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Chair's Message



PM Carney Means Business and India Becomes a Hot Destination

Dear Friends,

Strategic partnership in mere words or on paper means nothing without an actual executive plan behind it. Since 2015, I have been hearing this buzz word “strategic partnership” with India. True, there has been some positive momentum in certain specific areas and most of it led by well-known investors, funds and provinces who refused to let politics dictate economics. Except these sporadic engagements, nothing close to the true potential of a Canada India partnership was visible anywhere.

In these past few years, India has seen tremendous changes in its priorities, alignments, and positioning on world stage and what it offers to the rest of the world. In the ever-evolving global dynamics, a country’s relevance is based on two vital transactions: either you can supply what the world wants or that you can buy what world wants to sell. This is where I see a very different approach by PM Carney as Canada is a supply powerhouse and India is a global buyer. Carney

probably understands business and economy better than politics, but isn't right politics all about making sure your economy and people are prosperous?

That is precisely what our prime minister is busy working on. He is perhaps more airborne these days than grounded as he flies to multiple capitals to make friends and do deals that will impact the economic well-being of Canadians. Unfortunately, he does not fly Air Canada; he had good chances to accumulate enough Air Miles to meet the new tough criteria for Super Elite qualification! He is in a tearing hurry to rebuild burnt bridges and strengthen Canada on the global stage. We Canadians love the way he is positioning himself and Canada as we face unprecedented economic uncertainty. It is no more about petty gains on electoral front; it is more about strategic autonomy and what will work for Canada in the long term. This is a very refreshing change in Canadian politics.

Yes, it is true that PM Carney is skipping an all-important stopover in Punjab this time. His itinerary is packed covering three major countries including Australia and Japan, before he gets back to Ottawa. Not that Punjab is not important - Punjab is the pride of India. But so are many other states in India who are contributing immensely to the current growth story. Not every visiting dignitary visits all 28 states in India. This is not a question to be raised on this trip. This trip is all about business, investment, resetting and rebuilding the relationship. Mumbai and Delhi can well serve the purpose. I foresee many good business meets in Mumbai and then maybe some important outcomes and announcements in Delhi. The sequence of stops also shows seriousness of intent. In Mumbai- you get to see financial capital and ambition of New India and in Delhi you formalize how Canada can be an integral part of that aspirational New India long term.

The original breakthrough in the relationship had come when PM Carney invited PM Modi to the G7 meeting held in Canada last year. Subsequent meetings between PM Carney and PM Modi at various international events started the process of rebuilding trust. Official visits to each other's country by powerful ministers like Anita Anand, Maninder Sidhu, Tim Hodgson, S Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval and many more on both sides showed a clear and definite intent and plan to bury the past, work on common synergies and take this bilateral to the next level based on trust, sincerity and long term benefit for people on both sides. ([READ MORE](#)).

Upcoming Event

Save the Date
International Women's Day 2026

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12th MARCH, 2026

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**SAVE THE
DATE**

@ Courtyard by Marriott
90 Biscayne Crescent, Brampton, ON

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

HEADLINES

Prime Minister Carney Arrives in Mumbai



Prime Minister Mark Carney touched down in Mumbai, India's commercial capital, on February 27 to start the first of a series of engagements that will cover political as well as business interests. Carney's visit is being welcomed in India as a serious attempt to repair the past rupture and make way for a renewed bilateral based on opportunities. Both sides are expected to discuss cooperation in critical areas like defense, AI and clean tech. ([Read More](#))

Canada Moves to Revoke Tahawwur Rana Hussain's Citizenship

As perhaps a goodwill gesture from Canada and its serious intention of repair relationship with India, Canada is seeking to revoke the citizenship of Tahawwur Rana Hussain, an accused in the horrific terror attacks on Mumbai in 2008 in which 166 citizens were killed.



Ironically, it is not the terror charges and conviction in the US that Immigration Canada will be presenting as reason for stripping him of citizenship, but his false declaration of residency in Canada. Rana is currently facing judicial proceedings in India following his extradition from the US. ([Read more.](#))

US Court's Tariff Decision Changes Very Little for Canada

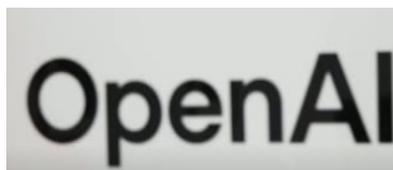


The celebration in Canada over the US Supreme Court's decision to strike down the Trump tariffs proved to be short-lived, as experts pointed out that little has changed as far as Canada-US trade is concerned. In fact, levies imposed on critical sectors like steel, aluminium and automobiles, stay in place, threatening

hundreds of thousands of jobs in Canada. And worse may be yet to come when the CUSMA comes up for review in a few months. ([Read more.](#))

