

# E-Newsletter July - August 2019

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# Summer 2019 Peace and Progress

By Anil Shah



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Friends, it has been quite an interesting summer here at CIF and in India! After 70 long years of keeping a temporary constitutional provision on the books, Prime Minister Narendra Modi got rid of Article 370 and fully integrated the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir firmly into the Republic of India.

The integration of the state and its subsequent bifurcation into two union territories sends a firm message that no part of India will be excluded from economic development. Residents of the new union territories of Jammu &

Kashmir and Ladakh will now be able to parlay directly with the Central government in New Delhi and have their issues addressed.

Indians are united in their support of the Modi government and the reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir. Investors are already lining up to explore opportunities in the two new union territories of India. Things will only get better from here. Finally, the residents of Jammu and Kashmir will be able to fully participate in the economic progress that the entire country is experiencing.

Closer to home, we had the tragedy of losing a dear friend and long-time supporter of the Foundation and the Indo-Canadian community, the Hon. Deepak Obhrai PC. A two-decade long MP from Calgary, Deepak Obhrai was a tireless supporter of India, and the activities of the Canada India Foundation. He was honoured by the Government of India with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman - the highest recognition given to persons of Indianorigin - in 2009. India and Indo-Canadians have benefited immensely from his tireless service. He was a great champion for the strengthening and deepening of ties between Canada and India. The Canada India Foundation is grateful for his contributions and service.

The Canada India Foundation continues in its community outreach efforts. To that end, we are pleased to announce the kickoff of the 2019-20 Speaker Series with a guest lecture by Dr. Manish Shah on October 3. Please see below for more details. We hope to see you there.

#### **Recent Events**

## CIF's Annual Global Indian Award Gala - 2019

The 2019 CIF Global Indian Award Gala was a resounding success. With an attendance of over 500 people, the Gala was a well-attended affair.

The 2019 recipient of the annual Global Indian Award was the 22<sup>nd</sup> Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper. In a powerful speech in which he denounced those who want to bring disharmony to India and attack its unity, Mr. Harper once again proved why he was truly a friend of India.

The evening also saw remarks by Ontario Premier Doug Ford, federal Minister for Immigration Hon. Ahmed Hussain, and High Commissioner of India to Canada Shri Vikas Swarup.

Friends and supporters of CIF enjoyed the evening with great food and excellent entertainment.

Photos from the evening are <u>here</u>.

**Email Details** 1/16/2020



Stephen J Harper with the Global Indian Award

CIF Global Indian Award is presented annually to an outstanding person who has demonstrated global leadership, vision, and personal excellence.



#### **Previous recipients**





Tulsi Tanti (2009)



Ratan Tata (2010)





(2012)



Deepak Chopra



NR Narayana Murthy (2014)



(2016)



(2017)



### CIF's Annual Golf Tournament 2019

Members and guests of the Canada India Foundation participated in CIF's fourth Annual Golf Tournament held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The day began with coffee from Tim Hortons and a jeep assembly demonstration by members of RCEME. The rain played spoilsport throughout the day, but the players persevered and kept playing.

The evening reception saw the donation of \$10,000 to "Bharat Ke Veer", a Government of India initiative to guide donations to the families of fallen

soldiers in India. CIF also donated \$10,000 to the Canadian Forces. Players and guests were treated to sumptuous Indian food which was well-deserved after a full day of golf.

Photos from the day and evening reception are <u>here</u>.









#### **Upcoming Events**

# **Speaker Series 2019**



Canada India Foundation's 2019-20 Speaker Series will feature Dr. Manish D. Shah, MD, MPhil, FRCS(C) (ENT – Otolaryngology / Head & Neck

Surgery).

Dr. Manish Shah completed residency training at the University of Toronto in Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery. He completed fellowship training at Princess Margaret Hospital in Head & Neck Oncology and also at Emory University in Laryngology. Dr. Shah now practices otolaryngology in the North York area as well as at Toronto General Hospital and Mount Sinai. His areas of focus are endocrine surgery, head and neck oncology and laryngology.

4pm-4:30pm: Registration and networking 4:30pm-5:30pm: Presentation followed by Q&A

5:30-6pm: Networking

CIF's Speaker Series features eminent personalities with expertise in a variety of public domain, who address members and guests on topic of public policy relevance. These experts are from the political, social, cultural, economic spheres, and have a direct or indirect bearing on the formulation of public policy.

Registration on **Eventbrite** 

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