



From the National Convenor's desk



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The Canada India Foundation is busy preparing for its Global Indian Annual Award and Gala Night and the Higher Education Forum. Both the events are part of a decade-old tradition that the CIF has established. The Higher Education Forum is scheduled for July 5 and 6 and the Global Indian Annual Award and Gala Night is on July 6 evening. Pearson Convention Centre is the venue for both the events.

For 2018, the CIF is honouring a young lad whose achievements are as stellar as those of the previous recipients. Sparsh Shah is a 14-year-old explosion of talent. He is a singer, songwriter, rapper, and as if all this wasn't enough, he is also an inspirational speaker, with hundreds of thousands of dedicated followers on YouTube, and other social media platforms.

This kind of adulation and following would be an amazing achievement for anyone, but what makes this achievement remarkable is that Sparsh was born with an impairment called Osteogenesis Imperfecta, commonly known as brittle bone disease. He was born with 40 fractures and has had 130 fractures during his 15 years. He lives with 19 screws and 2 rods in his back.

A day prior to the Award Gala, the Canada India Foundation is organising the Higher Education Forum. The link between education and economic growth is spurring the demand for quality education, and leading to a surge in globalization of education. International students coming and studying in Canada contribute in the range of \$15-\$20 billion annually.

The forum will witness participation from professionals and experts in the sector as well as political leaders, government officials, industry leaders, academics and students. The education sector is a key component of the burgeoning Canada and India bilateral relations.

Upcoming events

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2018 CIF AWARD GALA



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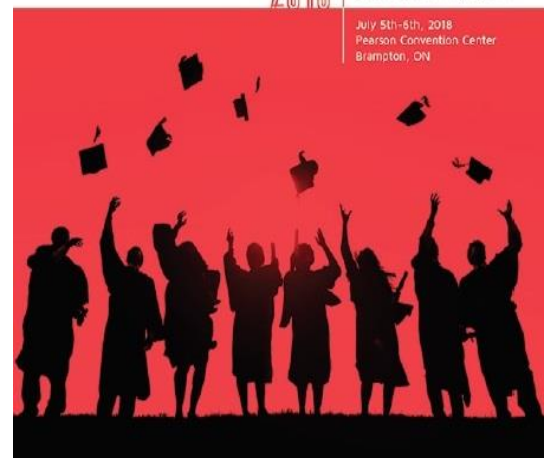
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July 5th-6th, 2018
Pearson Convention Center
Brampton, ON



Ontario's 42nd General Election: will be held on June 7, 2018. Kathleen Wynne will try to lead the Liberals to their fifth straight election victory. Her chief contenders to overthrow that winning streak would be Patrick Brown of the Progressive Conservatives and Andrea Horvath of the New Democratic Party (NDP). Look out for the televised debate with Premier Wynne, Ford and Horvath scheduled to be hosted by CBC on May 27th, 2018. Source: CBC: <https://bit.ly/2qNBV2Y>

Atal Mission: Twenty cities across three Indian states of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan are chosen out of the 64 states that come under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) by a Canada-India initiative to train at least 150 official urban planners and designers on capacity building and governance. Source: The Economic Times: <https://bit.ly/2vuJsZU>

CIPPIB-ReNew: Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) and ReNew Power Ventures Pvt. Ltd. (ReNew Power) announced that CPPIB will acquire a 6.3% stake in ReNew Power from the Asian Development Bank for US\$144 million. Founded in 2011, ReNew Power is a leading Indian renewable energy developer with diversified clean energy producing assets. CPPIB's investments in India totalled C\$6.1 billion as of September 30, 2017. Source: Globe News Wire: <https://bit.ly/2JcgPmj>

Montreal-Mundra: The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) has signed a Cooperation Agreement with Mundra Port, Gujarat State, north of Mumbai. The agreement was signed during a trade mission to India and aims to develop co-operation in marketing and business development while sharing information on marine operations and industry best practices. Source: Canadian NewsWire: <https://bit.ly/2HjGbOy>

Westport Fuel-Tata Motors: Vancouver, British Columbia-headquartered Westport Fuel Systems Inc. (WFS) has entered into a development and supply agreement with India's Tata Motors Ltd. (Tata) for Tata's four-cylinder and six-cylinder natural gas spark-ignited commercial vehicle engine family to meet the Indian government's new Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI) emission standards, scheduled to take effect in April 2020. WFS has been working with Tata since 2012, and since spring 2017, has been developing its next generation of natural gas spark-ignited engines to meet the BS-VI emission standards. Source: APFC: <https://bit.ly/2qTcr4n>

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**CIF's Monthly Speaker series
6:00 pm to 8:30 on | June 18,**



**Dr. Tarang Sheth,
MD, FRCPC
Cardiac Radiologist**

Dr. Tarang Sheth, cardiac radiologist
At the leading edge of diagnostic technology
How doctors see into your heart in 2018

Dr. Sheth has pioneered the practice of cardiac radiology in the Peel-Halton region.

