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Chair's Message



CIF Future Priorities

This is the first time I am speaking to all of you as the Chair of CIF. It's a huge honour and responsibility that I accept with all humility. Let me thank each and everyone who placed their trust in me to carry on the tremendous work that CIF has done in the past. I also take this opportunity to record our collective appreciation for the great work put in by the immediate past Chair, Anil Shah, and National Co-Convener, Mr. Pankaj Dave and many illustrious leaders before that.

I am also thankful to be working with a very dynamic and motivated new executive team. Ritesh Malik, our new National Convenor, is a powerhouse of talent and experience, and he will bring in a unique global perspective to CIF. Girish Kekre, CIF Treasurer, is an accomplished business leader and we would need his expert guidance in managing our resources in the best manner possible. I am particularly pleased to welcome two great women to the fold – Sunita Vyas as our National Co-convenor and Hema Bhatt as the Corporate Secretary. Mrs. Vyas is a successful businessperson involved in the education sector. Hema Bhatt is a well-known business personality who is often featured in media out West and also known for her engagements in the causes of public good.

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CIF's Interaction with H.E. Ajay Bisaria, India's High Commissioner to Canada



Oakville: India's newly appointed High Commissioner to Canada, Ajay Bisaria, opened his address to a recent full quorum membership of the Canada India Foundation with a witty observation that ever since he came in, he has been a 'virtual High Commissioner' denied real contact with people! And yet, there he was in the midst of an enthusiastic group of supporters though much reduced in numbers due to Covid restrictions, detailing some of the challenges faced by India during the Covid-19 crisis and the opportunities that lie ahead for both countries .

Outgoing Chair of CIF, Anil Shah, while welcoming the H C, said, "Our only mandate is pro India. We are nonpartisan and not for or against any particular group or section of people. We only wish to see Canada India reach its best potential." [\(Read More\)](#)

Events

CIF 2020 Charity Golf Tournament



The 5th Annual CIF Charity Golf tournament, held on September 3 at the Royal Ontario Golf Club, drew 148 enthusiastic avid golfers this year.

Proceeds from the day will be divided between Toronto RCASC Associate Fund for Canadian Fallen Soldiers (\$10,000) and Galwan Heroes (\$40,000).

The team of Karan Holla, Sanjay Agnihotri, Sameer Jagasia and Neel Patel won the top prize of 4 Whiskey Decanters (courtesy of Hari Panday), coming in at 16 Under. Rahul Shastri won the Putting Competition with a score of 60. A raffle was also held with two return tickets to India on Air Canada as prize.

Congratulations to all the winners!



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CIF Speaker Series

“This Is the Optimum Time to Invest in India”, Says India’s State Minister for Finance, Anurag Thakur



The 6th Guest in the Canada India Foundation (CIF) Speaker Series, **[Hon. Anurag Thakur](#)**, India’s Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, stressed during his hour long interaction on Aug.29, 2020, “I am saying it again, this is the optimum time to invest in India.” He was speaking to a large virtual audience during the webinar series on India’s current economic trajectory and the opportunities it presents to investors all over the world. (**[Read more.](#)**)

Sushil Pandit Roots for a ‘Defensible’ Enclave in Kashmir for Pandits to Return



Sushil Pandit, a noted scholar and author of many commentaries on the Kashmir issue, was recently a guest on the CIF Speakers virtual webinar series. Pandit who belongs to the minority Hindu pandit community in the Kashmir valley that came under attack by radical Islamists, spoke of the dark days in the late 1980s that led to the community’s exile. “We became refugees in our own land,” he recalled. August 5, 2020 was the one-year anniversary of the annulling of Article 370 regarding the special status accorded to J&K by the government of India. Pandit chose to present to the audience the beginning of the troubles and the situation post Article 370. ([Read more](#))

HEADLINES

Kamala Harris On How Mother’s Family Helped Shape Her Values



New York: Kamala Harris who was recently chosen as Running Mate to

Democratic Presidential contender, is the daughter of an interracial couple. Her mother was from Chennai who married a Black man while she was studying in California in the sixties. “I remember the stories that they would tell and the passion with which they spoke about the importance of democracy,” Ms. Harris said in a 2018 speech to an Indian-American group. “As I reflect on those moments in my life that have had the most impact on who I am today – I wasn’t conscious of it at the time – but it was those walks on the beach with my grandfather in Besant Nagar that had a profound impact on who I am today.” ([Read more](#))

Erin O’Toole Chosen Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada



Ottawa: The Conservative leadership question is now settled. Erin O’toole, the Conservative MP from Duhram, Ontario edged out rivals, Peter MacKay and Leslyn Lewis, to win the post. He will now have to go against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau if there is a fall election as many expect.

The new leader was born in Montreal, but later moved to Bowmanville, where he graduated from high school. His father, John O’Toole, served as the member of provincial parliament for Durham, Ontario. ([Read more](#))

India Tests “Futuristic’ Hypersonic Missile Successfully



New Delhi: India successfully tested a hypersonic missile-capable vehicle on September 7th that can move at six times the speed of sound. It plans to operationalize and deploy such missiles in five year.

India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test-fired the Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV), making India the fourth country in the world after the US, China and Russia to develop such technology ([Read more](#)).

Judge Says Anti-CAA Riots “A Well-hatched Conspiracy”



New Delhi: A Delhi court has said the February 24 anti-CAA riots in North East Delhi, involving the murder of a head constable of the city police, was an outcome of a well-hatched conspiracy among rioters.

Delhi Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Purushottam Pathak made this observation while taking cognisance of the charge sheet filed by the city police against 17 accused involved in the murder of Head Constable Ratan Lal during the riots in Chand Bagh area of North East Delhi ([Read more](#)).

Canada's Current Level of Deficit Unsustainable – Parliament Budget Office



Ottawa: Days before Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, unveils a new budget, the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has warned that the current levels of deficit will be unsustainable in “one or two years”. Trudeau is reported considering a slew of measures including grand and expensive green economy initiative to cope with the current economic crisis due to Covid-19 pandemic. See report on [Global News](#)

Covid19 Uptick in Canada “A Cause for Concern”



Ottawa: The first week of September has brought in unwelcome news to everyone engaged in the battle to contain Covid19 spread. After successfully bringing down the number of new infections to one of the lowest in the world, Canada’s numbers are going up once again. The week in question reported 545 new cases, a 25% increase over the previous week. If the trend continues, all levels of government and the school boards are likely to come under pressure to revise their current plans. [See full report.](#)

iPhone Maker, Foxconn, to Invest US\$1 Billion in Chennai Plant



Chennai: Foxconn, the Taiwan-based electronics giant which assembles iPhones in a factory in Sriperumbudur near Chennai, recently announced its plans to invest \$1 billion to expand the plant. Foxconn’s planned

investment in the plant will take place over the course of three years.
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Virtual Ind-Texpo 2020 - Organised by TEXPROCIL !

Ind-Texpo is the flagship event of The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, also known the world over as TEXPROCIL, an apex body under the Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India. This annual Show is being held on the virtual platform this year with the objective of promoting the Textile and Clothing sector in India.

Indian Cottons, Global Reach !



The virtual event is a common meeting place for global buyers to meet Indian suppliers exhibiting products in textiles i.e. yarns, fabrics and made-ups including home textiles. The Show promotes products across the entire value chain from 'farm to fashion' and brings the entire textile value chain across India under one roof.

India holds many advantages of being a world class textile hub some of which are abundant fibre availability, well integrated and modern manufacturing facilities, a comprehensive product range, efficient management of quality and social compliances, amongst others.

The Virtual Ind-Texpo Show is being held from 14th to 18th September 2020.



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