



Press Release

CIF Presents \$50,000 Cheque to The Fields Institute, Toronto



Toronto, Nov. 16, 2023: Following the announcement made during the recent CIF Global Indian Award gala, Canada India Foundation presented a cheque of \$50,000 (fifty thousand) to The Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences. Fields Institute is an independent non-profit with ties to twenty Ontario universities including the University of Toronto where it is located.

Ritesh Malik, Chair of CIF, presented the cheque to Dr. V. Kumar Murty in the presence of noted academicians and Award Sponsors. Malik said, “This is a unique honour for us to be associated with one of the world’s foremost research institutes. We thank Ms. Sudha Murty for making this happen. Her choice of Fields Institute fits so perfectly with her long-standing campaign to strengthen girls’ education and empowerment.”

Satish Thakkar, Immediate Past Chair CIF said that “The endowment created in the name of CIF-Sudha Murty will offer financial aid to deserving girl students from India

or Indo Canadian community who wish to pursue research in mathematics or related fields”. Sudha Murty, Founder of Infosys Foundation and a humanitarian, was the recipient of the 2023 CIF Global Indian award. Ms. Murty had expressed her wish to donate the entire sum to The Fields Institute. Ms. Murty has often talked about her own early struggles as a pioneering engineering student in India and pointed to the need for incentivizing STEM studies for girls.

Dr. V. Kumar Murty, internationally renowned mathematician and Director, The Fields Research Institute, thanked Sudha Murty and Canada India Foundation for the donation. “We are indeed thrilled to be the beneficiary of such a generous gesture. We are also even more excited as this comes from the Indo Canadian community. We are thankful to the community, Ms. Murty and the Canada India Foundation for recognizing and supporting the work that we do at the Institute.”

Sunita Vyas, National Convener, CIF, noted that Sudha Murty’s gesture is in step with CIF’s decision to support only Canadian organizations who will become beneficiaries of the Award money in the future. “We made a great beginning last year by donating \$50,000 to the Anishnawbe Health Toronto, that is doing remarkable work in healthcare for indigenous people. I also hope this sends out a message of hope to our girls who want to take up the challenge and someday become role models.”

Mr. Norton Kothari, Chairman Kothari Group and Mr. Anshul Ruhil, Chairman Ruhil Holdings, sponsors of the Award were also present.