



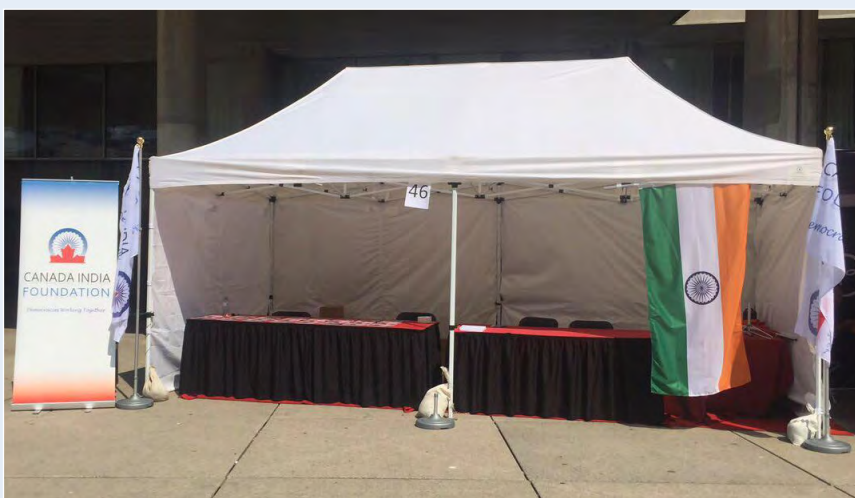
CIF participates in India Day Festival

Panorama India, with the support of Consulate General of India, Toronto celebrated India's 70th anniversary of Independence Day – India@70 & Grand Parade on



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Sunday, 20 August 2017 at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto from 1200-2200 hrs. The event kicked off with National Anthems of Canada and India. Federal Minister of Science Kirsty Duncan, Premier of Ontario Kathleen Wynne, Leader of Opposition Patrick Brown, Minister Deepika Damerla, several MPs and MPPs from GTA, and large number of prominent Indo-Canadians were present on the occasion. Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders also attended. Minister Kirsty Duncan delivered the



Canada India Foundation booth at India Day Festival.

message from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who conveyed his best wishes on India's Independence Day Festival and Grand Parade. Premier, Leader of Opposition and Toronto Police Chief also spoke conveying their greetings. Consul General of India Dinesh Bhatia remarked that 2017 is an important year as we are celebrating India@70, Canada@150 and also the 350th birth anniversary of Our 10th Guru – Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj. He thanked Canada for successfully assimilating Indians in their society and culture, given the shared values. The Parade was marshalled by Bollywood star and yoga enthusiast Shilpa Shetty who flew especially from India to participate. CG Dinesh Bhatia presided over the parade.

Sixteen (16) floats on 53 feet flatbed trucks representing various States of India and a large number of other diverse social and cultural Indo-Canadian groups from GTA participated in the parade, followed by music and dance shows. Other featured activities included a live Cricket Pitch, Kids Zone, food stalls and more than 40 national and international kiosks promoting Indian philosophy, culture, clothes, food and jewellery. The day long event witnessed participation of over 50,000 Indians, Indo-Canadians and friends of India.

Canada India Foundation also had a booth at this year's event. Hundreds of people visited the CIF booth and learned firsthand about the work CIF is doing as well as about our outreach efforts.



Premier, Leader of Opposition, MPs, MPPs and Provincial as well as federal ministers participated enthusiastically at this year's event.

CIF meets High Commissioner of India

Canada India Foundation Board members met with India's High Commissioner Mr. Vikas Swarup in Mississauga on Monday, June 26. The lunch meeting provided an opportunity for both CIF and the High Commissioner to discuss several issues of importance, including the recent developments in Ontario Legislature, the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to India and more.



Reaching out to the Grassroots

Canada India Foundation invites members of the Indo-Canadian Community to join hands with us for promoting and protecting the interests of India in Canada and Canada in India as well as to bring the two vibrant democracies closer. Kindly provide your name, e-mail address and if possible, your contact numbers so we can share useful information and important developments with you via e-mail. We will also be happy to send you the latest CIF E-Newsletter as well as information on our current campaign "Know your MP/MPP". In an effort to reach out to you, CIF will now be more visible at community events. The CIF booth at India Day Festival in downtown Toronto on August 20 will now be followed by CIF Booths at popular Garba events in and around GTA.

