



Turbulence in the Canadian sky

By Dr. Satish Modh

The decision of multiple airlines to ground 737 Max 8 aircraft without an airworthiness directive is unprecedented. The Max 8 had become one of the popular aircrafts in the global fleet of many airlines. The FAA certified the Max 8 in 2017 and the plane entered commercial operation. Air Canada and WestJet also introduced this aircraft in their fleet. There were about 350 aircraft flying around the world when these accidents occurred. There are more than 40 such aircraft in Canada.

The first accident occurred in October 2018 when a Max 8 flown by Lion Air of Indonesia went down near Jakarta, soon after takeoff, killing 189 people. In March 2019, Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 crashed near Addis Ababa, not long after takeoff, and 157 people died, including 18 Canadians. Initially, the Canadian aviation authorities declared the B737 Max aircraft safe and maintained that it was premature to consider grounding the aircraft as this plane had millions of miles of flying. A day after the Ethiopian Airlines crash there were 123 Max 8s flying out of which one-fifth were Canadian - 13 WestJet flights and 11 Air Canada planes. The Canadian Max 8s were on a variety of continental routes such as Miami-to-Toronto and Vancouver-to-Los Angeles, as well as short flights such as Vancouver-to-Calgary.

After a delay of two weeks Transport Canada has issued a safety notice on March 31, 2019 due to which Air Canada grounded its fleet of 24 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. Now, Boeing has suspended the deliveries of its 737 MAX. Air Canada was planning to induct six new aircraft in March and April 2019.

Due to Transport Canada's continued closure of Canadian airspace to the Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, Air Canada has rescheduled its flights up to May 31. Air Canada hopes to maintain most of its flight schedule through a series of measures, such as schedule changes and temporary route suspensions. There is uncertainty about the timeline for the return to service of the 737 MAX, therefore most of the airlines across the world would have to update their flight schedules for coming few months at least.

After its initial stance, Air Canada has now removed 737 MAX flying from its schedule until at least July 1, 2019. Many airlines are now forced to restructure their fleet by adjusting their leasing plans to replace B737 Max with similar aircraft size such as Airbus A 321.

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Save the Date: CIF Annual Global Indian Award Gala – Friday 5 July 2019

Time: 6:30 pm onward | Date: Friday, 05 July 2019 | Venue: Pearson Convention Centre |
Address: 2638 Steeles Ave E, Brampton, ON L6T 4L7

CIF Global Indian Award is presented annually to an outstanding person who has demonstrated global leadership, vision, and personal excellence. Previous recipients include Sam Pitroda (2008), Tulsi Tanti (2009), Ratan Tata (2010), Deepak Chopra (2012), NR Narayana Murthy (2014), Subhash Chandra (2016), Swami Ramdev (2017), Sparsh Shah (2018).



Regular Table for 10: \$3,000
Corporate Table for 10: \$5,000
Individual ticket: \$500
Contact: CIF Office (289)-291-0277

CIF members In the News

Hema Bhatt gets prestigious award at Women Economic Forum



Women Economic Forum (WEF) is a global conference platform brought by the ALL Ladies League (ALL) to foster empowering conversations, connections and collaborations among women committed to contribute in ALL walks of life through enterprise, innovation, leadership, vision and voice. WEF Awards are presented in celebration of inspiring women and men worldwide across all walks of life, including business, entrepreneurship, politics, public life, government, community service, arts, culture, sciences, technology, spirituality, innovation, writing, research, and others.

Hema was awarded the 2018 WEF Award in the 'Iconic Woman Creating a Better World for All' category. "I am truly inspired, empowered and honoured at being given the award," Hema said. At the conference, she spoke on the topic 'Embrace your Fears' and inspired all the women who attended the forum.

Dr. V. I. Lakshmanan represents Canada at Canada – Africa Business Conference

Dr. Lakshmanan, one of the founding members of Canada India Foundation, along with Kumar Murty, Department of Mathematics at the University of Toronto, will represent Canada at the Canada – Africa Business Conference and present a paper on Smart Villages: Innovative Solutions to Reduce Inequalities Between Communities. The presentation will include the enablers for a Smart Village implementation to minimize inequalities between communities and focus on the water treatment solution.

