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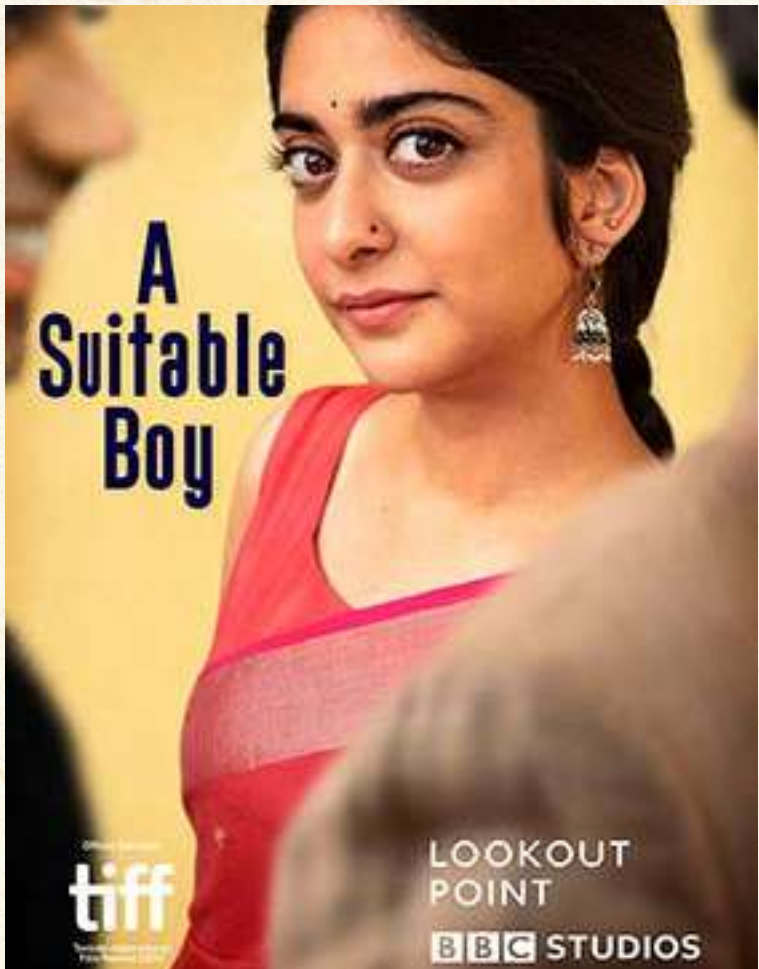
Newsletter of the Consulate General of India, Toronto

Toronto International Film Festival

The 45th edition of the Toronto International Film Festival, took place between September 10–19, with physical screenings and drive-ins, digital screenings, virtual red carpets, press conferences, and industry talks. This year's selection included screening of different Indian movies and a series of panel discussions by industry experts.



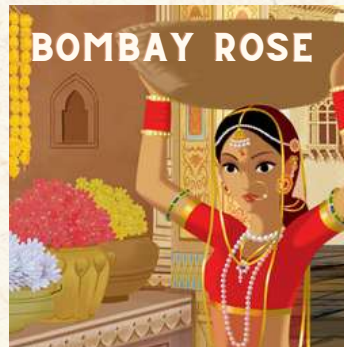
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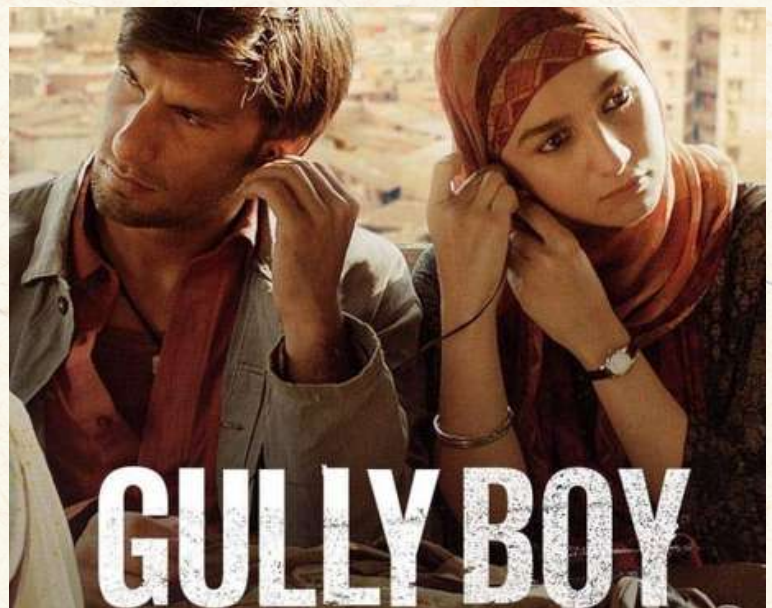
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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA, TORONTO
PRESENTS
**WOMEN IN CINEMA
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2020



GULLY BOY



Women in Cinema

ARRA Arts supported by Consulate General of India in Toronto presented a Panel Discussion on Women in Cinema with internationally renowned women film directors from India, Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari (Bareilly Ki Barfi), Leena Yadav (Teen Patti) Tannishtha Chatterjee (Roam Rome Mein).