For more information on CIF : www.canadaindiafoundation.com

CIF AGM held on July 31

Canada India Foundation Annual General Meeting took place on July 31 at the CIF Office in Oakville. Like every year, an update on CIF activities for the past one year was provided to the members, the accounts and financials were discussed and it was decided that the existing leadership team of Mr. Ajit Someshwar (Chair) and Mr. Anil Shah (National Convener) will continue for one more year.

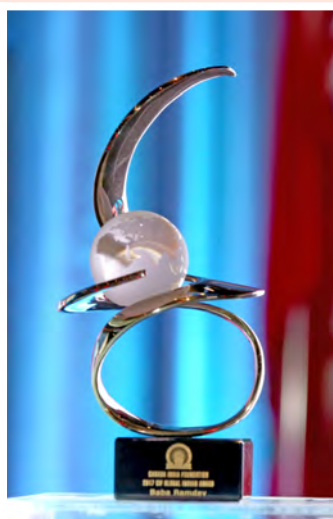
CIF Global Indian Award goes to Baba Ramdev



Canada India Foundation Annual Award Gala was held on Monday, June 26 at the International Centre in Mississauga. Although it was put together in just under 6 weeks, close to 500 prominent Indo-Canadians gathered to make it yet another successful Gala. This year's CIF Global Indian Award was presented to Yog Guru Baba Ramdev, who gave a mesmerizing and inspiring speech. Like every year, CIF committed to donate \$50,000 towards a charity of Award Recipient's Choice (this time the funds will go to PYP Yog Foundation) India's High Commissioner to Canada Mr. Vikas Swarup, India's Consul General to Toronto Mr. Dinesh Bhatia, Deputy Premier of



Ontario Deb Matthews, Minister for Seniors Affairs Dipika Damerla, Member of Parliament Mr. Ramesh Sangha and Leader of Opposition Patrick Brown were among those who graced the occasion.



CIF meets Ms. Preeti Saran



Canada India Foundation had a very friendly and productive meeting with Ms. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, India. The July 10 meeting at the Consulate Office in Toronto provided an opportunity for CIF to reconnect with Ms. Saran, who was India's Consul General to Toronto from 2008 to 2013. Her most recent assignment was as India's Ambassador to Vietnam from 2013 to 2016. As Secretary (East) in the MEA, Preeti is looking after North America, including Canada. CIF board members used the opportunity to brief her on latest developments on the Canada-India file and both sides exchanged views and ideas on Canada-India relations and how to make them even better.

CIF lecture with Tarek Fatah



The 3rd lecture in CIF Speaker Series was held at Sheridan College, Mississauga on August 10. Seen here is the speaker Mr. Tarek Fatah with CIF Board Members

Canada India Foundation, as part of its ongoing speaker series, hosted a lecture with well-known Columnist, author and broadcaster Mr. Tarek Fatah. The lecture, originally planned at Ryerson University Campus had to be rescheduled as Ryerson cancelled the speech with no reasons provided and was eventually held on the same day (August 10) at Sheridan College in Mississauga.

Mr. Fatah spoke eloquently, as usual, on the lecture topic " Ghazwa-e-Hind V/s the Ethos of Hindustan "and also spoke about Allah's Islam V/s Mullah's Islam, Bill M-103, Islamophobia and Islamofascism, Omar Khadr, Balochistan and more.

The one hour speech kept everyone engaged and the audience also responded with equally brilliant Q & A session.



Tarek Fatah at his combative best.

CIF meets M.P. Ramesh Sangha



Ramesh Sangha, Chair of Canada - India Parliamentary freindship group visited CIF office in Oakville.

Canada India Foundation met with Member of Parliament (from Brampton Centre) Mr. Ramesh Sangha at the CIF Office on July 04. Mr. Sangha is also the current chair of Canada India Parliamentary Friendship Group.

While CIF briefed Mr. Sangha about CIF's long-standing association with the Parliamentary Friendship Group, he also informed CIF about the present situation as well as pledged to work closely with CIF in the coming days.

Several issues of bilateral importance were discussed, including a possible formal meeting in Ottawa with the larger group as well as Prime Minister Trudeau's upcoming visit to India.

Member Profile



Dr. Terry Papneja

Dr. Terry Papneja graduated from Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto in 1986. From there he opened AXIS Dental Group, Dr. Terry Papneja & Associates, Dentists and Specialists in Brampton.

