

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHIRISH CHOTALIA APPOINTED TO CANADIAN TRIBUNAL



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Ottawa; December 17, 1998. 'Women of the Year' -- 1996. Shirish P. Chotalia, of Edmonton, Alberta has been appointed part-time adjudicator to the recently restructured **Canadian Human Rights Tribunal** for three years term. The appointment is effective immediately, announced the Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

Other two appointees are Mukhtyar Tomar of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and Athanasios D. Hadjis of Montreal, Quebec.

Chotalia has LLB and LLM degrees from the University of Alberta. She was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1987 and has since been practicing constitutional, human rights and civil litigation with the firm Pundit and Chotalia. She was a member of the Alberta Human Rights Commission from 1989 - 1993. Since January 1995 she is also an Instructor in University of Alberta, Faculty of Law. Besides top academic achievements, she has several scholarships and awards to her credit.

Her books, articles and papers are widely recognized. At present she is updating the text of her book **Human Rights Law in Canada**. Her other published books are **Human Rights Law, Cases and Materials (1996)**; **The Annotated Canadian Human Rights Act 1994**; and the **Annotated Canadian Human Rights Act 1996**.

Complaints involving discrimination or violation of rights as enshrined in the Charter of Freedoms and Rights are filed by the aggrieved parties with the Commission, she said. If the commission is unable to have a complaint settled through its mediation efforts, it refers the complaint to the tribunal for a formal investigation and judgment. Chotalia added. The tribunal thus hears and determines complaints of discrimination and breaches of human rights that relate to the Canadian Human Rights Act.

1,000 devotees gathered to celebrate 333th birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The event was marked by the singing of kirtans, and readings from the Guru Granth Sahib by the Head Granthi Bhai **Avtar Singh Rasila** and party. Shabad-Kirtan by **Bibi Satnam Kaur** inspired the audience. Pal Purewal, a scholar of Sikh studies, impressed upon the values of equality, fellowship and humility.

Congratulating the Sikh community on this auspicious occasion **Dr. Don Mayan**, President, Interfaith, Edmonton, supported the proposal to rename Millwoods Road South as **Gurdwara Road**.

Guru's message of love, social equality, justice and sacrifice was impressed upon by religious teachers who gave discourses. The program concluded with the devotees participating in Guru Ka Langar, the ceremonial meal that is a cornerstone of brotherhood within the religion.



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CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT CHRIST BIRTH



A traditional Ukrainian Christmas Carol at St. Michael's Senior Centre, on January 6th.

Edmonton; January 6: Like more than 100,000 Albertans of Ukrainian descent, other Edmontonians - including Romanians, Christian Arabs, Georgians, Assyrians, Russians, Ethiopians, Serbs and Lebanese - celebrated Christ's Birth on January 6, according to the Julian Calendar established by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. For them Christmas is about Christ's birth. It's not about Santa Claus and commercialism. Christmas by Julian calendar lasts three days. New Year's Day is celebrated January 14.

All 12 dishes to be served at Holy Supper (in Ukrainian homes) were prepared meatless as a measure of respect for the animals who were there at Christ's birth in the stable. Gifts were exchanged on December 19, the feast of St. Nicholas.

The rest of the Christian world follows the Gregorian Calendar, decreed by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, after the Rome-based Western Catholic Church broke away from the Eastern Orthodox Church.

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