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Leena Yadav



Tannishtha Chatterjee



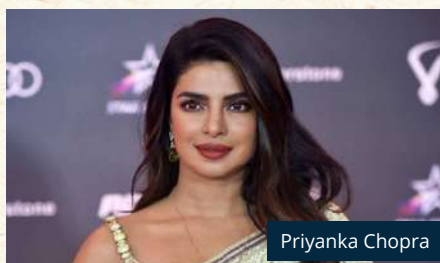
Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari

India - Canada: Exploring Opportunities

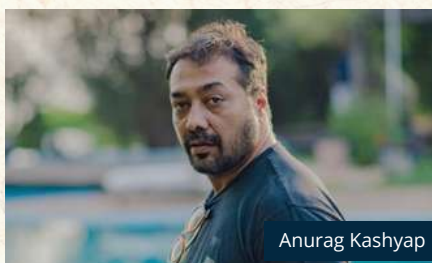
Stalwarts discussed Indo-Canadian Co-production opportunities, postproduction services and export potential of content between the two nations was hosted by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) at TIFF on 10th September. Speakers included TCA Kalyani, Joint secretary, MIB, Consul General Apoorva Srivastava, Rahul Ravail & Roger Nair.

India - All in one destination for filming

Another engaging panel discussion on India as an all-in-one destination for filming was hosted by MIB and CII on 12th September. Speakers included TCA Kalyani, Joint secretary, MIB, Consul General Apoorva Srivastava, Arvind Vijh, P Jayakumar & Mr. Rajan Navani.



Priyanka Chopra



Anurag Kashyap

Ambassadors at TIFF

Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas and filmmaker Anurag Kashyap were among global celebrities invited to be ambassadors for the festival.

FILMS SHOWCASED

Gully Boy

Indian Film Gully Boy was featured as part of TIFF's drive in series. The screening was preceded by a video introduction from director Zoya Akhtar.

The Suitable Boy

Mira Nair's six-part drama series adaptation of Vikram Seth's book was the first-ever TV project to close the festival in its 45-year history.

The Disciple

Bengali Film "The Disciple" by Chaitanya Tamhane won the "Amplify Voices Award".

Bombay Rose

TIFF 2020 also featured artistes behind TIFF 2019 award film "Bombay Rose" by Gitanjali Rao.

75 flights of Vande Bharat Mission

75 special flights as on 1 October, 2020 under Vande Bharat Mission from Toronto to different destinations in India have facilitated the return of more than 13,000 stranded Indians and Indian origin foreigners. We would like to thank Air India, GTAA staff and Team Toronto for their consistent repatriation efforts since May 2020.



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



Launch of मातृभाषा initiative

Launching मातृभाषा, an initiative to promote Indian languages. Various community organizations in association with the Consulate will be conducting competitions, plays, performances etc promoting different languages of India. Announcements for मातृभाषा competitions will be made on the website and social media channels of the Consulate.

Announcement - Life Certificates

Life Certificate can be availed through postal service as walk-ins are discontinued due to COVID-19. The required documents can be mailed to the Consulate with Self addressed prepaid envelope for return of serviced document. Since the Life Certificate is a document which requires physical verification. Hence, applicant should provide his/her mobile number (with whatsapp) to the Consulate through which video chat is possible. Click [here](#) for document list and others details.

Canada-India Trade by 2025

Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce with the support of the Consulate organised a virtual event 'Canada – India Trade by 2025 – Enabling Variety. Volume. Velocity' on 17 September 2020. The speakers included Hon. Mary Ng, Canada's Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion, and International Trade and Hon. Hardeep Singh Puri, India's Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Civil Aviation, and Housing and Urban Affairs. High Commissioner of India to Canada Ajay Bisaria and High Commission of Canada to India Nadir Patel also spoke on the occasion and gave their perspectives for enhancing bilateral trade. The program concluded with a panel discussion.



2nd Trade & Investment Table

Consul General Apoorva Srivastava joined the 2nd Trade and Investment Table hosted by Honb'le Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Ontario along with Consul Generals of other countries.



Brand India Virtual Tour

The Consulate in collaboration with Indo Canadian Business Chamber (ICBC) organized the first webinar of Brand India Virtual Tour of seven provinces of Canada on 29 September 2020. The first session focused on expanding trade relations with province of Quebec. The webinar highlighted business opportunities between India and Quebec and helped in connecting buyers and sellers through exclusive breakout sessions.

Conceptualized with a focus to explore numerous sector specific business opportunities with Canada's 7 provinces namely, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland Labrador in upcoming 7 months, the series of webinars will provide a platform for forging business partnerships with Canadian provinces.

Upcoming trade programs in India

1. Global Virtual Textile E-Sourcing Fair - Beyond Basics & Barriers from 9-11 October 2020.
2. 50th IHGF Delhi Autumn 2020 Fair scheduled to be held from 4-9 November 2020. Registrations open soon.