Throughout his career, Dr. Papneja has supported advancement and personal growth of his staff by offering them a healthy work environment, continuous learning and professional development opportunities. A well-known and highly regarded member of his community, he is deeply committed to the cause of education.

In 1992, he founded a not-for-profit-school in memory of his father, Dr. K.L. Papneja School, in his hometown of Kareli, Madhya Pradesh, India. The school currently has 1,200 students enrolled. Ninety percent graduate with first division standing. In 2002, Dr. Papneja was appointed President of the not-for-profit charity, AIM for SEVA Canada. Seva is a Sanskrit word meaning "selfless service" or work performed without any expectations of reward. AIM for SEVA Canada provides education to underprivileged children in rural and tribal areas in India. Through his dedicated efforts, Dr. Papneja has raised \$6.6 million dollars in the past 16 years - supporting over 600 children each year. Funds go towards the building of student homes/ hostels to accommodate children who otherwise have no hope of ever going to school. Along with accommodation, students receive nutritious meals and clothing, and have access to sports activities and extra tuition. AIM for SEVA Canada has built 26 student homes in various districts of India. Dr. Papneja's commitment to the value of education is helping transform the lives of India's underprivileged children in order to break the cycle of poverty.

Dr. Papneja and his wife, Nimmi, have also locally supported the fundraising efforts of Mississauga's Trillium Health Centre since 2002. Dr. Papneja's vision of educating Dentists in India with advanced skills is another successful endeavour that he began in 1996. He met with Dr. Eric Carlson, DMD, MD, FACS, then an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in Miami, and discussed the possibility of forming a team of 5 surgeons from the United States to conduct a workshop in India featuring real-time surgery demonstrations for head and neck tumors as well as reconstructive surgery. This workshop was held at the Jabalpur Hospital in collaboration with Dr. Rajesh Dhirawani. Dr. Eric Carlson is now Professor and Chair, Residency Program Director, The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at The University of Tennessee, Graduate School of Medicine. What began as a five-year program, was so well received that it has now reached its twenty-first year. Each year, a team of five or six Head and Neck Surgeons, specializing in tumors and reconstructive surgery, visit India and participate in this acclaimed workshop. It is attended by over 200 Indian Oral and ENT Surgeons.

Dr. Papneja has been recognized for his unwavering dedication and commitment by numerous organizations. In 2009, he was the recipient of the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce Humanitarian of the Year Award; Midweek South Asian Humanitarian of the Year award in 2011 and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013. Dr. Papneja is a proud member of the Canada India Foundation.

Upcoming Events



CIF is organizing "Celebrating Inclusiveness and Democracies" an event to celebrate India's 70 and Canada's 150 years. 25 years of India-Israel Diplomatic relations and Canada-Israel relations will also be celebrated. The free event will be open to all and is planned for Tuesday, September 26 at Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton.

There will be speeches from political and community leaders, dance and cultural performances, videos on India, Canada and Israel as well as promotional material showcasing the best all three countries have to offer.

The event will take place from 5.30 to 8.30 pm and everyone is welcome to join and celebrate inclusiveness and democracies.

Stay tuned for more information or visit www.canadaindiafoundation.com

CIF Golf Tournament raises \$ 40,000 for Armed Forces

The 2nd Annual CIF Charity Golf Tournament took place on Wednesday, July 26 at the Lionhead Golf Club in Brampton. More than 100 Golf enthusiasts took part for a full day of fun. Everyone was treated royally with breakfast and on course lunch, followed by a Dinner Reception. While the 1st CIF Golf Tournament last year raised \$ 10,000 for Sick Kids Hospital, this year was even better, raising \$ 40,000 for armed forces and their families in India and Canada. \$ 20,000 was committed to Bharat Ke Veer, a web portal, managed by Min. of Home Affairs, India (\$ 4,000 each will be donated to Five families of fallen soldiers in India), while \$ 20,000 are going to the Canadian Forces Chaplain Branch. The original pledge was \$ 15,000 each, however, members and friends of CIF helped raise \$ 10,000 more, thereby allowing us to raise the amount to \$ 20,000 each. India's Consul General to Toronto Mr. Dinesh Bhatia graced the occasion and gave out the token large cheques to both Indian and Canadian forces.



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