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INDIA IN TORONTO

Newsletter of the Consulate General of India, Toronto

Honouring Veterans

The Consulate General of India, launched a new initiative #VaristhYoddha to felicitate ex-servicemen above the age of 90 years.

These ex-servicemen served in Indian Army, Navy or Air Force and had migrated to Canada. Consul General and Consulate officials visited the veterans at their residence to felicitate them. Consul General Ms. Apoorva Srivastava presented them with a memento and a shawl as a token of appreciation for their service to the nation.





Session of Meri Awaaz



Lawyer Archana Medhekar



Launch of "Meri Awaaz" Forum for Women

In response to the needs of Indian women in Canada and to improve their access to the judicial system, Consulate General of India launched an initiative 'Meri Aawaz'. Under this forum, an interactive session will be held at the Consulate whereby distressed women can discuss their issues with empanelled lawyers to seek guidance to pursue their cases legally in Canada.

The first session was held on 10 September, 2020 at the Consulate premises with Lawyer Archana Medhekar providing legal counsel. Women seeking guidance may write to welfare.toronto@mea.gov.in for more information.

We Bid Adieu...

Team Toronto bids farewell to two of our most dedicated and passionate officers at the end of their tenure in Toronto, Consul (Commerce) Saifullah Khan and Consul (Welfare) DP Singh.

We thank them for their exemplary work in Canada in the last three years and wish them the best for the next phase.



Commendation for Community Organisations

Community associations from different provinces in Canada were selected for exemplary service to the community during the Pandemic. From Toronto, 4 organisations Sewa Canada International Aid INC, Sai Dham Canada, Punjabi Food Seva and Guru Nanak Food Seva were presented with a certificate of appreciation signed by High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria.



Sai Dham Canada



Sewa Canada



Guru Nanak Food Seva



Punjabi Food Seva

High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria visits Toronto

High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria visited Toronto where a series of meetings were organized by the Consulate with the Indian diaspora. The High Commissioner met leaders of the Pharmaceuticals Industry, Banking Industry, Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament and the board members of Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) and Canada India Foundation (CIF). The High Commissioner also called on The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in Toronto.



Board members of ICCC



Members of Parliament



Board members of CIF



CEO's of Pharma Companies



CEO's of Banking and IT Companies



Members of Provincial Parliament

Vande Bharat Mission

64 special flights as on 14 September, 2020 under Vande Bharat Mission from Toronto to different destinations in India have facilitated the return of more than 11,000 stranded Indians and Indian origin foreigners.

Click [here](#) for Flight Schedule for September and October.



Condolence Book for Shri Pranab Mukherjee

We deeply mourn the passing of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, former president of India. A condolence book was kept open at the Consulate on Sep 3 & 4 for everyone to write their condolences. Consul Generals of France, Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Brazil, Bulgaria and Bangladesh also came to pay their respects.

A digital condolence book was kept open for public to pay their respects.

Hindi Divas - September 2020

हिंदी दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ।

14 सितम्बर 2020 'हिंदी दिवस' को भारतीय कौंसलावास व सहयोगी संस्थाओं के साहचर्य में 'अखिल विश्व हिन्दी समिति, टोरोन्टो, कनाडा द्वारा ४० साहित्यकारों द्वारा 10 से अपराह्न २ बजे तक एक भव्य ई- विश्व हिन्दी साहित्य सम्मेलन का आयोजन हुआ।

मुख्य अतिथि सम्माननीया भारतीय कौंसलाधीश अपूर्व श्रीवास्तव जी थीं। अध्यक्ष थे डॉ दाऊजी गुप्ता व आयोजक व संचालक थे श्री गोपाल बघेल 'मधु'।

India-Canada Economic Relationship

Toronto Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and British Columbia Chapter of ICAI organised a webinar on India-Canada Economic Relationship. Consul General Apoorva Srivastava along with the ICAI India President Mr. Atul Kumar Gupta discussed India-Canada economic relationships and avenues to pursue business opportunities for Indian community in Canada.

