevant IT tools to build the business and devise marketing strategies and channels to promote your business
- Master the art of creative 'Pitching Skills'
- Preparing 'Creative -Winning-Perfect Business Plans'
- Face-to-face interaction with successful women entrepreneurs of the society, policymakers and think tank officials
- How struggles created history for women
- Live narration of failed ventures
- Brainstorming on how to approach marketers and financiers
- To build self-confidence, self-motivation and other soft skills among women entrepreneurs
- Live video sessions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Direct interaction with Funding Agencies, Government MSMEs, Start Up Officials, Marketing Agencies, Promotion Channels and Policy Think Tanks
- Networking Opportunities with Successful Entrepreneurs, Government Agencies, Venture Capitalists and Angel Investors.
- Confidence to Develop an Entrepreneurship Toolkit
- 5- day Certification by SICI in "Business Breakthrough Workshop for Entrepreneurship"

REGISTRATION FEE

INDIA

Students

SICI's Indian member institutions- 4999 INR
Non-member institutions- 5999 INR

Faculty/Working Professionals

SICI's Indian member institutions- 7999 INR
Non-member institutions- 9999 INR

CANADA

Students

SICI's Canadian member institutions- 150 CAD
Non-member institutions- 200 CAD

Faculty/Working Professionals

SICI's Canadian member institutions- 300 CAD
Non-member institutions- 350 CAD

CONVENOR
PROF. VIJAYALAKSHMI IYENGAR
Professor | Strategic Management,
Entrepreneurship, Policy and Business Analytics
Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management
New Delhi

Register Now !

Contact: reshma@sici.org.in; meenakshi@sici.org.in

“Loss of a friend, philosopher, and guide”

Dr Chandra Mohan



Dr Chandra Mohan, a long-time associate, scholar, and exceptional human being, left for the heavenly abode on March 27, 2024. He was more than just a colleague or associate; he was a beacon of knowledge and wisdom, whose contributions to academia have left an indelible mark on all those fortunate enough to have crossed paths with them. His dedication and passion for learning served as an inspiration to us all. He was the pivotal force in building the Canadian Studies Programme in India and nurturing it literally with his blood and sweat. Beyond his scholarly pursuits, Dr Chandra Mohan was known for his kindness, compassion, and unwavering integrity. He touched the lives of countless individuals through his mentorship, guidance, and genuine concern for the well-being of others.

The Shastri Institute expresses its sincere condolences to the family and friends.

Member Update

University of Windsor

As part of ongoing commitment to fostering academic collaboration and international partnerships, the Dean of Engineering, Dr. Bill Van Heyst visited India in January 2024 for the first time!

Dr Van Heyst's trip was designed to engage in academic exchanges and guest lectures in cities such as Delhi, Ahmedabad, Vadodara, and Ranchi. The primary goal was to explore potential areas of collaboration and create opportunities for mutual exchange and development. He visited reputed institutions such as TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute), Jamia Millia Islamia and BIT Mesra, Ranchi and Maharaja Sayajirao University, Vadodara. He also visited some of the prominent Private Universities like Ahmedabad University, Parul University, an Engineering college affiliated to Gujarat Technological University to discuss areas of mutual interest, joint research projects, student exchanges, faculty development programs, establish contacts and explore collaborative opportunities for future endeavours.