Hundreds of Billions to be Invested in India's AI Superpower Drive

Premier of British Columbia during his recent visit to India called on the Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Singh Mann. They discussed many areas of mutual interest, especially in the farming and agro-processing industries. On manufacturing and trade, Mann said Canada's expertise in agricultural machinery and precision engineering could integrate well with Punjab's industrial clusters. ([Read more.](#))



8-Year-Old Wizkid Stuns AI Power Players at Delhi Summit



A little 8-year-old made a huge splash at the power-packed World AI Summit held recently in New Delhi that attracted the best and brightest in the AI domain. A keynote speaker at the Summit, Ranvir Sachdeva drew a link between ancient Indian philosophy and the latest AI innovations and spoke eloquently of the tremendous future

awaiting India. From coding at age three to addressing world forums, his journey reflects India's rising tech confidence and signals the abundant talent that may emerge from India to transform the international AI scene. [\(Read more.\)](#)

India to Commission Third Indigenously Built Nuclear-powered Submarine

India's third indigenously built nuclear-powered submarine, named INS Aridhaman, is close to being inducted into the Indian navy. Biggest of the three, INS Aridhaman is designed to carry longer-range K-4 submarine-launched ballistic missiles, enhancing both reach and survivability, key pillars of India's nuclear doctrine based on credible minimum deterrence and assured second-strike capability. [\(Read more.\)](#)



Adani Announces \$100 Billion Investment in AI Data Centres



Adani Enterprises, one of the largest Indian conglomerates with interests in power, infrastructure and technology recently announced plans to invest \$100 billion to build renewable energy-powered AI-ready data centres by 2035. The investment will also catalyse an additional \$150 billion across server manufacturing, cloud

platforms, and supporting industries, creating a projected \$250 billion AI infrastructure ecosystem in India. [\(Read more.\)](#)

Rolls-Royce Offers India Co-development of Fighter Jet Engines

Britain's revered tech leader, Rolls-Royce, has formally offered to co-develop fighter jet engines in India. The offer was made during the meeting of the Rolls-Royce CEO with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The company was among the first to respond after India invited bids from Indian and international defence and aerospace companies to partner in producing the next generation of engines. Already more than 1,400 Rolls-Royce engines are currently powering various defence platforms such as the Jaguar combat aircraft and Hawk trainers of the Indian Air Force and Navy. [\(Read more.\)](#)



Overseas Indians at Extreme Risk to Develop Heart Disease



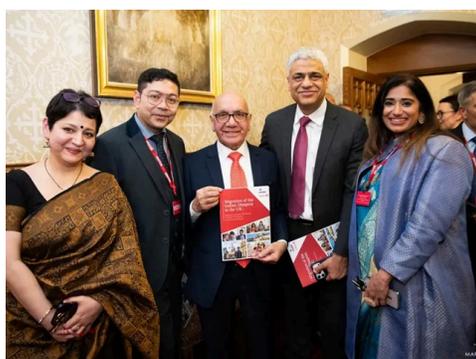
Not that any more proof is required but the latest study confirms what many knew from experience. Indians and all those who hail from the subcontinent are at two and a half times the risk of heart diseases than the mainstream community in the West. The study identified clinical risk factors like hypertension, prediabetes, physical inactivity, obesity, and poor diet among the chief culprits. The study stressed on the need to rethink current screening paradigms: recommending early intervention instead of waiting for manifestation of heart disease. ([Read more.](#))

India's Organic Sector Gets Centre Spot at World Exhibition

India cemented its rising reputation as a major producer of organic products when the country was nominated as Country of the Year at BIOFACH 2026, the world's leading trade fair for organic products, held at Nuremberg, Germany. Indian exhibitors showcased a wide range of organic products such as rice, oilseeds, herbs, spices, pulses, cashew, ginger, turmeric, large cardamom, cinnamon, mango puree, and essential oils, among others. ([Read more.](#))



Indian Migration to the UK Helped the Country Rebuild



In a world increasingly at odds about migration and its consequences, comes a white paper from the UK that traces the immigration from India to that country post-War that argues that the Indian migrants played a profound role in the economic wellbeing of UK for generations. It traces four major waves of migration since India's independence in 1947, showing how Indian contributions have spanned post-war reconstruction, entrepreneurial revival, knowledge economy leadership, and recent

crisis response. Today, Indian diaspora is the most economically successful migrant group in the U.K. ([Read more.](#))



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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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