

Mohinder S. Dhillon (holding grandson Darshan) with wife Jasmer, daughter-in-law Dr. Rose Dhillon and son Ranbir (holding Vivek).



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U of W representative Dr. Lloyd Axworthy and Ft. Lt. Harish Mudaliar.
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Dinner organizers Harjeet Singh and Dr. Mohinder S. Dhillon.



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From left: Dr. Davinder S. Brar, Dr. Mohinder S. Dhillon and Dr. Lloyd Axworthy.

Community Leader Honoured Dhillon Received Honorary Doctorate

by RAVINDER BANWAIT

Almost 200 people attended a special dinner at the Royal Crown Banquet Hall to honour Mohinder Singh Dhillon for receiving an honorary degree from University of Winnipeg.

The university awarded Dhillon an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree on June 1 for his lifetime of community service.

Among those at the Aug. 22 dinner were Dr. Jon Gerrard, leader of the Liberal Party, and MLAs Kevin Lamoureux, Bidhu Jha and Mohinder Saran and MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Dhillon's son Ranbir welcomed the guests by delivering a touching speech in honour of his father. He said that his fa-

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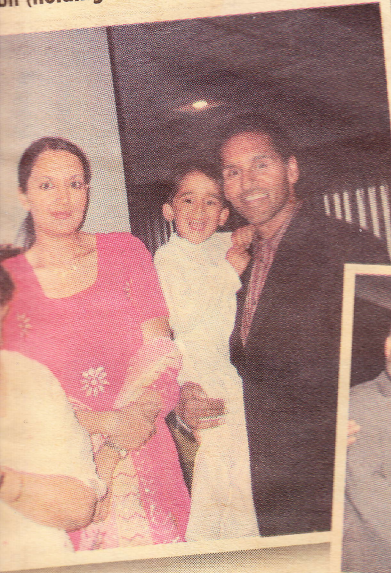
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U of W representative Dr. Emma Alexander-Mudaliar and Ft. Lt. Harish Mudaliar (Retd).

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Dinner organizers Harjeet K. Sandhu-Kahlon, left, and Jessie Pannu.

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From left: Dr. Davinder S. Rehsia, Harinder Pal, Dr. Harbans Singh, Dr. Mohinder S. Dhillon and Dr. Tej Raj Bhatia.

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ously your time and energy to your nation and community. Give of yourself, and make your mark."

Speaking to the *Indo-Canadian Telegram*, Saran said Dhillon was well-deserving of the honour. "When he came to Winnipeg there were very few people from our community but he worked continuously for the community and finally his services are recognized," Saran said.

Gerrard was all praise for Dhillon. "This is a well-deserved honour," he said. "Mohinder made a lot of contributions to Manitoba. His role in raising funds for the Human Rights Museum is exemplary."

Dr. Davinder Rehsia said it was fantastic that someone from his community received this honour.

Jha said he was so happy that Dhillon's contribution was recognized. "I was thrilled to see Mohinder ji honoured as the community's face."