The galloping pace of technological advances in the 21st century has simultaneously enhanced the lives of millions of people around the world, mainly in urban areas, while broadening the gap between the haves and have-nots, and between the urban and rural populace. It is therefore imperative that we conceive, strategize and develop innovative solutions under the umbrella of "Smart Villages" to ensure that the village-based and other rural communities enhance their quality of life that is at pace with that of the urban communities. This would cover areas of healthcare, sanitation, water treatment, education, sustainable development and sustainable income generation for economic prosperity.

Dr. Lakshmanan's organization, Process Research ORTECH has developed and implemented an innovative water treatment solution (AVF – Automated Variable Filtration), which has been successfully tested on a contaminated lake in India. PRO's solution, tested on sample intake from the lake, produced crystal clear water free from bacterial and other life-form contaminants.



Dr. V. I.
Lakshmanan

Kumar Murty



Anil Shah meets President and Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)



Akhilesh Mishra with Anil Shah

CIF's Chair Anil Shah met Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, the President, and Ambassador Akhilesh Mishra, Director General of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) in March 2019 during his trip to New Delhi.

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), is an autonomous organization of the Government of India, involved in India's external cultural relations, through cultural exchange with other countries and their peoples. The Council has external offices in many countries across the world.

Anil Shah discussed with the possibility of CIF's collaboration with ICCR in promoting Indian culture in Canada. He said CIF is keen to assist ICCR open a Canada office to promote yoga, Ayurveda, and Sanskrit language among the second and third generation Indo-Canadians as well as among Canadians.

CIF's White Paper on Higher Education Forum

Canada India Foundation organized a Higher Education Forum in India in January 2019. The need to organize the forum in India was felt during the forum that was held in July 2018 in Canada. The agenda at the Canada program included connecting government and institutions in both the countries, linkages between educational institutions and industry and to focus on the intake of international students with the purpose to match their qualifications and skills with the programs they enroll into in Canadian institutions. The Foundation collaborated with PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi and the Government of Gujarat's Department of Education and the Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University in Gandhinagar. As during the 2018 Forum, Toronto's Seneca College was CIF's main partner for the forum in 2019 in India, too, and contributed to all the key elements of the forum to ensure its success. A White Paper on the forum will be released in March 2019 and will be disseminated to decisionmakers in Canada and India.

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Upcoming Events

Eminent Speaker Series

Pierre Cl  roux

*Vice President,
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Pierre Cl  roux was appointed Vice President, Research and Chief Economist at BDC in 2012. Mr. Cl  roux leads a team of experts who analyze economic data to identify business and sector trends impacting Canadian entrepreneurs. A seasoned speaker, he regularly travels across the country to help business owners understand the risks and opportunities presented by the economic environment.

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2019
Venue: Canada India Foundation
Address: 2939 Portland Avenue 2nd Floor Oakville ON L6H 5S

While the event is free, registration is mandatory. For registration, please click on the link:
<http://www.eventbrite.com>

women CONFERENCE in BUSINESS

CIF Women Entrepreneurs' Conference & Workshop

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Date: Thursday 23 May 2019 Venue: Pearson Convention Centre
Address: 2638 Steeles Ave E, Brampton, ON L6T 4L7

Inauguration &
Keynote address
Mary Ng



Canada's Minister for Small
Business & Export
Promotion

Participants will include

- Successful women entrepreneurs from Canada, India & the US
- Representatives of Federal, provincial & city business promotion agencies
- Representatives of financial agencies and banks
- Corporate Lawyers and Accounting Professionals

Special focus on minority-owned businesses.

- Interactive sessions on:
 - Launching a woman-owned business;
 - Government's grants for women entrepreneurs
 - Mentoring of women entrepreneurs
 - Exploring global markets