Registration required

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Interview with
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Higher Education Forum

Opinion: **Ajit Someshwar & Anil Shah**

The truth behind the canard

India has actively pursued the persecution of anti-Sikh rioters & provided financial aid to the riot victims

Over 120,000 Indian students will come to Canada in 2018

How can Canada and India benefit from CIF's Higher Education Forum?

Canada has emerged as one of the four top choices for Indian students desirous of acquiring a higher education abroad. The number of Indian students in Canada has steadily risen from 38,000 + in 2014 to over 55,000 + in 2017, and is expected to cross 120,000 by 2018. There are more than 100,000 Indian students in Canada.

Canada included education as part of its Global Action Plan formulated in 2013 to promote 22 sectors that it wants to promote aggressively across the world to leverage the inherent strengths. The sector is worth nearly \$20 billion to the Canadian economy. Also, Canada has emerged as one of the four top destinations for Indian students.

What opportunities do you see being opened for students from Canada and India after the Higher Education Forum?

The unique aspect of CIF's Higher Education Forum is that it is going to promote higher education in both in Canada and in India.

The Forum will be assessing the available options in all educational streams for international students coming to Canada and especially in the STEM and management streams in both the countries.

The forum will seek to enable linkages between the student community and the industry. This is because a majority of the international students who come to Canada to study would be in favour of settling in Canada and acquiring a permanent resident status and eventually become Canadian citizens

The canard that the alleged perpetrators of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in India have remained untouched by the Indian establishment is no more than just that – an unfounded rumour that has acquired both credence and momentum over the last three-and-a-half decades because of persistent propaganda.

India and Indians have collectively moved away from that era that was marked with internecine divisions that tore asunder the fabric of the multicultural mosaic of the Indian society.

For the last 25 years and more, especially since the advent of economic liberalisation launched by Dr. Manmohan Singh, the then finance minister of India, and subsequently, India's first Sikh Prime Minister, India and Indians have unitedly focused on economic development.

The results are there for all to see. In the last two decades and more, the Indian economy has consistently grown at a rapid pace and has helped moved hundreds of millions of the destitute sections of its population from poverty to a modicum of prosperity.

Unfortunately, what continues to make news is the canard of purported sectarian violence that is spread by those who are inimical to the interest of India and Indians. These pernicious lies have been persistently exposed for what they are – nothing but fabrications of troubled minds; and yet, they get credence in public domain merely because the persons making these baseless allegations hold positions of political or religious authority.

To assuage the allegations of discrimination and bias, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government constituted a fresh inquiry commission headed by Justice GP Mathur to take a fresh look at the issue.

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Politicians in Canada who continue to claim the victimisation of Sikhs in India are unaware or unwilling to accept the present Indian reality where a majority of Indians are focused on pursuing economic goals and the Indian state is enabling this wish fulfillment by doing its best to usher in policies that help rapid economic development. They also choose to ignore India's syncretic and secular traditions, which are not only constitutionally enshrined, but have always been a way of life for a majority of Indians.

In this context, it is necessary to quote from the 'Framework for Cooperation on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism' established during the visit of the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to India in February 2018.

The framework document emphasizes, "As multi-cultural, diverse, pluralistic societies, committed to democratic principles, human rights and the rule of law, India and Canada recognize the grave challenges posed by terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization to violence. Recalling that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever, wherever and by whomever committed, the National Security Advisor of India and the National Security and Intelligence Advisor of Canada reaffirmed the shared resolve of both India and Canada to combat terrorism and violent extremism in all their forms and manifestations."

"They committed to work together to neutralize the threats emanating from terrorist groups such as Al Qaida, ISIS, the Haqqani Network, LeT, JeM, Babbar Khalsa International, and the International Sikh Youth Federation." It is time now for the Canadian establishment to demonstrate by actions the spirit of the joint declaration announced during of our Prime Minister's visit.

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