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Chair's Message



CIF India Chapter Takes Off with Full Force

Hello friends. As you all know, we have a federal election coming our way on September 20th, 2021. And for those of us who are fortunate to live in a democracy, elections give us the opportunity to express our deepest feeling and sometimes, suspicions, about our rulers. Voting is one of the most precious rights that we have to get our viewpoints across. Do not waste it.

Not always will you get your wish i.e., the party you voted for comes into power. That's in the nature of democracy. We have a system that accommodates all viewpoints as represented by our political parties but give the right to govern to the party with the greatest number of seats. The important thing to do is to participate, and not ignore this opportunity. Depending on what your priorities are for you, your family, your community and your country, choose a platform/party that aligns most with your aspirations.

On September 20 (or earlier at available locations), you get out there and cast that vote without fear or favour for the candidate of your choice and you'll have fulfilled one of the most sacred duties as a free citizen of a democracy. Leave the rest to history.

We have reported to you already on a spectacularly successful charity golf tournament that CIF held last month that raised a record breaking over one hundred thousand dollars. Once again, we thank all donors and raffle participants for making this a huge success. We hope that this level of support will continue in the following years. Because the permanent fund being set up is dedicated to a most noble cause – the higher education for the children of the fallen heroes here in Canada as well as in India. We have considerably notched up our plans in the area of helping needy children to pursue education.

That was the thinking behind our recent decision to adopt 75 children in India by extending all support including financial (to the tune of one hundred thousand rupees per child each year) till they complete their school education and in exceptional case, even later into their post-secondary education. I am thrilled to mention here that this is an initiative largely driven by our recently constituted CIF India Chapter. [.\(Read more\)](#)

India and Canada can fight the climate battle together



As India celebrates the 75th year of its independence, it has again reaffirmed a commitment to strong climate action. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a target for the country for its centenary in 2047: self-reliance in energy production through a mix of solar energy, electric mobility, a gas-based economy and as a global hub for green hydrogen.

India is not alone in the quest for a greener future. At Cornwall in June, leaders of the world's largest market democracies marked a recognition that while humanity battles a devastating global pandemic, the grave threat of climate change continues to gather. Extreme climate events and warmer weather this summer have underlined the immediacy of the climate challenge. Interacting with G7 leaders, India's Prime Minister reiterated India's strong commitment to climate action. [\(Read more\)](#)

Ayurveda Speaker Series Session - 23

Ayurvedic Management of Breast Cancer



The 23rd edition of the ongoing CIF Ayurveda Speaker series focused on a very critical aspect of women's health - Ayurvedic Management of Breast Cancer. The expert speaker of the day was Dr. Ranjit Nimbalkar MD, PhD (Ayurveda) from the Comprehensive Cancer Care Clinic in Pune, India. Fittingly, the event also fell on the day that Hindus all over the world mark as Raksha Bandhan, a unique tradition that confirms the bonds of love and mutual care between brothers and sisters.

The Special Guest who graced the event was Ms. Shipra Verma, Chief Electoral Officer, Manitoba. Verma has overseen four general elections since her induction. She has also been invited to be a member of to observe elections in Ukraine, Russia and India. She is currently the Chair of Canadian Society for Elections Officials Training and a Member of the Steering Committee for the Secretariat for Electoral Coordination. [\(Read more\)](#)

[Click here to watch the session](#)

HEADLINES

Dramatic Rise in Student Visas by Canada



Approval of student visas by Canada to Indian applicants have shown an 83% rise year over year to hit 67,000 in the first four months of this year. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Delay in Processing will Keep Some Indian Students Out

Canada's High Commission in India have cautioned that all students seeking visas may not be accommodated in time to join their 2021 fall semester classes. ([Read more.](#))



Employers Advised to Enforce Vaccination



Toronto's top public health officer has issued an advisory for all employers to put in place a protocol that would require their employees to be vaccinated. ([Read more.](#))

US Issues Record Number of Student Visas to Indians

Despite the ongoing Covid-19 related issues, the US issued a record number of student visas to Indian applicants this year. ([Read more.](#))



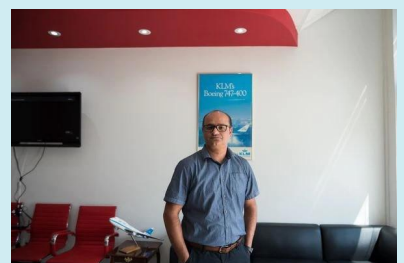
World's First DNA-based Vaccine Introduced in India



