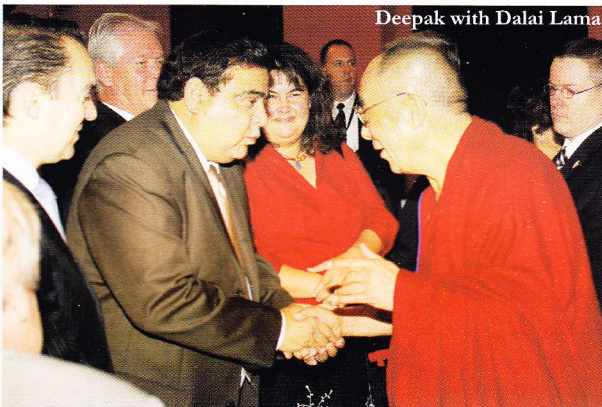




*In 2006, his party won the General Election and Deepak was appointed as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 2007, Deepak was given the additional responsibility as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Cooperation. All these posts allowed him to represent Canada on the world stage.*



- November 2006 - **Daly College in Indore, India**, Deepak Obhrai's former school, awarded its prestigious **Padma Shri RN Zutshi Medal** to him for outstanding achievement by an Old Dalian.
- June 2008 Deepak Obhrai is **featured in a Alberta Grade 9 Social Studies textbook** titled "Issues for Canadians," published by Nelson Education. (An honour where students strive to comprehend responsibilities of Parliamentarians using Deepak as an example. He was the only MP featured in the book from Alberta).



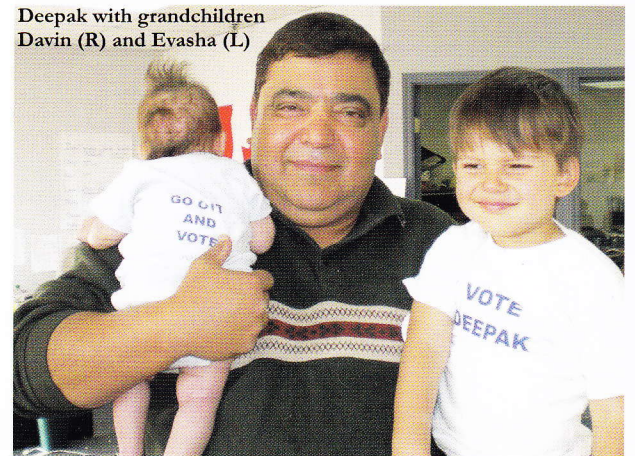
- **September 2008** Deepak Obhrai named as one of **35 most influential Indo-Canadians in Canada**, profiled in the book **The Power List** published by the **India Abroad** newspaper.
- December 2009 Indo American News profiles Deepak Obhrai in its special edition titled "**Indians in the Corridors of Canadian Power.**"

With some initial hurdles, pitfalls and failures, Deepak achieved his desired goals in most of the domains he ventured because of his prowess of resilience and power to prevail upon challenging situations. This made him a successful student, worker, businessman and politician. As for his family life, there too he is proved to be a successful son, husband, father and grandfather. After marrying Neena in 1971, Deepak's experienced a pleasant change in his life. Their marriage ceremony was solemnised in Rajasthan,

India as Neena's father was then posted in Jaipur (the capital of Rajasthan) as an RAS officer. It was due to this connection with Rajasthan that the Rajasthan Patrika, while featuring Deepak's victory in 2006 election, had published "Jaipur son-in-law joins the Canadian Government" by way of its tribute and expression of honour to the son-in-law of the Indian city of Jaipur.

One person who has played an influential rule in Deepak's life and has acted as a solid rock of support is his wife Neena. Through ups and downs she has given her steadfast support, even sacrificing her successful business career so Deepak's ambitions could be realised. Deepak feels that without her support he would not be where he is today.

Deepak and Neena are blessed with three children: two daughters Preeti and Kaajal and a son, Aman. Preeti is



married to Robin Martin and are blessed with two beautiful kids, Devin Jacob Obhrai Martin (4 years old) and Evasha Raina Obhrai Martin (2 years old). Currently, they reside in Jakarta, Indonesia where Robin is posted as an expatriate with Talisman Energy Company of Calgary. Kaajal also works for Talisman Energy in HRD and lives in Calgary while Aman is a student at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton and is going to finish his BA in Business Administration at the end of this year.

Thus, the life and achievements of Deepak Obhrai represent the saga of an individual in a tragicomedy where he struggles hard under severely adverse situations of life and ultimately emerges victorious with a passion to serve the community and his country.

