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Chair's Message



Reclaiming the Canadian Dream - Duty, Responsibility and Pride

Hello friends,

When you think of Canada, what comes to your mind? To me, it's not just a country with a huge land mass. Since the day I first stepped on Canadian soil, it was like a dream or maybe I should say dream come true. Peace, tranquility, fresh air and opportunities which are as vast as its prairies, never ending boreal forests and deep blue water bodies. Besides opportunities, Canada has been a fountainhead of dignity, fairness and freedom, qualities very few countries in the world can lay claim to.

For generations, people from all over the world, have been coming here to make a good life for them and their families with hope in their eyes and

determination in their hearts. For everyone who was willing to work hard and give their best - they were rewarded generously. More than they could have ever imagined for - that has been the essence of the Canadian Dream.

But does it still hold true? Something has changed or shifted in recent years. For many Canadians, the dream feels more distant, almost an impossible dream. It's becoming harder by the day to realise their goals. The cost of living has gone through the roof; youth face uncertain futures with less and less opportunities. Perhaps most troubling of all, there has been an erosion of pride in being a Canadian.

Canada is failing in its promise to its people. Ironically, we seem to be a little distracted with issues that happen far away while ignoring the very real challenges we face at home. Of course, we must definitely help those in need, but not before our own have been looked after. When Canadians are lining up in food banks more than ever, what good are we doing by providing aid to other countries? The struggle is real as is evident as more and more tents come up on our city's sidewalks. Why are we then funding wars which seem to have no end?

The ruling class may have their own reasons, but it is certainly not clear to the people lining up at the food bank.

Over the years, the concept of citizenship and the rights and duties that come with it have been diluted. Let us remember we as citizens also have some role to play to keep Canada's flag flying high. Citizenship is not merely a passport or a document; it is a privilege and one that comes with accountability and responsibility. Too often, the balance between rights and responsibilities has tilted too far, and the sense of duty that once bound us together as a nation has weakened.

We cannot afford to let that happen. Canada is blessed with abundant natural resources, a capable workforce, and a population of just over 41 million. With the right vision and priorities, there is no reason why every Canadian should not be able to live with hope, pride, and opportunity. What we need now is to go back to basics, to ensure that immigration is merit and demand based; strengthen and encourage civic responsibility among new Canadians, and foster unity and purpose rather than importing divisions. ([Read more](#))

10th Annual Charity Golf

**Community Participation Makes CIF 10th Golf
Charity a Super Success**



Milton: 18 August 2025: The 10th CIF Golf Charity tournament once again showcased the power of a cause that can attract the most generous participation from the community. As Anil Shah, a past chair of CIF and the dynamic force behind the golf charity for over a decade, pointed out at the reception following the tournament, that helping the families of fallen soldiers in Canada and India, “now expanded to include the families of frontline workers in Canada facing dire circumstances”, has been a critical factor in driving more and more support for the event. CIF Charity golf today stands as the most outstanding and biggest golf event in the Indo Canadian calendar, and Anil Shah clearly can take a bow for transforming the event to be on par with some of the best charity events held anywhere in Canada.



Ritesh Malik, Chair, CIF, listed three reasons for the super success of the CIF Golf Charity Tournament – 1) The cause of helping families of men and women helping both our countries, sometimes sacrificing all. 2) The generous support of so many sponsors, community and volunteers. 3) Anilbhai, the lynchpin that keeps

it all together.

As Ritesh noted, the tournament continues to grow in stature and its ability to attract more funding for the cause, as 288 golfers took to the picturesque grounds of the Rattlesnake Point Golf Club in Milton on Aug. 18, 2025. There were many highlights during a hard-fought tournament with a spectacular finale of a Ball Drop raffle by a helicopter hovering 100 feet above on the fairway of Hole no 18.



Anil, popularly known as Anilbhai, mentioned lawyer and community activist, Manoj Pundit, as an original inspiration when starting on the golf charity journey. “I am also inspired by the words of Sparsh Shah, a young motivator who inspired thousands despite his serious disabilities, and a past winner of the CIF Global Indian Award, “I am possible.”

He also thanked the numerous sponsors, CIF members and supporters, and the young volunteers who made it all happen.



Anil Shah also paid tribute to two stalwarts and tireless campaigners on behalf of the Canada India bilateral who passed away recently – CIF Co-founder Ajit Someshwar and Surjit Singh Bhatti. In an emotional address, Anil recalled the tremendous contributions of Ajit Someshwar, by his friend and business partner. “Without his guidance and help we would not have become what we are today. A fellow dreamer, a man whose presence shaped a chapter in my own life, a man who committed to building a bridge between Canada and India. He leaves behind a legacy that will survive long past our own lives. His spirit will stay in the heart of all who knew him.”