An Indian pharmaceutical company has got regulatory approval for emergency use of its indigenously developed vaccine, the world's first DNA based vaccine, on children 12 years and older. ([Read more.](#))

Long way home: How Indo-Canadians have been travelling amidst a travel ban

Days before she was about to fly home to Canada, Meenu Kanda was told her Air India flight from New Delhi to Toronto had been cancelled. After the federal government placed a ban on direct flights to and from India, Ms. Kanda was stranded



wave of COVID-19 infections. ([Read more.](#))

Stuck in India: Academics allege racism on Canada's Covid testing policy



Two Indo-Canadian academics stuck in India due to the ongoing ban on direct flights to Canada are alleging Ottawa of pursuing racism with regard to this and allied measures. ([Read more.](#))

CIF in News

CIF Charity Golf Tournament raises over \$100,000 in Aid of Families of Fallen Heroes



Hornby, ON, August 25, 2021: The 6th Annual CIF Charity Golf tournament was held at the Royal Ontario Golf Club in Hornby, ON, on August 25th, 2021. The event drew record attendance and raised funds toward the welfare of the families of the fallen heroes in Canada and in India.

Held under the aegis of CIF Charitable Foundation, the golf tournaments have been one of the most successful fundraising events specifically targeted at the military families that need support. This year, additionally, the organizers announced an expansion of the fund to create more opportunities for the children of the fallen heroes who may want to pursue higher education in Canada. ([Read more](#))

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Fallen Indian soldiers' children to be sponsored for study in Canada



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TORONTO: An Indo-Canadian non-profit will sponsor the children of fallen Indian soldiers for study in Canada. The Toronto-based Canada-India Foundation (CIF) raised over C\$100,000 for this purpose at its Charity Golf Tournament here last week.

"This golf tournament is our new initiative to support the families of fallen Indian soldiers. We will support the children of these families to get higher education in Canada as well as India. We will pay all their expenses," said CIF chairman Salish Thakkar. The Foundation had donated C\$40,000 last year to the families of the Indian soldiers killed in the Galwan Valley clash with China's PLA.

Thakkar said the Foundation has undertaken this initiative to help the children of the fallen Indian soldiers. He said the Foundation's just opened India office will select these children wishing to pursue higher education in Canada.

"Those children who come to Canada will be paid their expenses during the first year because international students are allowed to earn for themselves from their second year," he said. Indian High Commissioner Ajay Bhatia, who also participated in the tournament, said, "The CIF's initiative to help the families of the fallen soldiers is commendable."

The golf tournament will be held each year to raise money to sponsor the fallen soldiers' children to study in Canada. The Canada India Foundation has also adopted 75 kids orphaned during the Covid-19 pandemic in India. "These 75 orphaned kids have been adopted to mark the 75th anniversary of our independence. We will take care of their food, education, accommodation and other needs till they reach the age of 17," said Thakkar.

COMMENTS

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Canada India Foundation is going to adopt 75 children who have lost both parents due to the COVID pandemic and provide them with the best of education and other related facilities.

The organization would adopt children below 17 years from families who have no other source of income and lost their business due to the pandemic, said National Convener Canada India Foundation Ritesh Malik here on Friday.

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[New Indian Express](#)

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Upcoming Events

Ayurveda Speaker Series Session 24

Ayurvedic Marma Therapy and its role in Management of Musculoskeletal Pain

Expert Speaker

Dr. Navin Joshi

Sunday September 26, 2021

Time: 10:00am to 11:00am EDT

[Register here](#)



Spotlight

Kingmakers? Here Are the NRIs To Watch for in Canada Polls 2021



Indians reportedly form only 4 percent of Canada's population, yet the Indo-Canadians have been widely recognised as a strong force in the economic, and now political, developments in the North American country. With 47 candidates from the Punjabi community in the fray, including popular NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, Canada is all set for its federal elections on 20 September. The number has been a constant since the last election in 2019. [\(Read more\)](#)



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INDIA IN TORONTO

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Celebration of 75 Years of India's Independence

India's 75th Independence Day was celebrated with great fervor in Canada. Various events were held to commemorate Indian Independence Day including illumination of landmark destinations.

A Flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Consulate premises. The event was streamed live on Facebook and Twitter for public participation.



Flag Hoisting at the Consulate



Tri-color Illuminates Niagara Falls

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