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Chair's Message



Canada Will Not Recognize Referendum 2020 for Khalistan

This month, we have reason to celebrate. No, it is not because of a drop in the number of corona cases reported though that is also true and welcome. But it has to do with a crucial decision taken by our federal government that will have far-reaching impact, mostly positive, on those of us originally from India who have made Canada our home.

Late July, the government of Canada under the leadership of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced its decision not to recognize the results of what has been described as Referendum 2020 in favour of creating a separate

state of Khalistan within India's Punjab. A spokesperson for Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Christia Freeland, confirmed this in a statement to the media: "Canada respects the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of India, and the Government of Canada will not recognize the referendum."

The reaction both in India and Canada has been one of relief and happiness. Punjab's Chief Minister, Capt. Amarinder Singh, described Trudeau government's stance as "exemplary" and he hoped that more countries in the West would follow Canada's example and reject the "secessionist" Referendum 2020. ([Read more](#)).

CIF Action

Canada India Foundation Completes 15,000 Free 'Thank You Meals' Program to Frontline Workers



Oakville: Canada India Foundation, a national, not-for-profit organization, working in strengthening Canada India bilateral relationship, recently concluded an ambitious free meals distribution program aimed at those working on the frontlines of the fight against Covid19. Named 'Thank You Meals', it was executed in partnership with Hindu Federation, Ekal Vidyalaya and Tamarind Bistro.

Anil Shah, the Chair of Canada India Foundation, recalls, “As the deadly Covid19 virus spread globally, bringing economic destruction and misery to the world, we at CIF felt that this was a time of great challenge and also change. We at CIF which basically functioned as a Think Tank, felt that the time is now right to be proactive, and to make a positive contribution to the communities in which we live.” [\(Read more\)](#)

CIF Speaker Series

Sushil Pandit on Life After Article 370

Revocation, Reaction, and the Future of Jammu & Kashmir

A Free Webinar on Saturday August 08, 2020

Time: 07.30 pm (Indian Standard Time) 10.00 am (Toronto)

[*Register here*](#)



Here is a rare opportunity to listen to one of the most respected voices in India today, Sushil Pandit, about India’s decision to strip Jammu & Kashmir of its special status. The controversial move had the entire India (the approval rate was an impressive 95%) applauding and much of the rest of the world nodding in agreement. And the usual detractors including sore loser, Pakistan, and sections of the international media, seeing red!

The headline on TV and the frontpages across India blazed the news almost a year ago – ‘Article 370 Scrapped’. The news was in the making for a long time. In fact, ever since this 1949 amendment to the Indian constitution (though it was considered of temporary validity at the time), it has stayed in the books due to a number of reasons. Successive governments in New Delhi lacked the political will amidst a perception that Article 370 was the

instrument that kept Jammu & Kashmir glued to the rest of India. It turned out to be exactly the opposite as history would prove later. [\(Read more\)](#)

CIF Welcomes New Members



Ramnik Khurana

Ramnik Khurana, a successful entrepreneur is passionate about building an organization that leaves a legacy through the pursuit of its purpose, values, vision, and mission. Ramnik, Director MST Global Inc., and Sakshem Exim Pvt. Ltd., is an expert in providing management consultancy and is a great transformation leader. [See details](#)



Sanjeev Chibbar

Sanjeev Chhibber is an accomplished entrepreneur and a lifelong learner. He graduated in Commerce from Delhi University. Sanjeev, alongwith two of his friends founded Glaze Trading India Private Limited in 2003, and always believed in venturing into the lesser-known territories [See details](#)

CIF's 5th Annual Charity Golf 2020

CIF's annual Charity Golf Tournament will take place on September 3, 2020 at the Country Club golf course, Woodbridge, Ontario. The organizers stressed that all safety rules will be followed during the much-anticipated event due to the threat of Covid19. The tournament raises funds every year for a just cause. This year, it is dedicated to the Fallen Soldiers of India and Canada. Money raised will benefit the families of soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the recent clashes along India's border with China.

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5TH GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

Thursday September 3, 2020

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Events

**First Ever Handloom & Textiles Sourcing
Virtual Fair**



August 7, 10, and 11. From 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

As the world grapples with the pandemic Covid-19 and also keeping in mind the current challenging time and travel restrictions, Hand-loom Export Promotion Council (HEPC) the nodal organization under India's Ministry of Textiles, is providing an exclusive virtual platform to interact, network & do business one to one with Indian Handwoven & Home Textiles manufactures/exporters. ([Read more](#)).



A vertical rectangular graphic with an orange background and a subtle pattern. At the top left is a microphone icon. The text "You are invited to the webinar on" is in a small font, followed by "MY MANTRA FOR WEALTH CREATION" in a larger, bold, white font. Below this are two circular headshots of men. The first is Mr. Sandeep Goel, President & CEO of ICICI Bank Canada. The second is Mr. Yezdi Pavri, Ex-Vice Chairman of Deloitte Canada. In the center, text describes the webinar: "Join our CEO in conversation with Mr. Yezdi Pavri on MY MANTRA FOR WEALTH CREATION, a webinar discussing his take on wealth creation, and what helped him on his own personal journey." At the bottom, the date and time are listed: "August 13, 2020 3:00 pm EDT". A dark red button with white text says "CLICK HERE TO REGISTER".

