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Chair's Message



Vaccines Diplomacy at its Best

Hello friends. As an organization actively working to achieve the best possible relationship between Canada and India, there are times when certain unanticipated events occur that seem to derail or slow down that positive momentum. 2020 saw a certain set of events that resulted in some wrinkles in an otherwise smooth working relationship, and we all know why. We do not need to go into details here. Because, as Canada was gearing up for the Valentine's Day weekend, came the happy news that our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, had a chat with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, top item on their agenda being a possible supply of Covid19 vaccines to Canada.

Canada was indeed struggling in its roll out of vaccines, largely due to failed deliveries of vaccines by parties already contracted, making Canada lag other G7 nations. Whatever the reasons and whoever is responsible, it is always up to the leadership to rise above petty issues and think outside the box to arrive at solutions. We applaud Prime Minister Trudeau for the bold and sagacious decision to call Prime Minister Modi in such a situation, seeking cooperation on vaccine supply. That was a statesman-like gesture and a clear message to certain sections within Canada that the Canada and India relationship is broad-based and consequential and will not be held back due to an occasional difference of opinion. [\(Read more\)](#)

Message from High Commissioner of India to

Indo Canadian Community

Dear Friend,

On 10th February 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a telephone call from His Excellency Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

2. Prime Minister Trudeau informed Prime Minister Modi about Canada's requirements of COVID-19 vaccines from India. Prime Minister assured the Canadian PM that India would do its best to support Canada's vaccination efforts, just as it had done for many other countries already. Prime Minister Trudeau said that if the world managed to conquer COVID-19, it would be significantly because of India's tremendous pharmaceutical capacity, and Prime Minister Modi's leadership in sharing this capacity with the world.

Please [click here](#) for more details

India's Farm Laws and Farmers' Agitation – A Primer



The Farm Laws passed by the Indian parliament in September 2020 are today headline grabbing material, not just in India, but across the world. In the heat and dust of the Farmers Agitation, there have been thousands of tweets, Facebook posts, WhatsApp forwards and all manner of debates in family and community groups. It can be confusing for independent observers who want to know the basic facts about these laws and make up their own mind.

If you want to know more, [Please click here.](#)

CIF Speaker Series

Ayurvedic Speaker Series Session - 11

Managing Post Covid-19 Complications



Vaidya Shrikrishna Sharma Khandel MD Ay, PhD, FRAV, Fellow of WHO in Mental Health and Consultant- Arogyalaxmi, Jaipur was our latest Ayurveda expert to feature on the ongoing CIF Ayurveda virtual speaker series. He is also the Editor of the International edition of Charak Samhita Florida, USA. Vaidya Shrikrishna's topic for the webinar was Post COVID 19 complications and its mitigations in Ayurveda. ([Read more](#))

For presentation [click here](#). To see the video [click here](#).

Ayurvedic Speaker Series Session - 10

Ayurvedic Approach in Febrile Sickness and COVID - 19



Dr. Somendra Mishra, renowned Ayurvedic practitioner and researcher, was the main speakers at the CIF Ayurveda Virtual Speaker series. He presented the findings on how Ayurveda approaches Febrile sickness and COVID-19. While welcoming him to the CIF platform, Satish Thakkar, noted, "Currently, in spite of implementation of prophylactic strategies such as promotion of hygiene, social distancing and global lockdown, the spread of disease remains a challenge. Ayurveda adopts a multi-pronged approach addressing the febrile sickness (Jvara), cough (Kasa) and respiratory distress (Swasa), by improving the patient's immunity, and giving the right diet and herbal supplements etc."

Ontario PC MPP Deepak Anand joined the session as special Guest and was introduced by CIF National Convenor, Ritesh Malik. Anand thanked the CIF team, Harish Verma and other organizers for the sustained campaign to popularize Ayurveda in Canada. He explained his own positive exposure to Ayurveda that took care of a health issue that he faced. "The global Ayurveda market is set to triple from \$3.4 to \$9.7 billion. Why is it. Because of the great products, and also the efforts by people like you in spreading the message of Ayurveda."

To see the full presentation by Vaidya Somendra Mishra [click here](#).

Canada Will Likely Get Astra Zeneca Vaccine from India Early



The world's biggest vaccine manufacturer said Monday it would deliver COVID-19 shots from India to Canada "in less than a month", days after a phone call between the two nations' leaders following a diplomatic row over protests by farmers. India -- known as the world's pharmacy -- has stepped up worldwide shipments of the jabs manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, which has emerged as a major player in the fight against coronavirus, as a form of "vaccine diplomacy". The Serum Institute's chief executive said his company was awaiting regulatory approval from Canada. [\(Read more\)](#)

China Withdraws 140 Tanks, 60 Artillery Guns, 7,000 Troops In Ladakh De-escalation



New Delhi: Indian and Chinese tanks were seen disengaging from the south bank of Pangong lake area in eastern Ladakh where they were deployed amid a standoff areas along the Line of Actual Control. [\(Read more.\)](#)

WHO Lauds India's Covid19 Vaccine Rollout



India became the first country in the world to vaccinate over seven million citizens in the first month of the rollout. This has come in for high praise from various international bodies including the WHO. ([Read more.](#))

India is a red-hot investment opportunity for its clean energy transition: John Kerry



India is actually a red-hot investment opportunity for its clean energy transition, top US official John Kerry said on Thursday as he praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his commitment to addressing the challenge posed by climate change, which the Biden Administration believes poses an existential threat to humanity. ([Read more.](#))

US-India Business Association Proposes ‘Big Ideas’ to Strengthen Ties



The US India Business Council, a body constituted by major industry players in both countries have presented President Joe Biden's administration with a set of what they describe as 'big ideas' to take their bilateral ties to the next level. If acted upon, it projects a two-way trade of \$500 billion by 2024. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Armies of India and Saudi Arabia Plan Joint Exercise



