

Prof. Vijayalakshmi Rao of the Centre for French & Francophone Studies was conferred with the *Médaille d'or du 50e anniversaire du ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie* for her contribution to Quebec Studies. Minister Christine Saint Pierre was at the Centre for French & Francophone Studies on 15th February 2018 to present the medal to Prof. Rao. During her address, Minister Saint Pierre said that the Ministry of International Relations and Francophonie was instituted following Charles de Gaulle's visit to Quebec in 1967, thereby affirming Quebec as an international player through its own diplomacy. To commemorate 50 years of its existence, 50 medals were minted by the Government of Quebec to mark the contribution of 50 important personalities both from within and outside Quebec for enhancing its international profile. Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Rector I presided over the function. The Dean of SLL&CS, Prof. Rajendra Dengele welcomed the Minister to the School and Prof. Dhir Sarangi presented the vote of thanks. Mr. Dominic Marcotte, Consul and Director of the Quebec Office in Mumbai, was also present at the felicitation ceremony. The event was held in Salle Québec (Quebec Room) of the CFFS, an initiative of the former Premier of Quebec, Mr. Jean Charest.