In Focus: Manitoba

In a meeting with Hon'ble Ralph Eichler, Minister of Economic Development and Training, Manitoba and Chief of Protocol for the Province of Manitoba, Brad Robertson, High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria and Consul General Apoorva Srivastava discussed a range of opportunities including in India-Manitoba trade, education, medical supplies from India, agri-tech, mining and minerals.



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Mr. David Agnew
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Canada India Insight

Impact Media & Events Corporation with the support of High Commission of India in Ottawa and Canada India, USA development forum, organized a conference on Canada India Relations: Realities of Today & Vision for Tomorrow. Speakers in the conference included Hon'ble Minister Som Parkash Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Govt of India, Hon'ble Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Ontario, Hon'ble. Ranj Pillai Deputy Premier, Yukon, Eri O'Toole, Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada, David Agnew, President, Seneca College, Sandeep Goel, President & CEO, ICICI Bank Canada and High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria.

Bharat ko Janiye Quiz - Participate and win a trip to India

Bharat Ko Janiye" online quiz 2020-21, is being organized by the Government of India for PIOs, NRIs & foreign nationals in the age group of 18-35 years. Registration can be done on www.bharatkojaniye.in.

The portal has (a) guidelines for participation;
(b) Study material;
(c) Mock Quiz; and,
(d) Timeline of the Quiz

Interaction with ICICI Canada Bank

In a virtual session with the employees of ICICI Bank, Canada, Consul General Apoorva Srivastava interacted with 200+ employees of ICICI bank and shared her insights on India- Canada trade and economic relationships.

BHARAT
Ko Janiye
Quiz

Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
(Overseas Indian Affairs-II Division)

Participate and get chance to visit India

BHARAT KO JANIYE QUIZ 2020-21
(Know India Quiz Contest 2020-21)

Eligibility:
Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz is open for 3 categories of participants - PIO, NRI & Foreigners between 18 to 35 years.

Registrations starts from: 30th September 2020

For registration & participation, please visit: www.bharatkojaniye.in

Brief Guidelines:
There will be four rounds of quiz in online mode.
1st round (1 to 30 November 2020) - Welcome round open to everyone. Winners from each country will get Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
2nd round (7 to 13 December 2020) - Winners of 1st round participate.
3rd round (14 to 20 December 2020) - Top 10 contenders of second round participate- total 30 participants.
4th & Final round (21 to 27 December 2020) - Top 7 contenders of 3rd round will participate- total 21 participants.

Final winners - 5 in each category (3 medal winners and 2 consolation prizes). All 15 winners will invited for Bharat Darshan (India Tour).

PM Modi addressed US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) Summit on 3rd September 2020

Addressing the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) Summit, on 3rd September, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid out India's post-Pandemic vision, stating that current situation demands a fresh mind set. Referring to various steps taken to ramp up facilities for fighting COVID and to increase awareness amongst the citizens, the Prime Minister said all such early measures ensured that the country with 1.3 billion people and limited resources has one of the lowest death rates per million in the World. Read the full statement [here](#).



PM Modi delivers virtual speech at United Nations General Assembly

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the annual UN General Assembly on 26 September 2020. He addressed the 75th session of the UNGA in Hindi. In his pre-recorded video statement to the landmark General Debate of the 75th session of the UNGA, Hon'ble Prime Minister said the stability in the United Nations and empowerment of the world body are essential for the welfare of the world. Read the full article [here](#).

PM Modi to inaugurate VAIBHAV Summit on 2nd October 2020

Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit on 2nd October'2020 through video conferencing. The month-long Summit will provide a platform to leverage the expertise and knowledge of global Indian researchers for solving emerging challenges and create an ecosystem of Knowledge and Innovation in the country through global outreach. Read more about the summit [here](#).

India restores reduced tariff on lentil imports

India has reinstated a reduced-rate tariff on imports of lentils from Canada as well as from all lentil-exporting nations other than the United States. Saskatchewan Pulse Growers on Friday reported receiving a Sept. 17 notification of amendment from India's finance ministry regarding customs tariffs on lentils, which in Canada's case had snapped back to 33 per cent effective Sept. 1. Read the full article [here](#).

The Macdonald Laurier Institute releases a report on "Khalistan –A Project of Pakistan"

A Project of Pakistan' by senior journalist Terry Mileskwi published by Macdonald-Laurier Institute establishes that Pakistan has been behind the Khalistan agenda and that the demand does not enjoy popular support among the Sikhs, especially in India, where most of the world's Sikhs live. The report finds that the project is nurtured by Pakistan as a vendetta against India, and that Pakistani-sponsored Khalistani extremism poses serious national security threats to both Canada and India. Read the full article [here](#).

Sikhs and Hindus arrive in India from Afghanistan with MEA help

In view of the continued persecution of the Sikh and Hindu minority communities in Afghanistan and Pakistan, small groups of the persecuted community members have started arriving in India. The first batch of 11 members of Afghan Hindu Sikh minority community arrived in India on 26 July followed by batches of 48 members on 14 August and 122 members on 20 August. The continued inflow of persecuted Sikh Hindu minority members from Afghanistan to India has been possible with India providing long term visa, and assistance for permanent settlement.