In a significant turn of events, Indian and Saudi Armies will undertake joint bilateral exercises. This will be the first such exercises of both the Armies together. The Indian forces contingent will travel Saudi Arabia for the exercises which will be taking place in the following financial year. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Upcoming Events



Canada India Healthcare Summit 2021

Innovating New Healthcare Frontiers in the Post COVID-19 world

Webinar on Biotechnology and its Contributions to Overcome COVID-19

February 24, 2021 (Wednesday) 9:00 - 10:00 pm (EST)

February 25, 2021 (Thursday) 07:30 - 08:30 am (IST)

Moderator

Dr. Arun Chockalingam

Professor of Medicine and Global Health
University of Toronto



Dr. Rohin Iyer

Global Program Manager, Market Support, Cytiva
Novel Approaches to
COVID-19 Remediation

Dr. Grant Pierce

St. Boniface Hospital & University of Manitoba, Winnipeg
The Direct and Inverse Impact
of COVID-19 and Nutrition



Dr. Venkat Venkataramanan

Chief Scientific Officer, McRAE Imaging
COVID-19: UV-C Disinfection
Techniques

Ms. Nikita Thakkar

MSc Candidate
COVID-19 Biology and Summary
of Vaccine Landscape



https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xl7_hxslT82RJIPnYrSd2A



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Virtual Ayurveda Speaker Series

CANADA INDIA
FOUNDATION



Consulate General of India
Toronto, Canada



Canadian Ayurvedic
Practitioners Association



Session - 12

Immunity Enhancing Effects of Rasayana Drugs Mentioned in Ayurveda

Expert Speaker



Padmashree Dr. Gurdip Singh

Webinar Details

Sunday 28 February 2021

Time: 10:00 am EST

08:30 pm IST

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International Women's Day

**CANADA INDIA
FOUNDATION**



Democracies Working Together

**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**

Save The Date!

Thursday March 04, 2021

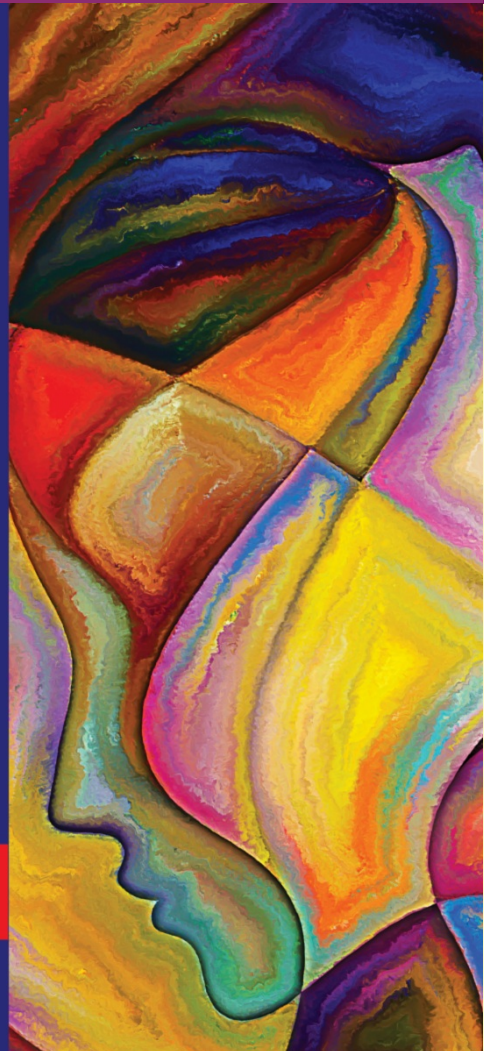
6:30 pm - Onwards

Diversity Equality Inclusion

Join us for an interactive panel
discussion with industry
leaders to discuss DEI

Register TODAY!

#ChooseToChallenge



Register here

CIF Virtual Speaker Series

The Economy and the Virus



Mr. Benjamin Tal

Managing Director,

Deputy Chief Economist, CIBC World Markets Inc.

Time: 10:00 am onwards

Date: Thursday 11 March 2021

Register here

Canada India Foundation (CIF) invites you to register for its upcoming event as a part of webinar speaker series. Guest Speaker [**Mr. Benjamin Tal**](#) will discuss the current economic picture, the trajectory of the recovery, to what extent Covid is an event or a condition, and implications for financial markets.

Community Spotlight

Manjit Sharma Joins EDC Board of Directors



Toronto: Ms. Manjit Sharma is the Government of Canada's newest appointment to the Board of Export Development Canada (EDC). Ms. Martine Irman, Chair of Export Development Canada's Board of Directors, welcomed her joining the organization, bringing with her a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Ms. Sharma has more than 25 years of in-depth experience navigating a wide range of operational matters in a variety of industries. Currently, she is Chief Financial Officer for WSP Canada Inc. and a member of the international consultancy's Canadian leadership team. Before joining WSP, Ms. Sharma was on the National Executive Team of General Electric Canada (GE Canada), serving as Chief Financial Officer.

Active in her community, Ms. Sharma serves on the Board of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and has held leadership roles with the Greater Toronto YMCA (past Board member), Junior Achievement of Central Ontario (past Governor) and FEI Young Luminares Mentorship Program.

In 2019, she was recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women. Manjit is an advocate of building a diverse work environment, where employees can bring their authentic selves to work every day.

Export Development Canada (EDC) is a financial Crown corporation dedicated to helping Canadian companies of all sizes succeed on the world stage. As international risk experts, EDC equips Canadian companies with the tools they need – the trade knowledge, financing solutions, equity, insurance, and connections – to grow their business with confidence.

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