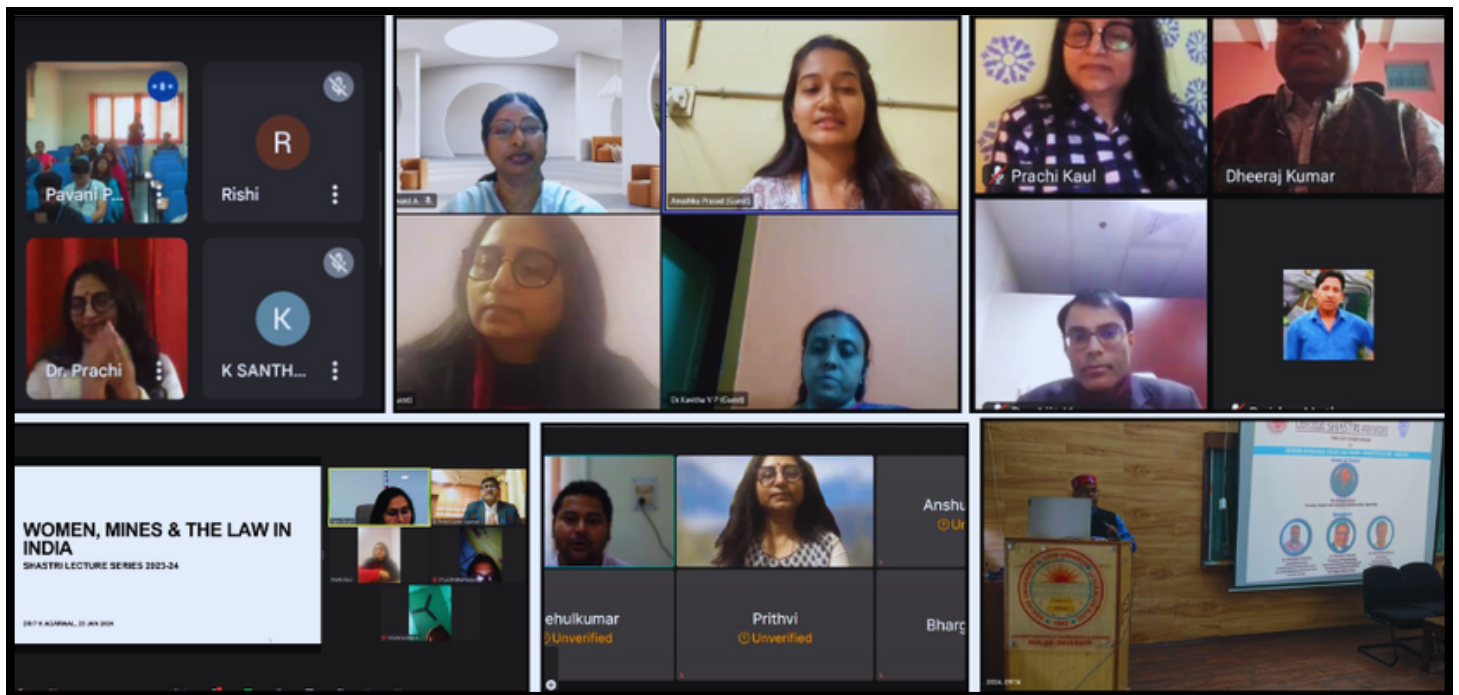
Research Publications

P. Kumar, **R. K. Ranjan** and S. -M. Kang, "A Memristor Emulation in 180-nm CMOS Process for Spiking Signal Generation and Chaos Application," in IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems I: Regular Papers, doi: [10.1109/TCSI.2023.3348695](https://doi.org/10.1109/TCSI.2023.3348695)

The publication resulted from the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's **Shastri Institutional Collaborative Research Grant (2020-21)**, awarded to **R. K. Ranjan**, Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India

Events Funded by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

The months of January and February were filled with a variety of conferences and lecture series, all made possible by the support of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute through its **Shastri Conference & Lecture Series Grant (SCLSG)**.



SCLSG Lectures

Nirma University's Institute of Law is organizing a comprehensive Four-day lecture series titled 'Engendering Laws: Status and Challenges' from January 22-25, 2024.

International Lecture series on "Gender Mainstreaming: Empowering Women in the Mining Industry ", organised by the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad | January 23, 2024; February 8, 9, 13, 2024.

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, hosted a Lecture Series on "Recent Advances in Hydraulic Technology for Linear Actuation: Insights into Digital Technology, Efficiency, and Performance" from February 10-16, 2024.

Lecture on "Decolonize Mosquitoes: Invisible Labour, Dissent, and the Re-colonial in South Asia", organized by the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal on February 16, 2024.

Lecture on "Reimagining Disciplines in Colonial India: Decolonization and Cultural Transformations", organized by the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal on February 9, 2024.

Two-day lecture series on "AI-Driven Advancements in Modern Wireless Communication", organised by SRM Institute of Science and Technology on January 23-24, 2023.

SCLSG Conferences

Two days International Conference on "Sustainable Smart Cities Integrated with Clean Energy Sources (SCES 2024)", organized by Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai, February 1-2, 2024.

Two-day Indo-Canadian Symposium on Water Management: Adaptation to Climate Change and Sustainability organized by Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati on February 22-23, 2024.

One day Symposium on "Emerging Neurological Diseases and Potential Therapeutics in the Post-COVID Era", hosted by UIPS at Panjab University, Chandigarh, on February 16, 2024.

Upcoming academic opportunities

Call for Submissions for the Canadian Legal Education Annual Review

The Canadian Legal Education Annual Review (CLEAR) is open for submissions for Volume 12. Submissions are rolling and an initial review deadline for submissions is February 29, 2024. For more information [click here](#)

Call for Application: Canadian Studies Postdoctoral Fellowships

Applications are invited for Canadian Studies Postdoctoral Fellowships. Application files must be submitted to the ICCS with a recommendation from the national Canadian Studies association before November 24. A decision will be made mid-January of each year by the ICCS awards and grants committee. Research stays may commence by 1 April. For more information [click here](#).

Call for Proposals: 27th Canadian Ethnic Studies Association Biennial Conference

The Canadian Ethnic Studies Association (CESA) invites panel and/or paper proposals for its 27th biennial conference devoted to the theme "Colonial Legacies, Contemporary Crises and Contested Futures: Canada in an Interconnected World". The conference will be held in person at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, from November 14-16, 2024. Abstracts should be directed electronically to: cesa2024@ualberta.ca . For more information [click here](#).

Call for Proposals: Western Canadian History Conference 2024

Western Canadian History Conference 2024 will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on Treaty six territory and traditional lands of the Cree, Sauteaux, Dene, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota and Metis nations, hosted by the Department of History at the University of Saskatchewan from 12-15 September 2024. Please submit proposals electronically to 2024 Western Canadian History Conference at wcs2024@usask.ca by April 15, 2024. For more details [click here](#).

Call for Paper: 37th CANADA International Conference on "Economics, Management, Social Sciences & Humanities" (EMSSH-24)

37th CANADA International Conference on "Economics, Management, Social Sciences & Humanities" (EMSSH-24) scheduled on Aug. 7-8, 2024 at University of Quebec in Montréal Campus, 320 Rue Sainte-Catherine E, Montréal, QC H2X 1L7 Canada. Submit Abstract/Full Paper/Poster to email: cs@earhm.org by April 01, 2024. For more details [click here](#)

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