India's New Education Policy

Indo-Canada chamber of commerce organised a webinar on India's New Education Policy. Consul General Apoorva Srivastava discussed improving India Canada educational ties and how NEP 2020 can further strengthen this partnership.

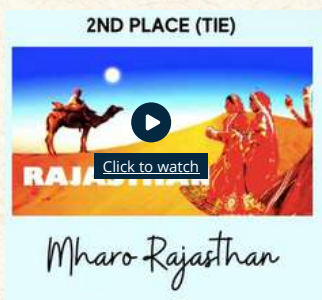
Prachi Kaul, Dr. VM Bansal and Prashant Srivastava were also in attendance.

Teachers Day celebrations

टोरंटो में भारत के प्रधान कौंसलावास तथा अखिल विश्व हिन्दी समिति द्वारा, शिक्षक दिवस व पूर्व राष्ट्रपति डॉ सर्वपल्ली राधाकृष्णन जी के जन्म दिन पर आयोजित ई-विश्व कवि सम्मेल साहित्यिक तरंग के साथ सम्पन्न हुआ ।



Panorama India Day Parade - Digital Float Winners



Panorama India with the support of the Consulate, took India Day celebrations virtual this year with participation of over 50 community organisation representing the different states of India.



Congratulations to all community organisations for the commendable work they have put in to showcase each state in all its glory.

16 years of Parvasi Media Group

Consul General Apoorva Srivastava attended the celebrations for the completion of 16 years of Parvasi Radio and the launch of their 24 hours news channel. Members of Parliament Ruby Sahota, Sonia Sidhu and Members of Provincial Parliament Deepak Anand and Nina Tangri were also in attendance.



DRDO successfully tests Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle

Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Government of India, successfully flight tested a Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV), an unmanned scramjet vehicle with the ability to travel at six times the speed of sound. This is a giant leap in indigenous defence technologies and a significant milestone towards a Sashakt Bharat and Atmanirbhar Bharat. With this mission, DRDO has demonstrated capabilities for highly complex technology that will serve as the building block of NextGen Hypersonic vehicles. Read the full article [here](#).



Mission Karmayogi aims to prepare civil servants for future

Government of India has launched its biggest Human Resources Development reform in the government "Karma Yogi", a skill building programme for country's civil servants. Under the program, an integrated government online training platform, iGOTKarmayogi, will be set up. The iGOT platform will enable the transition to a role-based HR management and continuous learning. Read the full article [here](#).

COVID an opportunity for radically reforming India's healthcare system: Amitabh Kant

The ongoing pandemic has given unique opportunity to transform India's health system, which needs to be prioritized and escalated through infrastructure, investment and manpower. By undertaking radical reforms, India will not only be able to save lives and protect households slipping into poverty due to catastrophic illnesses but also significantly boost economic growth. Read the full article [here](#).

PM SVANidhi scheme helping the pandemic impacted street vendors restart their livelihood.

The SVANidhi Yojna has been formulated for street vendors to provide them access to affordable loans for resuming their livelihoods. PM Narendra Modi has said that SVANidhi Yojna has given a new identity and opportunity to a large number of street vendors to resume and promote their businesses. He added that Rs 10,000 loan can be taken initially under the scheme which can improve borrowing capacity of street vendors gradually by improving their business. Read the full article [here](#).

India: Future of investments in manufacturing

Cost competitive manufacturing and creation of domestic champions remain at the core of Atmanirbhar Bharat vision. India is constructing dedicated freight corridors along with Logistics Parks/Freight Terminals/Parcel Terminals at sweeping speed in various locations in India to handle various categories of cargo. With global supply chains being reformed, India is set to provide a vital link to encourage investments focussed at leading India to its rightful place in contributing to global value chains. Read the full article [here](#).

FCRA registration for Golden Temple

The central government has granted permission to the Golden Temple in Amritsar to receive foreign funding. Describing this as a "path-breaking move", Union Home Minister Amit Shah said it will once again showcase the outstanding spirit of service of the Sikh community. Read the full article [here](#).

