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Chair's Message



Election Season: A Festival of Democracy

Hello friends, as you know, this is election season in our great province of Ontario. Some of you might have already exercised your right to vote for the candidate who appeals to you most. Some of you are waiting for the Election Day, June 2, 2022, to cast your vote.

Whichever day you choose, vote you must because, in a democracy like ours, there are few duties of a citizen that are more important than participating in elections that help decide the kind of government we would like to see.

Every citizen in a democracy has the right and the duty to pick the candidate of their choice, thereby affirming the diversity and vibrancy of democracy, and the rule of the people, for the people, by the people to quote a well-known phrase. It is also a true and a wonderful aspect of living in a democratic society that it gives us the opportunity to agree or

disagree through the ballot box, without violence. More importantly, it gives diverse ideas and strategies of governance a chance to be showcased and judged. Of course, all party platforms are not alike in terms of offering optimum benefits to people. This is where you come in, with your vote!

Ontario has experienced parties of varying ideologies that have held rein during the past decades. Parties have been voted in and they have been voted out, and this process will continue. As long as we, the People of Ontario, take the act of voting seriously, and as long as the governing parties know that the governed have the power to cast them aside, they will be sensitive to how people feel about issues.

This very freedom is denied to so many millions, actually billions, of people around the world. In fact, a vast number of Ontarians, who have come from countries and regions where democracy is absent, will tell you what a wonderful feeling it is to be a part of the election process, as a voter and even as a candidate

That is one reason which drives all of us at Canada India Foundation to continue pushing to strengthen the bilateral ties between Canada and India, two of the greatest democracies in the world. Besides being our motherland, India today is a shining example of a true democracy, which has as many colours and shades in it as are visible during a Holi festival. Into its 75th year as an independent nation, India has had a stellar record in democracy ever since its independence in 1947. In keeping with our motto, *"Democracies Working Together"*, we once again dedicate ourselves to helping to make this relationship to be one of the most productive relationships between countries in this century. ([Read more](#))

CIF condemns senseless killings in Texas School



Canada India Foundation and all our members want to register our profound grief and shock after learning of the senseless killing of 19 innocent elementary school children and two teachers at a Texas School in an incident of mass shooting. CIF Chair Mr. Satish Thakkar said "at this hour of great sorrow, we want to extend our heart felt condolences to the families of the victims and the community reeling from the

tragedy. We pray that God gives them the strength and fortitude to bear with this terrible loss."

Past Events

Order of Canada Recipient, Dr. V.I. Lakshmanan Feted



Canada India Foundation and members of the Indo Canadian community came together to congratulate **Dr. V.I. Lakshmanan, OC**, a past chair of CIF, eminent scientist and community activist, on his appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada. The event also saw the official release of the full report that resulted from the CIF Canada India Healthcare Summit 2021, again an initiative conceptualized by Dr. Lakshmanan.

Welcoming the gathering, **Satish Thakkar**, Chair, CIF, noted, "It is my absolute pleasure to introduce to you today the hero of this evening - Dr. V.I. Lakshmanan, or as we fondly refer to him, our own Lucky Bhai. Those of us who have been fortunate to know and work with him at close quarters have come to appreciate his tremendous achievements and his generous personality. Order of Canada recognizes those Canadians who have made the maximum impact on society by their actions at both professional and personal levels. [\(Read more\)](#)

Special Report Published on CIF Canada India Health Summit 2021



The full report of CIF Canada India Healthcare Summit 2021 was released under the aegis of the International Journal of Non-Communicable Diseases, carried several papers presented during the Summit and provides a vast source of information and insights that would be beneficial to global healthcare community. Among the initiatives finalized during the CIHS 2021 included the decision by CIF and UHN to jointly set up a **\$1 million fund** to support research in holistic medicine. Recently, an MoU signed between UHN and the All-India Institute of Ayurveda has given the project further momentum. Thakkar noted, “We can all feel thrilled that this MoU was signed in the presence of none other than the **Prime Minister of India**, Shri Narendra Modiji.”

