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Chair's Message



Increased Immigration is Good News for Canada

Hello friends. There is some really positive development on the immigration front coming from Ottawa. Last week, the federal government under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a new immigration target that exceeded all our expectations. Taking into account the shortfall in the annual immigration target this year, Canada has put into motion an aggressive strategy to increase immigrant arrivals beginning 2021. If and when we get back to some form of normalcy and the air travel gets back to its former levels, we will see 4,01,000 new arrivals next year. This is a huge jump compared to the annual numbers in the past that used to be around 3,51,000. This high level of immigration will continue for three years before a review is done.

India today is the largest source country for immigrants and students to Canada. The rising levels of arrivals from India is a very satisfying development. From around 40,000 back in 2016, nearly 85,585 arrived from India under immigrant category in 2019. The student numbers, similarly, is through the roof – from 76,000 in 2016 to almost 220,000 in 2019. It is widely accepted that immigration serves Canada well. Over 80% of the birthrate shortfall in Canada is filled by immigration. Clearly, it is a critical input for Canada's continued prosperity. ([Read more](#))

“These diseases (arthritis) were defined 5,000 years ago in Sanskrit” - Vaidya Harish Kumar Verma



The second in the CIF Ayurveda Speaker Series got off to a rousing start on October 18, 2020 when **Vaidya Harish Verma**, whose credentials in Ayurveda span the globe, from India to Europe to Canada (he practices from a clinic in Brampton), explained the value and history of Ayurveda and continued to give an overview of how this ancient system of medicine manages arthritis, a disease that has defied modern medicine. ([Read more.](#)) For the full presentation, [click here.](#)

“Ayurveda is a science in itself” – Dr. Bhaswati Bhattacharya



Canada India Foundation hosted the third webinar in its continuing Speaker Series on Ayurveda on November 1, 2020 with one of the most respected and accomplished ayurvedic practitioners from India, **Dr. Bhaswati Bhattacharya**, a US-trained doctor and researcher. Later in life, as she told the audiences, she would go on a quest to understand and explain the many aspects of human health that current science does not have answers for. In her compelling presentation, How to start Ayurvedic Practice in Canada, Dr. Bhattacharya detailed the regulatory and licensing requirement for dispensing natural herbal products in Canada. ([Read more.](#))

To see the full presentation, [click here.](#)

"I aspire to build a province that is a global leader in STEM education." Stephen Lecce



Ontario's Minister of Education, **Mr. Stephen Lecce**, was the Guest Speaker at the ongoing CIF Virtual Speaker Series on Oct. 29. Introducing the Minister, **Satish Thakkar**, Chair of CIF, observed: "This pandemic has compelled governments across the globe to make changes to their systems in a very short span of time to be able to continue education in a safe environment for students, teachers and other staff. In this very difficult time, Minister Lecce has been a man of action who has put plans and resources in place to keep Ontario's education moving forward."

[\(Read more.\)](#)

To listen to the complete speech, [Click here.](#)

Meeting with Minister Michael Tibollo



CIF Chair **Mr. Satish Thakkar** and National Convener **Mr. Ritesh Malik** along with Consul General of India in Toronto **Ms. Apoorva Srivastava** had a great discussion with **Hon. Michael Tibollo**, Associate Minister for Mental Health and Addictions on role Ayurveda can play in tackling mental health and Addictions.

CIF Donates School Bags to Students



Canada India Foundation donated school bags to the Beaumonde Heights Junior Middle School, Toronto. Ms. Sunita Vyas, National Co-convenor CIF, handed over the bags to the school principal and assured them that CIF will continue its Charity work for helping them in future as well.

HEADLINES

More Indians will be Admitted under Canada's New Immigration Target



Canada will admit a record 401,000 new immigrants in 2021, against the usual annual intake of 350,000. The figures will rise to 411,000 in 2022 and 421,000 in 2023 to make up for the shortfall of 2020 due to the Covid-induced restrictions. It is good news for Indians as they account for the bulk of immigrations into Canada. ([Read more.](#))

New Mandatory Requirement for Travelers to Canada



As part of Canada's efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, all travelers are required to provide specific information upon and after entry into Canada. This includes requirements to provide a quarantine plan and contact and travel information. The Government of Canada introduced ArriveCAN in April 2020 to create a secure and user-friendly way to help travelers comply with these border measures.

[\(Read more.\)](#)

Record Spending, Record Deficit in Pandemic-hit Ontario Budget



Ontario Premier Doug Ford and his government are clearly on the path to get the Province back on its feet even it means huge increases in spending. In its new budget released on November 05, as the COVID-19 pandemic stays unabated, the Province will spend \$187 billion including \$30 billion in addressing the need to tackle Covid19. The budget deficit for the year will be the biggest ever in Ontario's history at \$38.5 billion. The accompanying legislation will amend 44 existing laws, including a change that the province says will help it establish online gambling and make permanent a rule allowing restaurants and bars to sell alcohol with takeout food. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Indian American Candidates Re-elected to US Congress



In an impressive show, all the four Indian-American Democratic lawmakers — Dr Ami Bera, Pramila Jayapal, Ro Khanna and Raja Krishnamoorthi — have been re-elected to the US House of Representatives. [\(Read More\)](#)

Modi Meets with World's Largest Fund Managers



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with the world's 20 largest pension and sovereign wealth funds at a virtual roundtable Thursday as India looked to attract investments for its ambitious \$1.5 trillion infrastructure investment pipeline for the next five years. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Canada thanks India for helping world in Covid fight



