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Chair's Message



Canada and India: Fruits of an Early Harvest!

Hello friends,

Every now and then, a news item comes out of either Canada and India that gives further hope for our long-cherished goal of reaching a comprehensive trade agreement between our two countries. The latest one hinted at talks in early April between the representatives of Canada and India towards finalizing an Early Harvest Trade Pact also known as Early Harvest Scheme.

What does an Early Harvest Scheme mean? EHS is an agreement between two states (or regional trading blocs) which liberalizes tariffs on certain goods preceding the conclusion of a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). So, this is a major push forward and a sign that all past efforts between Canada and India and the various organizations and politicians rooting for such an outcome can now take comfort that the negotiations

India has such an agreement in place with Thailand under which almost eighty-two items are designated for progressive reduction in tariff that would eventually become zero. They include a huge range of commonly traded goods, from salt to salmon and diamonds to mangoes. Such arrangements between countries help them to test and verify challenges and design solutions.

An official at India's Ministry of Commerce was quoted in the press as saying that they have identified ten or eleven areas of trade that would fall under the proposed agreement though he did not identify them individually. We can make pretty good guesses what these priority areas are, but we would rather wait for the officials to confirm and not jump to conclusions here.

All we can say for sure is that we at CIF are certainly excited. Having pushed for just such an outcome all these years, it is very gratifying to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Politics and economic factors in both countries today come together to favour such a development. We have influential political leaders as well as trade officials fully on board working hard towards a resolution. ([Read more](#))

Past Events

CIF Celebrates International Women's Day 2023



Canada India Foundation celebrated the International Women's Day on March 9, 2023, that drew a capacity crowd of highly accomplished women and their families. The third edition of CIF Women's Day chose the UN theme of ***DigitAll: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality*** for detailed deliberations.

Welcoming the guests, CIF Chair **Satish Thakkar** quoted from India's ancient Vedic texts that held women in high esteem: Wherever a woman

statements issued on the Women's Day 2023 by the Governor General of Canada, Mary Simon and President of India, Droupadi Murmu, he drew attention to the huge challenges still faced by women, especially in the digital space. ([Read more](#))

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HEADLINES

India-Canada Ties Now Ripe for FTA And Indo-Pacific Partnership



Indo-Canada relations have been on an upswing. Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly visited India last week to participate in the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting only around a month after she visited New Delhi for a bilateral. The recent Foreign Minister's Meeting as part of the ongoing G20 presidency brought several foreign ministers to India and gave an opportunity for significant exchange, including with Canada. ([Read more](#))

Canada, India should change script and become real partners



With Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly having completed her first bilateral visit to India this month, both countries need to reset the Canada-India relationship and deal jointly with global challenges. Prime ministers Narendra Modi and Justin Trudeau are taking their countries into critical foreign policy junctures. [\(Read more\)](#)

Not interested in assurances, we want action: MEA on attacks by pro-Khalistani protesters on Indian missions

“We are not interested in assurance, we would like to see action,” said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi on statements from the US, the UK, Canada and Australia on their promise to prosecute the Khalistani separatists involved in attacks on Indian missions in these countries.



India expects the host governments to take action to identify and prosecute all those involved. It also wants them to take necessary measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents as well as provide full and adequate protection to Indian missions as well as to the personnel working there, said Bagchi. [\(Read more\)](#)

India to Open Higher Education Centres Abroad

In a new push to boost higher education, India is working on a two-pronged strategy – encourage reputed foreign universities to establish their presence in India while setting up off-shore extensions of its own



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Canada welcomes record 2.26 lakh Indian students in 2022



With 226,450 students, India has become the top source of new international students entering Canada in 2022, according to data released by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). The North American nation set an immigration record by welcoming 551,405

international students from 184 countries in 2022. India was closely followed by China and the Philippines with 52,165 and 23,380 students, respectively. [\(Read more\)](#)

Oscars Gets an India Blast

India's creative prowess was clearly visible at the latest edition of Oscars, having won the Best Original Song for Naatu Naatu from RRR and Best Documentary Short Film. [\(Read more.\)](#)



700 Indian Students Served Deportation Notices



Almost 700 hundred Indian students face deportation from Canada as they were found to have obtained their student visas based on fake documents submitted to Canadian consulates in India. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Canada, India, US launch major anti-submarine drill in Indo-Pacific region

In a major multilateral military cooperation exercise, US, Canada, India, Japan and South Korea launched anti-submarine drill in the Indo Pacific region.