Stressing the fact that holistic health is a key priority for CIF, **Thakkar** added, “Modern medicine does wonders on the disease management side. But prevention is better served by a holistic approach. When you see more budgets allocated to prevention, you will see a reduction on the disease management side.” Thakkar also congratulated Vaidya Harish Verma who helped organize a series of lectures on Ayurveda for the benefit of policy makers and lay people in Canada. [\(Read more\)](#)

HEADLINES

**Statue of Sardar Patel Installed at Sanatan
Mandir**



India's Prime Minister Hon. Narendra Modi hailed the installation of Sardar Patel's statue at Sanatan Mandir Cultural Centre, Toronto, as a symbol of the close Canada India relationship. The statue is a replica of the towering Statue of Unity erected in Gujarat, India. [\(Read more.\)](#)

India, Canada Renew Agreement to Collaborate on Technology



Two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) were renewed at the 7th India-Canada Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee (JSTCC) meeting. The MoUs were signed by the Indian Ministry of Science and Technology with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and National Research Council Canada (NRC), respectively, under the 2005 Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Hundreds of international students in limbo

after Scarborough, Ont., college suspends spring enrolment

Hundreds of international students who paid a Scarborough college upwards of \$15,000 in tuition say their enrolment has been unilaterally suspended — placing their study permits in jeopardy. ([Read more](#))



FDI in India Hits Historic High at US\$83 Billion



India received the highest ever inflow of foreign investment in 2021/22. In the computer hardware and software sector, Karnataka bagged the highest share of the FDI inflow (53%) followed by Delhi & Maharashtra

(17% Each). ([Read more.](#))

Mangoes Add Extra Sweetness to US-India Relationship

Mangoes, considered to be the 'king of fruits' and grown for at least 5000 years in India, has been absent from the US market for a number of years. That is about to change. Beginning this season, the sweet old mangoes have begun appearing at Indian groceries again. ([Read more.](#))



Talks on for Expanded Air Services between Canada and India



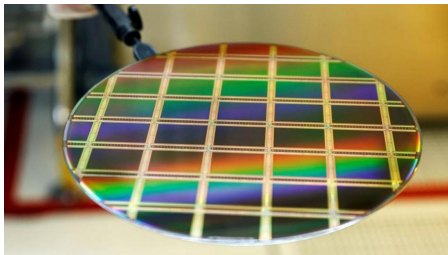
During a recent visit to Canada by India's Aviation Minister, Hon. Jyotiraditya Scindia, he is reported to have discussed the possibility of increasing flights with Canada's Minister of Transportation, Omar Alghabra. ([Read more.](#))

India Favours Swift Conclusion of India-EU Free Trade Agreement

India's Prime Minister exhorted the business community in Europe to start investing in the India growth story without delay and avoid the FOMO (Fear of Missing Out). ([Read more.](#))



