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# Chair's Message



### A Big Thank You for Making CIF Global **Indian Award Gala a Grand Success**

Hello friends. I just can't wait to share the details of our very successful CIF Global Indian Award Gala held on September 30, 2022. As I mentioned in my last message, I know that however much we wanted this to be not just about CIF or the Award, but a celebration of the larger Indo Canadian community, it was an event for a limited number of guests. That is if you call a thousand of our finest and most accomplished shakers and movers who turned up to support us at that evening that many have since described as memorable. Thank you to all those who have sent us your positive feedback.

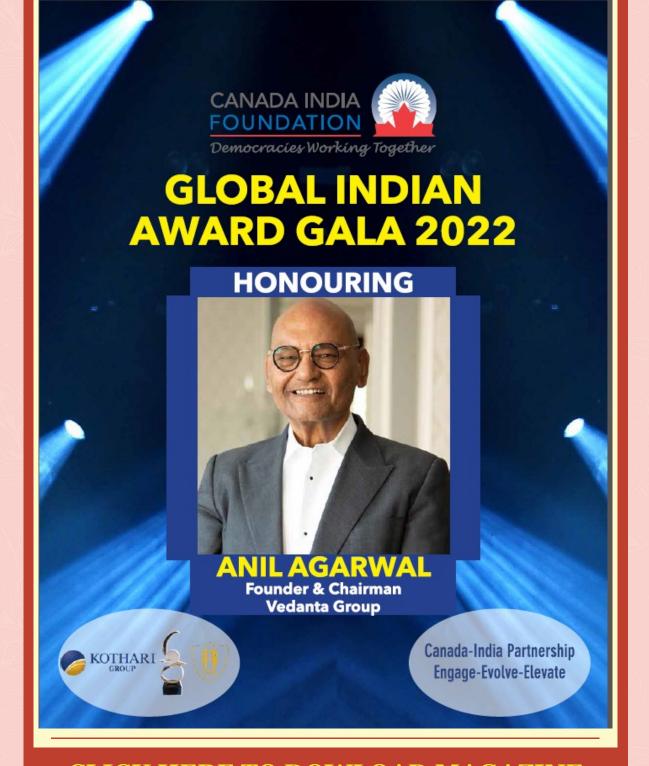
As you know, the 'hero' of the evening was none other than the worldfamous metals and mining Tycoon, Anil Agarwal, a self-made billionaire who rose up from very modest beginnings in his hometown in the Indian state of Bihar to conquer the pinnacle of success first in Mumbai,

and then internationally in London, England. Mr. Agarwal, couldn't stop talking about the hospitality that he received here, both from the Indo Canadian community as well as the political and business leaders. "All of the places that I have been to the world, I have never felt so much warmth and love that I have received from you in Canada" summed up his feelings. We are now convinced that as the winner of the CIF Global Indian Award 2022, we can count him among the well-wishers of the Indo Canadian diaspora and help spread the positive image of Canada to the rest of the world. (**Read more**)

# A Glimpse of CIF Global Indian Award Gala 2022



**Annual Magazine 2022** 



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#### **Past Events**

International Gita Mahotsav Held in Toronto for the First Time



CIF executive team and members board of Governor met with a visiting delegation from the Indian state of Haryana on September 19, 2022. Among the dignitaries present were Harvana's Minister of Urban Development and Housing, Hon. Kamal Gupta, and Mr. Subhash Barala, Chairman of Entrepreneurs and Professional board, former President of the BJP State unit who currently leads several initiatives aimed at promoting the developmental and cultural aspects of Harvana. The meeting was convened to mark the successful completion of the international Gita festival (Gita Mahotsav), a pet project of the Chief Minister of Haryana, Hon. Manohar Lal Khattar, which was held over three days in Toronto and Ottawa for the first time. The event saw a major congregation at Dundas Square that listened to an eminent Gita proponent, Swami Gyananandji Maharaj, expound on the basic tenets of Gita. There were also many seminars and a grand procession through downtown Toronto held as a part of the celebrations. A large delegation also arrived at Parliament Hill in Ottawa to spread the core message of Gita.

## **CIF Members Visits Ottawa**













Canada India Foundation members visited Ottawa to take part in the co-hosted 22nd Grand National Diwali Celebration at Parliament Hill along with Overseas Friends of Overseas India Canada. The event was organised by the Overseas Friends of India Canada, CIF, Mr. Todd Doherty, MP for Cariboo-Prince George and Deepak Obhrai Foundation. H.E. Manish, Acting High Commissioner of India in Canada, Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of Official Opposition and over 50 members of parliament including senators from across party lines participated. The event was attended by over 500 Indo-Canadians from across Canada in celebrating the National Diwali on the Parliament Hill.

