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Chair's Message



Looking Forward to a More Vibrant New Year

Hello friends. We are reaching the end of an eventful year. 2021 was one which we had hoped would be see the tail end of the Covid-19 pandemic. But it is still wagging. At the beginning of the year, there was optimism that the world would be ready to move forward again. Within months, 2020 would be forgotten as a bad dream. Unfortunately, it did not turn out that way. We are about to complete two years under the real threat of a disease that has taken millions of lives and wrought untold havoc on nations and societies. The headlines are still scaring us daily with news of the arrival of various mutants, leaving big question marks on the long-term health of people and economies of nations.

But all is not lost or grim, there are definite signs of recovery in most economies. As governments, on the advice of their public health experts, keep a tight watch on the developing situation as far as the pandemic is concerned, there is also the realization setting in that we need to do all

years. The sooner the better, if we are to avoid a whole host of problems that come with repeated economic shutdowns. ([Read more](#))

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CIF Ayurveda Speaker Series Session - 25

'One Earth, One World Health Order'



The 25th and the concluding session of CIF Ayurveda Speaker Series, held on December 5th had as its theme - Basic and Fundamental Research for Ayurveda - Modern Medicine Integration.

Opening the session, Satish Thakkar, Chair, CIF, thanked the key people and organizations that made the series possible, like Vaidya Harish Verma of Canadian Ayurvedic Practitioners Association, Vedic Spiritual Heritage Foundation and the Consul General of India in Toronto. Stating that Ayurveda literally means the science of life, he pointed out the need for a well-designed, rigorous research program to validate many of the claims on behalf of Ayurveda. “That is why this year, we launched a \$1 million dollar research fund in partnership with the University Health Network (UHN) that will undertake the necessary research projects in collaboration with leading institutions like All India Institute Ayurveda (AIIA), India. The research will focus on the efficacy of integrated medicine approaches on chronic diseases like diabetes, cancer, kidney and cardiovascular diseases.” [\(Read More\)](#)

HEADLINES

Miss Universe is India's Harnaaz Sandhu



EILAT, ISRAEL -- Harnaaz Sandhu of India was crowned the 70th Miss Universe on Sunday, topping a field of some 80 contestants in a pageant that was touched by politics and the pandemic. The previously reigning Miss Universe, Andrea Meza of Mexico, crowned her successor, a Bollywood actress, in the Israeli Red Sea resort town of Eilat. The pageant was held in the middle of the night, wrapping up at 5 a.m. local time (10 p.m. EDT) to accommodate the primetime schedule in the U.S. [\(Read more\)](#)

India pushes renewed trade talks in aftermath of Canada-China tensions

Canada and India are quietly setting the stage to reboot formal free-trade talks as the Trudeau government seeks economic alternatives to China following the dispute over the Meng Wanzhou-two Michaels affair. Trade negotiators from both countries have held four "consultative meetings" in the last year via video, and the most recent one in October saw the two sides trade preliminary proposals, said Anshuman Gaur, India's deputy high commissioner to Canada. [\(Read more\)](#)



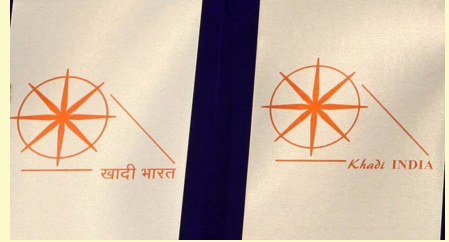
India Announces \$10 Billion Initiative for Semi Conductor Industry

Against a background of chip shortages plaguing the world, India is taking its own initiatives to clear the path toward building a home-grown semiconductor industry. [\(Read](#)



Major US Brand Commits to Promoting Khadi Denim

Following an agreement between Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and textile major Arvind Mills to trade Khadi denim products across the world, leading US-based fashion brand Patagonia has purchased nearly 30,000 metres of khadi denim fabric worth Rs 1.08 crore for its apparels from Gujarat. ([Read more.](#))



Durga Puja on Unesco's 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity' list



UNESCO has added Durga Puja to its "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" List. The decision was taken during the sixteenth session of the intergovernmental committee for the safeguarding of the intangible Cultural heritage that is currently under way. ([Read more.](#))

Top Economist Sounds Warning on Crypto Craze

International economist and former head of Reserve Bank of India, Raghuram Rajan, says that many investors are at risk as only a few crypto currencies will survive into the future. ([Read more](#))



Mihir Patel to captain Canadian cricket team at ICC 2022 men's U19 World Cup



Mihir Patel will captain the Canadian cricket team at the ICC 2022 Men's Under-19 World Cup next month in the Caribbean. The 19-year-old from Toronto has experience at the competition, scoring a notable 90 off 105 balls in a loss to the United Arab Emirates at the 2020 Under-19 World Cup where the young

Spotlight

Gita Gopinath appointed IMF's Deputy Managing Director

Gita Gopinath, the IMF's Indian-American chief economist has been promoted as its First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD), recognising her exceptional intellectual leadership in helping the global economy and the Fund to navigate the “twists and turns” of the “worst economic crisis of our lives”. [\(Read more\)](#)



Indian American in NASA's Astronauts of the Future



Anil Menon, born to Indian immigrant parents from India, is among the ten astronauts designated by NASA who will man future flights into moon and beyond. [\(Read more\)](#)

Indian-origin Neeli Bendapudi named Penn State University President

Indian-origin professor Neeli Bendapudi has created history as the first woman and person of colour to be named as the president of America's prestigious Pennsylvania State University, the educational institution announced on Thursday, December 9. Bendapudi, who was born in Visakhapatnam and came to the US in 1986 for higher studies, is currently serving as the president and professor of marketing at the University of Louisville in Kentucky. [\(Read more\)](#)



Leena Nair joins list of Indian-origin CEOs to head global giants



Leena Nair, who grew up in Kolhapur in Maharashtra, will next month-end take over as the Global Chief Executive Officer of French luxury fashion house Chanel, joining the ranks of Indian-origin corporate bosses who call the shots at Global Inc. [\(Read more\)](#)

CIF Becomes Partner Organisation at 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2022



Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, a biennial event was conceptualized in 2003 under the visionary leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India (then the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat). The Summit has today evolved into one of the most reputed global forums for business networking, knowledge sharing and strategic partnerships for inclusive socio-economic development.

Vibrant Gujarat Agenda 2022

New Industrial Policy Gujarat 2021

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