

# A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF PROF. JOTI K. BHATNAGAR 1937 – 2009

**WHEN** Sunday, November 15, 2009  
2:30 -5:00 PM

**WHERE** Concordia University  
Hall Building 7th Floor  
Faculty Club - H763  
1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West

Join us for music and memories to celebrate the life and work of Dr. Jitendra Kumar (Joti) Bhatnagar, who passed away July 23, 2009 in Jaipur, India.

Dr. J. K. Bhatnagar was born in Moradabad, India on 4th December, 1937. After obtaining a B.Sc. and a Law degree from India, he migrated to England where he first taught at the school level and then at the university level. He also obtained an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of London. In 1969, he migrated to Canada since he was offered a job at Concordia University (then known as Sir George Williams University) where he taught for twenty-eight years. He rose through the ranks to eventually become Professor and Chairman of the Department of Education at Concordia University. He was a Professor of Educational Studies and the Chairman of the Education Department who was very involved in Concordia life. He chaired the CUFA negotiation committee in 1985 and again in 1987, and was a representative of the delegation that included Rector Patrick Kenniff and the Board of Governors protesting the lack of government funding at the National Assembly.

He, helped to found Can Serve Foundation in Montreal. In 1992, he took partial retirement in order to develop Sheela Bal Bhavan at Jaipur. In 1996, he decided to take early retirement in order to look after Sheela Bal Bhavan on a full time basis. He and his wife built, and later donated, the building where Sheela Bal Bhavan is currently located. He also lived in the same building. In India, he founded Can Care Trust, which is the parent body that looks after Sheela Bal Bhavan.

