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Chair's Message



While Post Pandemic Economic Revival has started with the opening of economies in phased manners worldwide, Canada India Foundation has lost a dynamic member, Mr. Ambrish Thakkar, to this lethal virus on July 15, 2020. We will miss him for his astounding zeal for community service and passion for the Canada-India relationship.

The economic, social, psychological, emotional loss incurred during this pandemic period will have a far-reaching impact in the years to come.

Role of Canada India strategic partnership becomes very important in overcoming the effects of pandemic on both the economies. Telephonic conversation between Indian Prime Minister Honorable Narendra Modi with his Canadian counterpart Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, on June 16 assured the world that these two democracies will work side by side to address the health and economic crisis. The conversation also reflected the urge of both the leaders to further strengthen the cooperation to work together on health, social, economic, and political issues at the international platforms as well. [Read more...](#)

**ICICI Bank Canada extends support to its
customers during the pandemic**



The world is currently undergoing an unprecedented disruptive crisis with the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, the governments across the globe have initiated multiple health and safety measures including travel restrictions. These measures have put Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and international students under huge stress as they are unable to travel back home to help or seek help and comfort from their families and relatives.

To support the communities, ICICI Bank Canada has been offering continuity of financial services including safe and secure money transfers to India since it is extremely important during these uncertain times to provide our customers a convenient and trusted way to send money to their families in India. [Read more ...](#)

'Thank You Meals'

CIF continues its efforts to deliver 'Thank You Meals' to Senior Homes, Long Term Care and Front Line Workers. As of today, CIF charitable foundation delivered over 15,000 meals. CIF will continue to deliver freshly cooked meals to seniors living in homes or shelters and long term care facilities across GTA & beyond.

***(We are still seeking donations to continue doing good work
please donate through e-transfer:
CIFCHARITY@CIFCHARITABLEFOUNDATION.COM***

***Donations \$100 and over will receive a tax receipt, please
provide your full address for tax receipt)***

Grand River Hospital, Kitchener



CIF Welcomes New Members

Vase Sarmah

Vase Sarmah is Global Operations (Support Strategy) Leader at Lifion by ADP. She is a



technology transformation leader; Expert in driving global operational expansion for strategic positioning. She is having over 15+ years of global experience in multi-national firms. [See details](#)



Vikram Dhaddha

Vikram Dhaddha has MBA from Ivey Business School of University of Western Ontario, London and Bachelor of Engineering (Hons.) in Electrical and Electronics from BITS (Birla Institute of Technology and Science), Pilani, India. [See details](#)



Kuldeep Sharma

Mr. Kuldeep Sharma, President & CEO of Crown Group of Hotels, migrated to Canada in 2002 in business category. Acquired his first hotel in Canada after detaching from Indian operations in January 2013 by name of Quality Hotel Burlington [See details](#)



Sandeep Gupta

Sandeep Gupta is a Textile Engineer from T.I.T & S, Bhiwani (B.Tech). He also holds an MBA degree from India. He worked a few years in India before migrating to Canada in 2002. [See details](#)



Chetan Handa

Chetan Handa, a highly successful businessman & entrepreneur having a Masters degree in Physics from Delhi University & MBA (finance) from ICFAI / Dehradun, migrated to Canada in 2013 from Delhi. [See details](#)

Upcoming Events



National Security, Democracy and 5G



Dr. Rob Spalding

Brig Gen, USAF (Retd.)

Date: Wednesday 22 July 2020

Time: 2:00pm onward

[Register here](#)

Canada India Foundation (CIF) invites you to register for its upcoming event as a part of webinar speaker series on 22 July 2020.

Dr. Rob Spalding, Brig Gen, USAF (Retd), is an Entrepreneur, Strategist and China expert. Recognized over a 26+ year career as a divergent thinker and excellent promoter. Effective leader at building high-performing, multi-disciplinary teams that achieve results. For the last five years, he has been focused on the geopolitical implications of America's strategic competition with China. He has developed a keen understanding of the Chinese Communist Party's political and economic influence in the areas of finance, trade, investment, manufacturing and the Internet.

His unique military service coupled with an academic background in quantitative and geo-political risk has enabled him to understand risk associated with today's rapidly changing business environment and help identify opportunities in global markets. Published author with frequent public speaking engagements. He served as Military Assistant to DASD POW/MIA affairs, office of secretary of Defense, The Pentagon – Washington DC. He was deployed at Multi National Forces Iraq, US Central Command and served at Whiteman Air Force base, where he developed global communications solution for B-2.

He earned his doctorate in economics and mathematics from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 2007

[Click here to register CIF Webinar Speaker Series](#)

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CIF's Annual Charity Golf 2020