Maninder Sidhu in India to Strengthen Bilateral Ties



Maninder Sidhu, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mélanie Joly, visited India to engage with business leaders and civil society partners on strengthening ties between Canada and India under Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy. ([Read more.](#))

World's Largest EV Hub Planned in Tamil Nadu

Ola Electric, an Indian electric two-wheeler manufacturer, based in Bengaluru announced details for an investment of \$1 billion in Tamil Nadu to make and expand its capabilities across electric 2Ws, 4Ws and battery cells. ([Read more.](#))



India Becomes Third Largest Auto Market



According to statistics released by Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, Indian auto sales exceeded 4.25 million last year, overtaking Japan as the third largest auto market. ([Read more.](#))

Non-resident Indians Remitted \$100 Billion in 2022

Non-resident Indians are a major factor contributing India's comfortable foreign exchange situation. In 2022 alone, overseas Indians remitted

position in world rankings. ([Read more.](#))



Walmart invests \$200 million in Indian mobile payments giant PhonePe



Walmart, which owns the majority of PhonePe, has invested \$200 million into the startup. The ongoing round values the Bengaluru-headquartered company at \$12 billion pre-money. The startup has said that it plans to raise up to \$1 billion as part of the ongoing round. ([Read more](#))

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Spotlight

Indian-origin Officer lands top civilian leadership post in Pentagon

The United States Senate on Wednesday confirmed Indian origin Ravi Chaudhary as the Assistant Secretary of Air



Installations, and the Environment. Chaudhary won the mandate by a vote of 65-29 as he became a part of one of the top civilian leadership positions in the Pentagon. He will be the first Indian-American to serve as an Assistant Secretary of the Air

Force. [\(Read More\)](#)

Meet Laxman Narasimhan, a coffee industry outsider who just took over as CEO of Starbucks

The Seattle-based coffee chain on Monday announced that Laxman Narasimhan has officially taken the reins as Starbucks chief executive, nearly two weeks earlier than planned. Narasimhan was named CEO last September, succeeding interim CEO Howard Schultz.

Narasimhan, 55, is new to the coffee industry, having started his career in the consulting world before joining PepsiCo, and, later, British consumer goods company Reckitt Benckiser. [\(Read more\)](#)



CIF Welcome New Member

Mr. Pradyuman Jhala



Pradyuman Jhala is an Indo Canadian highly successful entrepreneur, dedicated community leader, and committed philanthropist with a passion for giving back to the community to create a positive impact in the society. As a founding member of the Gujarat Public Affairs Council of Canada and a former Director of SME at the Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC), Pradyuman has made significant contributions to the

economic, cultural, and social growth of the Indo-Canadian community which helps in promoting the bilateral ties between Canada and India. With his extensive experience and expertise, he has been instrumental in shaping the community's development, promoting inclusivity and diversity, and empowering individuals to achieve their goals.

Upcoming Events

SPEAKER SERIES

WEBINAR

UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION AND EMERGING TREATMENTS

SATURDAY
08 APRIL
2023

10:30 AM TO 11:30 AM
EASTERN TIME (US AND CANADA)



SPEAKER
DR. VENKAT BHAT, MD MSC FRCPC DABPN

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Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide. Depression presents with persistent and pervasive symptoms which differentiate it from mood fluctuations and short-lived emotional responses to routine life challenges. Depression involves impaired stress regulation and is the result of a complex interaction of biological, psychological, social and cultural factors. This presentation will provide an overview on understanding Depression, its management and emerging treatments.

DR. VENKAT BHAT, MD MSC FRCPC DABPN

Dr. Venkat Bhat MD MSc FRCPC DABPN, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. He is a staff psychiatrist at St. Michael's Hospital (SMH) and at University Health Network (UHN). At SMH, he is the Director of the Interventional Neuropsychiatry Program which offers novel pharmacological, neurostimulation and digital therapeutic interventions for Mood and other Disorders. At UHN, he has a focus on neurostimulation. Dr. Bhat leads the Artificial Intelligence & Analytics pillar within iBEST, an Institute which brings together Biomedical Engineering/Science at Toronto Metropolitan University with SMH, and is a faculty affiliate within the Schwartz Reisman Institute for Science and Technology at the University of Toronto.

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Session 20

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Expert Speaker



Dr Sanjay Motilal Tamoli
BAMS, MD, Ph.D. (Ay)
Founder and Director
Target Institute of Medical
Education & Research
Mumbai, India

Expert Speaker



Dr Nilesh Doshi
BAMS, MD (Ay - Shalya)
Founder President
Association of Ayurvedic
Practitioners
Mumbai, India

Special Guest



Mr. Satish Thakkar
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Toronto, Canada.

Special Guest



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New York, USA

Convenor & Host



Vaidya Harish Verma
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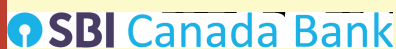
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