The Canadian government has underscored the “critical role” that India is playing with regard to the requirements globally for medicines needed to combat the Covid-19 pandemic. This was conveyed by Canada’s foreign affairs minister François-Philippe Champagne to his Indian counterpart external affairs minister S Jaishankar as India joined, for the first time, the Canada-led Ministerial Coordination Group on Covid-19 (MCGC). ([Read more](#))

CanadaWeek in India Explores Technology Partnerships



The Consulate-General of Canada in Bengaluru, in partnership with the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), hosted CanadaWeek2020 from November 02 to 06, 2020. This virtual trade mission to Canada aimed to facilitate partnerships between the Indian and Canadian technology ecosystems and promote technology-based foreign direct investment between the two nations. ([Read more.](#))

India Test-fires Advanced Pinaka Rocket System



India’s Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on said

it successfully test-fired a new version of the Pinaka rocket system off the coast of Odisha. [\(Read more.\)](#)

CIF Welcomes New Members



Ray Gupta

Ray Gupta is Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Sunray Group. Ray conducts stringent market studies to unearth underutilized, well-located assets with upside opportunities. Sunray is known for going that extra mile to surpass brand standards...

[See details](#)



Keval Shah

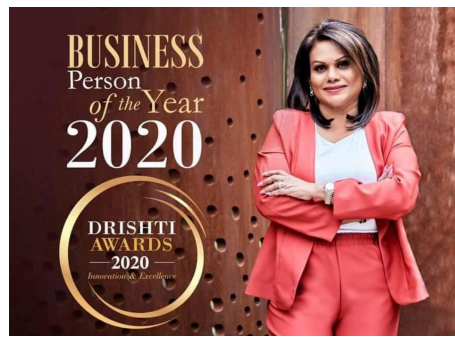
Mr. Keval Shah is an expert real estate broker with 12 years of experience dedicated to given clients “First Class” professional service and honest advice, enabling them to make sound financial decision in the sale and purchase of real estate.

[See details](#)

CIF Members in News

Dr. Lucky Lakshmanan participated and spoke at **Africa Accelerating 2020: The Template for Success**, a forum organized by The Canada Africa Chamber of Business.





CIF member Hema Bhatt Got the prestigious Drishti Business Person of The Year Award 2020



CIF member Sandeep Goel got the Haryana Association of North America Award 2020



CIF member Hema Bhatt appointed as Chair of the South Asian Health Fund - Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation, Vancouver

Bharti Gupta Presents...

MILLIONAIRE MINDSET

A talk with millennials and Gen Z about how
to make MONEY work for YOU.

Followed by a live Q&A.



Time: Sat, Nov 7th

11 AM EST / 8:30 PM IST

Register: <https://bit.ly/3o5DDtt>

RUPESH KAPADIA, CPA, CA

Managing Partner at a CPA Firm
Real Estate Investor

A perpetual optimist with a learning mindset who transformed a lethargic mass of 205 lbs to a nimble 140 lbs, ran marathons, made something out of nothing, and is living on his own terms!



Upcoming Events

CANADA INDIA
FOUNDATION



Consulate General of India
Toronto, Canada

In Association with



Canadian Ayurvedic
Practitioners Association



Virtual Ayurveda Speaker Series

Session - 4

**Fundamental principles of Ayurveda, Tridosha
Theory, Concept of Prakriti, Agni and Oja**

Expert Speaker



[Vaidya Inderbir Chugh](#)

Webinar Details

Sunday 15 November 2020

Time: 10:00 am EST

08:30 pm IST

REGISTER HERE

Tridosha Theory of Ayurveda refers to the three Doshas, which are a combination of the pure elements becoming manifest in the physical world: Kapha [earth + water], Pitta [fire + water], and Vata [air + ether]. These three Doshas are a reflection of prakriti (primordial nature).

Join us to learn how these three doshas work together in each of us to manifest our basic nature, determine our physical constitution, and define our dharma in this life. You will be able to know how we can use the qualities of the different doshas to our benefit during their peak times, dominant season, and the differing stages of life to enhance our healthy lifestyle, our meditation, and our innovation.

Economic Opportunities in Alberta

Keynote Speaker



Hon. Jason Kenney

Premier of Alberta

Program

Saturday 21 November 2020
Time: 11:00am EST & 09:00am MST

[Click here to register](#)

[See live on Facebook](#)

Community Spotlight



IMAGINE. INNOVATE. INVENT

IIT Alumni Canada is proud to support PanIIT USA to host one of the world's largest virtual summits, IIT2020:Future is Now. This conference will bring together change makers, innovators and thinkers, to innovate and inspire us all to rethink the future of humanity.

IIT2020 will focus on the global economy, technology innovation, health infrastructure, habitat conservation, food innovation, and universal education.

How do we create sustainable solutions for over 10 billion global citizens?

How is the New Normal manifesting itself across the globe – across economy, health, education?

And how are you contributing to this transformation?

The Future is invented when we let our imaginations soar beyond current paradigms to find innovative, sustainable solutions to some of the world's biggest challenges.

PanIIT expects over 50,000 people worldwide to attend the summit and take back solutions and approaches to implement. Through various media, PanIIT expects to reach over 500,000 with the message of innovation for global sustainability.

Join Us in this mega event to help Engineer the Future. [Click](#) here for the programme.

The conference is “*Open to all*”. Click here to [Register](#).

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Panorama India Republic Day Celebrations 2021



PROGRAM AGENDA

SBI Canada Bank
presents

Panorama Idol
Grand Finale 2021

Folk Dance
Segment

Seniors'
Spotlight

Patriotic
Segment

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