[Register here](#)

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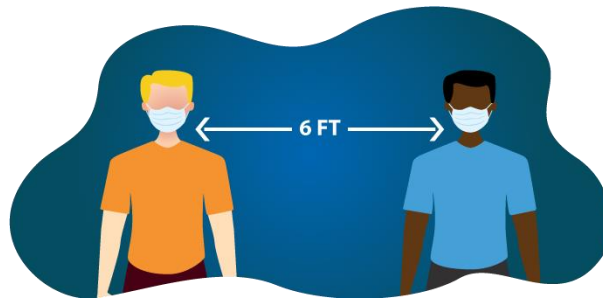
India's New Education Policy to Bring Fundamental Changes to the Sector



The Government of India, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi continues to surprise the nation and the rest of the world by a series of path-breaking decisions. The latest in that vein is a New Education Policy (NEP) for the whole country that deviates dramatically from the old and, according to most

experts, failing, model. India's last experiment with modernizing its education sector was in 1986. Since then the world has changed. India has changed even more. It took a modern, forward thinking administration to realize the urgency of getting its educational priorities right if India were to really tap its demographic dividend and become a superpower. ([Read more](#))

Canada Covid-19: Encouraging Signs, But Too Early to Celebrate



According to the Canada Public Health agency, COVID-19 is still a serious health threat, and the situation is evolving daily. The risk varies between and within communities, but given the number of cases in Canada, the risk to Canadians is considered high. ([Read more](#))

Ram Mandir Bhoomi Pujan: A Momentous Occasion



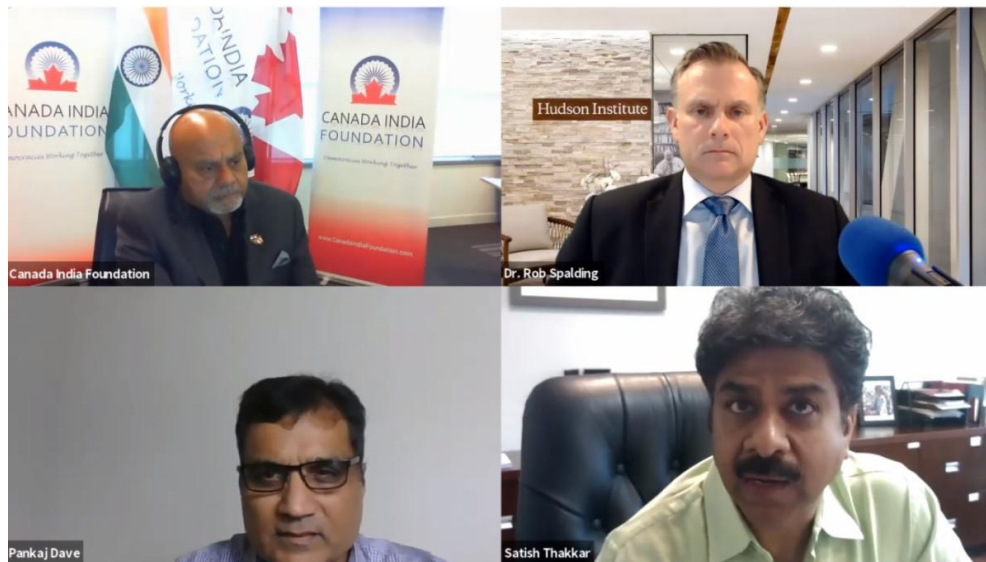
Instead of the millions that would've otherwise thronged the ancient city of Ayodhya, on August 5, only a very select number of people were on hand to witness the historic bhoomi puja of the Ram Mandir. After decades, even centuries of litigation and political wrangling, the temple will now be a reality, leaving millions of Hindus who prayed for this day to come, delighted. The event was celebrated right by Hindus settled across the world.

The momentous occasion was marked on a subdued scale, due to the threat of Covid19 crisis. Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Ram, sported a festive look with a million diyas and fervent chants, welcoming yet another history-making event in its millennia long journey. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, in the presence of Hindu leaders, priests, saints and other distinguished guests, said, "We have to join stones for the construction of Ram temple with mutual love and brotherhood. Social harmony was the core principle of Lord Ram's governance."

[\(Read more\)](#)

Past events

National Security, Democracy and 5G



Toronto: 22 July 2020 - Canada India Foundation organised a webinar on **National Security, Democracy and 5G**. Dr. Robert Spalding, Brig Gen. (Retd) was the keynote speaker in the webinar.

if you missed the webinar, please [click here](#) to see the recording

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