# **HEADLINES**

Rishi Sunak officially takes over as British prime minister



Rishi Sunak was installed as Britain's third prime minister of the year by King Charles on Tuesday, and then set about forming a cabinet that will have to wrestle with the U.K.'s economic and political crises. King Charles assumed the ceremonial role of accepting Liz Truss's resignation at Buckingham Palace before asking Sunak to form a government.

Sunak then returned to the prime minister's office at 10 Downing St., promising to tackle Britain's "profound economic crisis" and earn the country's trust in an address to the nation. (Read more.)

## **Indore to Host Bharatiya Pravasi Divas 2023**



After a gap of four years, the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (Indian Diaspora Day) will be held in a real setting in the Indian city of Indore Jan. 8-10, 2023. Prominent members of the diaspora are expected to attend the event. (Read more.)

# Thousands of Indo-Canadians celebrate Diwali on cruise in Toronto

Thousands of Indo – Canadians gathered at the Harbourfront on Lake Ontario Shores to celebrate the Diwali festival in Canada by enjoying music symphonies and a Gala cruise boat. Canada India Foundation in collaboration with Sunray Group and Indo Canada Arts Council organised this big Diwali event in Toronto. (Read More)





# Trillium Diwali Gala Raises Funds to support The New Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital



Mississauga, ON – The 21st Trillium Diwali Gala raised a remarkable \$785,000 on October 21, 2022, to support The New Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital. Guests at the sold-out event enjoyed a night of superb food, dazzling entertainment and non-stop dancing.

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by many in the community that Trillium Health Partners (THP) serves. The Trillium Diwali Gala is Canada's first, largest and longest-running Diwali festival, and was presented by Mortgage Company of Canada Inc. The Gala has raised a cumulative total of \$12,776,387 over 21 years to support the priority needs of the hospital. (**Read more**)

#### **India Reports 13.5% First Quarter GDP Growth**

Following the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions and economic activity picking up speed, especially in the farm sector, construction and retail trade, India's economy grew at a healthy pace though still lower than the 16% predicted by Reserve Bank of India. (Read more.)

# 20.1 17.6% growth in services sector in Q1 25.9% rise in private consumption 26.9% rise in private consumption 27.1% GDP GROWTH (%) 28.9% rise in private consumption 28.9% rise in private consumption 29.9% rise

# **International Students Allowed More Work Hours**



The Federal Government has issued notification that allows international students to work more than the 20 hours/week they are allowed currently, till the end of the year to ease of labour shortages. (Read more)

#### **India A Bright Spot**

Against a gloomy international economic situation, India stands out with a pretty robust economic growth and protections for its citizens in place. That is the assessment issued by the International Monetary Fund. (Read more.)



#### **India's First Semiconductor Plant on Stream**



India's homegrown chip maker, Polymatech, announced the rolling out of its first batch of chips and memory modules. Indian semiconductor market is expected to grow to \$64 billion by 2026. (Read more.)

#### **India UK FTA in Final Stages**

Despite hitting a snag over migration mobility issues, India-UK Free Trade talks are reportedly moving to the final stages of completion. The proposed deal will be India's biggest trade deal to date when concluded. (Read more.)



#### **Apple Increases India Operations**

Besides the making of its latest iPhone



14, Apple is currently in the process of shifting a part of its Beats and AirPods manufacturing to India. Apple exported over \$1 billion worth of made in India iPhone 14 successfully in the past year. (Read more.)

#### **Dubai Has a Brand-New Hindu Temple**

UAE's Minister of Tolerance Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak al-Nahyan inaugurated a grand Hindu temple in Dubai in early October. India's Ambassador thanked the UAE government for its support of the 3.5 million strong Indian diaspora. (Read more.)



#### Magna Invests in Bengaluru-based Electric Vehicle Maker



Canadian automotive giant, Magna, is reported to have invested \$77 million in Yulu, a start up, expected to change of India's micromobility market. (**Read more.**)

#### **CIF Member in News**

CIF Member Norton Kothari donates \$150, 000 to Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg



CIF Board of Governor Member Norton Kothari donated \$150,000 to Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg. Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg is a leading hospital in Canada for knee, hip replacements and shoulder & other joint surgeries having four active operation rooms (OR). However, there is always a backlog & long waiting for such surgeries for lack of OR space. Hospital needs \$700,000/- to equip one more room with state of art equipment, out of which Provincial Govt. has allocated 350K & balance to be raised from community.

Hospital has indicated that they would be able to perform additional one thousand surgeries annually with this new OR which should be operational by March 2023 reducing acute backlog & wait-time.

# **Upcoming Events**



# **Ayurveda Day Celebration**



#### **Program:**

Date: Sunday 30 October 2022

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am (EST)

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