Air Commodore Surjit Singh Bhatti was remembered fondly by the gathering for this bold commitment to the Indo Canadian community as well as his proactive stance for a friendly engagement with India. Bhatti, he pointed out, proved the dictum that ‘True greatness lies not in one’s achievements but in our service to others.’ [\(Read More\)](#)



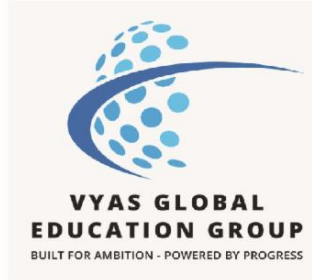
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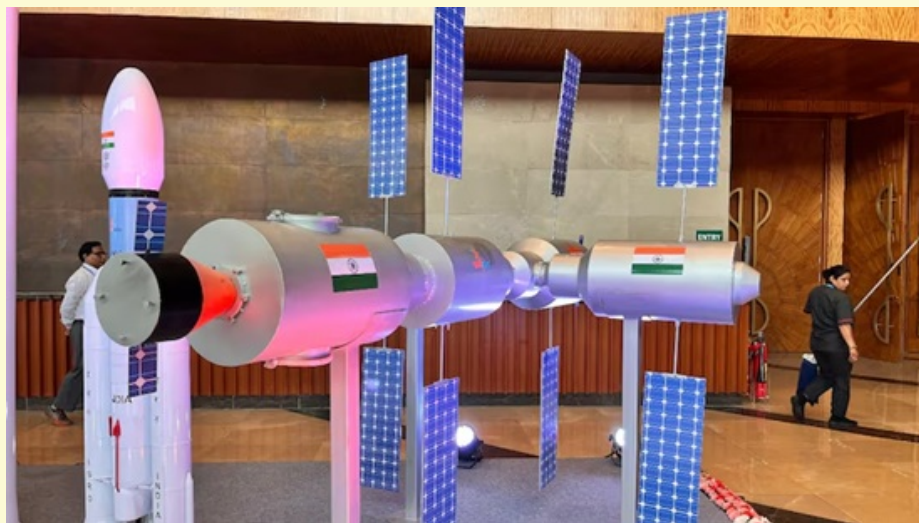
HEADLINES

India Develops Own Multi-layered Air Defence System



India's defence research agency has reported the development of an indigenously developed multi-layered air defence system that is expected to be deployed extensively in the coming years. Maiden tests of the system were conducted in third week of August. The system's three layers include Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile, Advanced Very Short-Range Air Defence System missiles and a high-power laser based Directed Energy Weapon. [\(Read more.\)](#)

ISRO's Ambitious Project to Place a Space Station in Orbit



Indian space scientists are working on building its own space station to be operational by 2028. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently unveiled the first look of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS), with a demo model. The first module of the station, weighing 10 tonnes is expected to be in orbit by 2028. [\(Read more.\)](#)

India Bans Online Real Money Games

A thriving sector that was valued at billions of dollars have come under a new Indian law



that bans playing games online with actual money. Major players in the segment like Winzo and Nazara have already announced suspension of their real money games while continuing to offer games for entertainment to hundreds of millions of subscribers throughout the world. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Modi Lists Five Major Priorities for India

In what is described as the longest-ever prime ministerial address on India's Independence Day, Narendra Modi, laid out the five core objectives for the nation moving towards a developed nation status by 2047. Besides employment generation and GST reforms to boost rate of growth, he spoke about building a bullet-proof national security architecture and a ten-fold increase in nuclear energy generation. [\(Read more.\)](#)



S&P Upgrades India Rating to BBB



Rating agency S&P has upgraded its rating for India from a BBB- to BBB, a major improvement that takes into account recent economic performance, resiliency and the stable political climate. The Agency said the upgrade was warranted after a period of buoyant economic growth, against the

backdrop of an enhanced monetary policy environment that anchors inflationary expectations. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Mississauga is Home to the Tallest Idol of Lord Ram in North America



Nearly 10,000 people came to celebrate the installation of the Lord Ram idol at the Hindu Heritage Centre in Mississauga in the presence of spiritual and political leaders. The event marks yet another important milestone in the continuing journey of the Hindu diaspora communities spread across the world.

Tourists Arrivals in India Closer to Pre-Covid Levels



India's tourism sector registered growth levels closer to its pre-Covid year this year with total arrivals touching 99,51,722. Topping the list of source countries is the US that sent 18,04,586 toppling the top position held by Bangladesh. The United Kingdom followed with 10,22,587 visitors, while

Australia (5,18,205) and Canada (4,76,273) took the fourth and fifth spots respectively. [\(Read more.\)](#)

India Semiconductor Mission on Fast Track

Prime Minister of India announced the launch of four more project under the India Semiconductor Mission with a total outlay of C\$ 730 million. With these four more approvals, total approved projects under ISM stands at 10 with cumulative investments of around C\$ 25 billion in 6 states. [\(Read more.\)](#)



Indian Jockey Makes History at England's Royal Ascot



England's prestigious Royal Ascot, the home of world horse racing, recently witnessed the triumph of an Indian jockey who won the coveted Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Stayers. Ace Indian jockey Suraj Narredu etched his name in history, achieving a remarkable milestone for himself and his nation by powering Fireblade to a thrilling victory. The triumph marked a moment of pride for Indian horse racing, as Narredu became the first Indian jockey to conquer this iconic venue.

Next Gen Bullet Trains Confirmed for Mumbai-Ahmedabad Corridor



India's ambitious bullet train project will debut with an entirely new next gen E10 Shinkansen bullet train, a global first. It is slated for its Gujarat operations by December 2027. The entire Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor of the project, at a total cost of C\$ 17 billion, will be operational by December 2029.



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CIF Urges Community Members to Donate Blood

Canada India Foundation continued its efforts to help create awareness in the community to donate to the Canadian Blood Services. Blood is always a critical element in healthcare with the power to save lives. CIF is encouraging members of the Indo Canadian community to be proactive and help in this crucial program.

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