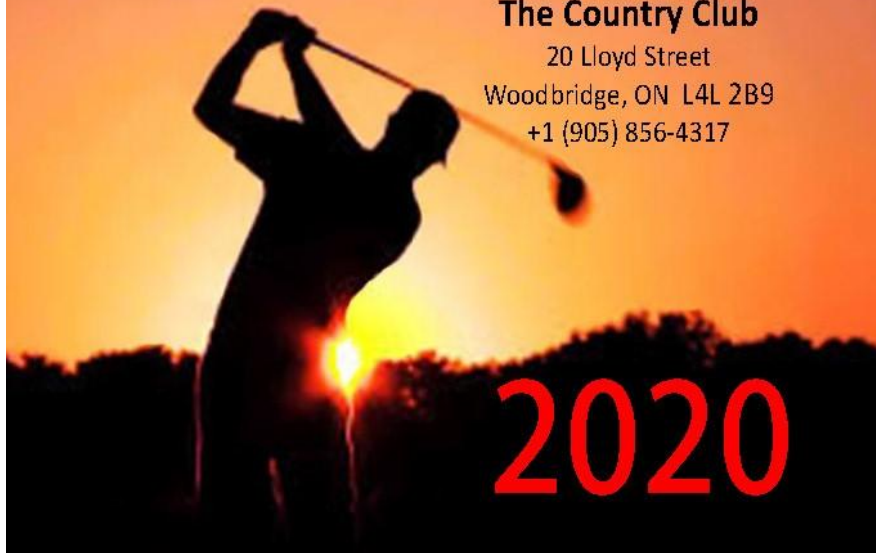
5TH GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Proceeds Going to
Families of Fallen Soldiers in Canada & India*

Thursday September 3, 2020

The Country Club

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In News

PM Modi's speech in India Inc. Global Week 2020



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivers the inaugural address at the India Global Week 2020, on July 09, 2020 organised by India Inc Group. The theme of the event was '*Be The Revival: India and a Better New World*'.

[Click here for full text of PM Address](#)

Indian PM's Address in ECOSOC commemoration of UNs 75th Anniversary

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered a keynote address virtually at this year's High-Level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) session on Friday, 17th July 2020 at the United Nations in New York.

This was the first address by PM to the broader UN membership since India's overwhelming election as a non-permanent member of the Security Council on 17th June, for the term 2021-22.

The theme of the High-Level Segment of the ECOSOC this year is "Multilateralism after COVID19: What kind of UN do we need at the 75th anniversary".

[Click here for full address](#)

Update on developments in India

COVID-19 Pandemic has severely dampened the economic activities across the world. While recovery still seems distant, we are beginning to see green shoots of recovery in India. Investor confidence has remained strong and we expect the domestic consumption to lead the restart of the economic engine.

Google, the largest tech company in the world has announced that it would be investing \$10 billion in India. The investment announcement came after a conversation between Sundar Pichai, Chief Executive of Google and our Prime Minister **[Read more...](#)**

- **[How India has responded to the Global Pandemic](#)**
 - **[Wall Street Journal Article](#)**
 - **[FT Article](#)**
 - **[Investments in India](#)**
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India, Canada discuss Chinese aggression, bilateral issues

India and Canada have discussed growing Chinese aggression, something that has been a cause of worry for both the countries. The matter was discussed between Indian High Commissioner to Canada Ajay Bisaria and Canadian Foreign Minister François-Philippe Champagne (FPC) last week on June 3.

The Indian envoy after the meet tweeted, "Engaging conversation today with Foreign Minister of Canada Hon. @FP_Champagne. Discussed range of bilat issues, recent global events. Agreed on the role of growing economic engagement in strengthening ties between our plural, diverse democracies." **[Read more...](#)**

CIF delivers 'Thank You Meals' to North York Hospital



Canada India Foundation (CIF), teamed up with Hindu Federation to deliver freshly cooked vegetarian meals (Prepared by Tamarind Indian Bistro, Mississauga) to frontline health workers in North York General Hospital. CIF along with its partners delivered over 13,000 meals till date to Toronto Police, Oakville Hospital, Trillium Health Partners, Humber River Hospital, among others. In addition, CIF is also providing groceries, medical help, accommodation, financial help & freshly cooked meals to the international

students and Senior citizens and other vulnerable people under our program working under: www.covid19-help.ca. Speaking on the occasion Mr. Anil Shah, Chair, CIF said that under the arm of CIF Charitable Foundation, we have taken up the task to pay our gratitude and thanks to our front-line responders and appreciate their work during this challenging time.

Mrs. Apoorva Srivastava, Consul General of India in Toronto appreciated the 'Thank You Meals' program by CIF to motivate and show

solidarity with the frontline workers and felt proud of the Indo Canadian community. Mr. Rob Oliphant, Member of Parliament applauded the CIF's initiative to support and pay gratitude to frontline health workers who are working tirelessly to keep us safe. Mr. Pinkal Dave, National Co-convenor said that CIF always try to support the community whenever it is needed. He thanked the hospital staff for working hard to keep us safe and meals are just a token of love and respect for our real heroes.

Recent events

Indian Minister for MSME invites Canada to invest in Small Industries



Toronto: 24 June 2020 - India is open to Canadian investment in Micro, Small and Medium size industries (MSME). India do have a strong government, skilled work force and lucrative market to sell the products, said Indian Minister Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Indian Minister of State for MSME, Government of India in his virtual interaction with the Canada India Foundation. [Read more...](#)

What makes Canada Great?



Toronto: Rule of law, equality before law, judicial independence, meritocracy, non-corrupt police & bureaucracy, regulatory tax systems, civility and respect, elections with peaceful transformation of power, freedom of speech, religion & expression, are some of the ingredients that makes Canada Great said Dr. Brian Lee Crowley, Managing Director, McDonald Laurier Institute. [Read more...](#)



India Canada Biz Digest

Delivering news impacting Indo-Canadian economic relations

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Telephone conversation between Prime Minister of India and Prime Minister of Canada

H.E. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India spoke on phone with H.E. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada on June 16, 2020.

The leaders updated each other about the evolving situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic in their countries, and also discussed the possibilities of international collaboration to address the health and economic crisis. They agreed that the India-Canada partnership can be a force for good in the post-COVID world, including for advancing humanitarian values in the global discourse.

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