

SANSAD completes 12 years

Twelve years of struggles for secularism, democracy, social justice, economic wellbeing, peace in the sub-continent, friendship between the peoples and countries of South Asia

Twelve years of defending the rights of women, dalits, workers, peasants, religious and other minorities

Twelve years of building bridges between diverse sections of South Asian Diaspora living in the Vancouver area

And twelve years of solidarity with the people of the world fighting colonialism, occupations, aggressive wars and economic domination

Come and join us for an evening of togetherness

To celebrate our past, to consolidate our present, and to resolve for our future

Saturday, November 6, 2004, 6 p.m.

India Abroad Restaurant
3075 Kingsway (two blocks west of Joyce), Vancouver

poetry, songs, a full-course gourmet Indian dinner, and a no-host bar

Key-note Speaker:

Mr. Harsh Mander

from India

Harsh Mander's name should be familiar to anyone who has closely followed the political scene of India, especially after the Gujarat genocide of 2002. As a senior IAS Officer (Civil Servant), he witnessed the carnage carried out with the full support of the state machinery. He resigned from his coveted post, and became an activist, a campaigner, for saving the democratic and secular fabric of the country. He is currently the National Director of ActionAid India. He has authored numerous articles and two books: Cry My Beloved Country (Rainbow Publishers) and Unheard Voices: Stories of Forgotten Lives (Penguin). He was the recipient of M A. Thomas National Human Rights Award in 2002.

\$20 per person (\$10.00 students/unemployed)

The restaurant has limited seating capacity. Please reserve your ticket
by urgently sending an e-mail
or phoning at 604-420-2972

*To reach the restaurant, the best way is to get down at Joyce Skytrain
station, take bus #26 (going south, called 29th Street Bus) and get off
at the corner of Kingsway and Rupert, and then walk one block west on
Kingsway. There is also Bus number 19, running on Kingsway between
Metrotown and Stanley Park.*

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