Israeli Firm to Set Up US\$3 billion Semiconductor Plant in Karnataka

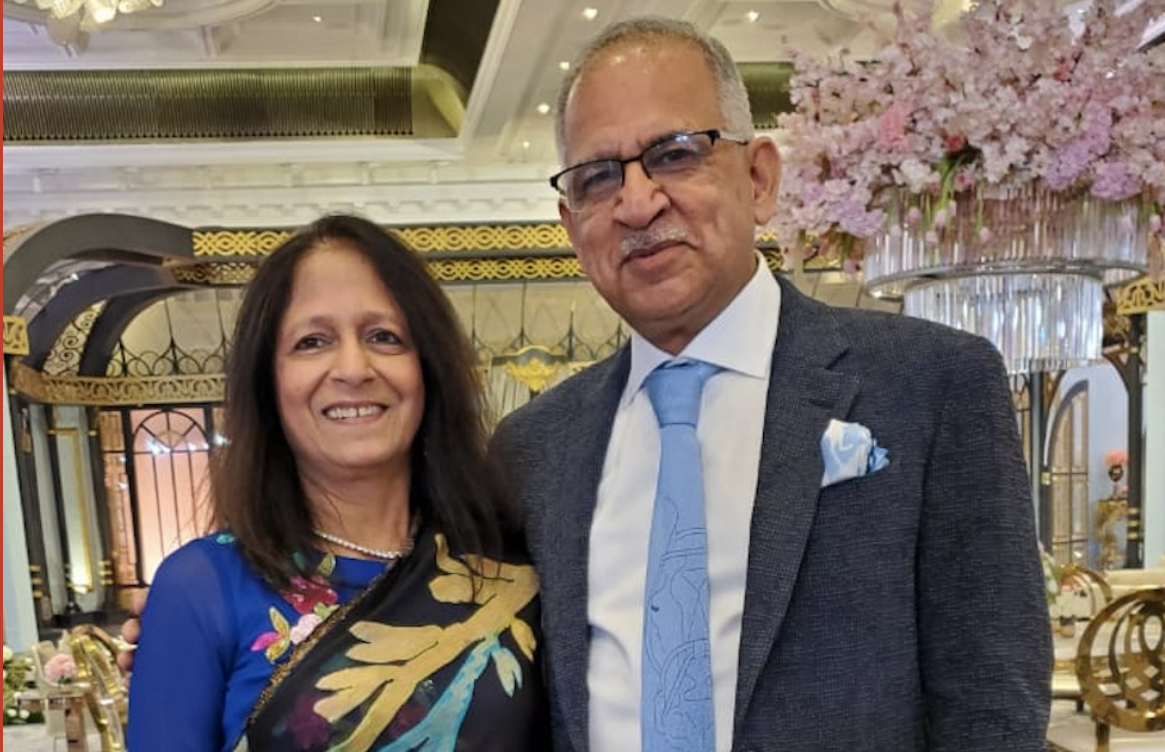


The government of Karnataka and Israel's ISMC Analog Fab Private Limited have signed an MoU to establish what could be India's first semiconductor plant to be completed by 2029. ([Read more.](#))

CIF Members in News

Vikram Dhaddha

CIF Board of Governor Member Mr. Vikram Dhaddha and his wife Rita Dhaddha donated \$1 million to Trillium Health Partner Foundation towards Stroke, Cancer, and Cardiac programs. Trillium Health Partners Foundation works across our community to raise the crucial funds needed to advance the highest priority needs of Trillium Health Partners. Community support ensures that hospital can deliver a full range of exceptional, accessible and sustainable health care services today while innovating to meet the challenges of tomorrow.



Hari Gautam

CIF Board of Governor Member Mr. Hari Gautam attended the roundtable meeting with visiting Indian Civil Aviation Minister Hon. Jyotiraditya Scindia.



Spotlight

iPartner India Canada's Spring Gala 2022

You are invited to



iPartner India Canada's

ANNUAL SPRING GALA
2022



iPartner India Canada's [Spring Gala 2022](#) is an evening of lively and colorful entertainment to support the education of girls in rural India who are vulnerable to exploitation.

When: Sunday, June 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. ET

Where: Galaxy Grand Convention Centre. 200 Advance Blvd,
Brampton, ON L6T 4V5

For more information, tickets and event teaser, please visit
ipartnerindia.ca/gala



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Indian American Named as CIA's First Technology Chief

Delhi-born Nand Mulchandani has been named as CIA's first ever Chief Technology Officer.

Mulchandani most recently served as the CTO and acting director of the US Department of Defense's Joint Artificial Intelligence Center.

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





Consulate General of India
Toronto

Press Release

Consular Camp at Brampton

Consulate General of India, Toronto will be organizing Consular Camp in Brampton on Saturday, 18 June, 2022 to address and resolve various queries related to Consular matters viz, Passport, Visa, OCI, PCC, Surrender Certificate, Attestation, Life Certificate, etc as per details given below :

Venue for Consular Camp	Date	Time
Gurdwara Nanaksar 64 Timberlane Drive, Brampton ON L6Y 4V7	Saturday, 18 June, 2022	10.00 AM – 01.30 PM

2. The Consular Camp is meant to resolve any long-pending issues and is repeat NOT meant to provide the consular service on the spot. However, the applications for SURRENDER CERTIFICATE & ATTESTATION services if found complete in all respects will be accepted.

3. Fee for Surrender Certificate will be payable by Debit Card/Demand Draft in favour of "BLS International Services Canada". Fee for Attestation services will be payable only through Demand Draft in favour of "Consulate General of India, Toronto". For attestation service applicant must attach a self-addressed prepaid envelope for return of serviced documents. Applicants are therefore requested to go through the following links to understand the documentary requirements and applicable fee:

Link 1: <https://www.cgitoronto.gov.in/>

Link 2: <https://www.blsindia-canada.com/toronto-jurisdiction/index.php>

4. Applications will be accepted only if all documents and forms are submitted. Applicants are required to submit original and photocopy of all the documents and the forms as prescribed in the above links. Soft copy of any document will not be accepted.

5. The Covid-19 guidelines must be strictly adhered to at the camp.

May 25, 2022

Upcoming Events



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7th Annual Golf Tournament 2022 Aug 11 (Thursday)

Woodington Lake Golf Club
7110 4th Line, Tottenham, ON L0G 1W0



Proceeds going to Families of Fallen Soldiers in Canada & India

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GOLF BALLS



REGISTRATION - 9:30am onwards

Shot Gun Start 11:00am

Breakfast & Lunch on the Course

Dinner Served 6:00pm onwards

Host Bar - Drinks Available throughout the day

**For booking your Foursome, Hole Sponsorship
please contact:**

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silvana@ni-met.com

[Click here for detailed Brochure](#)

Summer Jobs

Administrative Assistant - 01

Event Co-ordinator - 01

Special Event Co-ordinator - 01

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