



## South Asian Outlook

### Celebrating 10 years, Canada Day, Pakistan and India Independence Days

On behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada and our Parliamentary caucus I would like to congratulate South Asian Outlook for ten years of success as an independent monthly e-publication providing news and analysis to the South Asian community in Canada. I would also like to wish the readers a very happy Canada Day and all the best for festivities that will be taking place to mark Pakistan and India Independence Days.

Canada's multicultural media inform and educate their readers about the country and the world in which they live. For ten years South Asian Outlook has allowed not only one particular ethnic community but indeed all Canadians to participate in their society in a meaningful way.

As all Canadians celebrate the country's 144<sup>th</sup> birthday we have so much from our collective history of which we can be proud and yet it is our future as a country that inspires us and drives us towards greater accomplishment. Canadians are excelling in every field of human endeavour and thanks to dynamic communities like yours we are engaged with the world through commercial ties and a belief in the responsibility to protect.

Canadians of Pakistani background are marking the anniversary of Pakistan achieving its independence in 1947. We can all take pride in the contributions that Canadians of Pakistani descent have made to this country. Together we can reflect upon the cultural diversity that forms part of the strength of our country and the hopes we all have to build a better world.

Celebrating Indian Independence Day, the world's largest democracy marks another year of independence. As India grows in prominence on the world stage we are fortunate to have such a strong relationship thanks to the many Indo-Canadians who have contributed so much to this country. Our two countries have many things in common such as a multi-lingual and multicultural population held together by shared traditions, values, the rule of law and our Parliamentary institutions. Together we can celebrate our countries' belief in diversity and democracy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Rae'.

The Honourable Bob Rae, P.C., O.C., M.P.

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