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HAPPY NEW YEAR





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SESSION 3 - JANUARY

Join Isha Yoga session
Meditation for Mental Health

10am to 11am ET, Sunday 17 January
Register on: <http://isha.us/yoga-for-toronto>

Yoga For Wellness

Yoga for wellness launched in November is a series of monthly yoga sessions to promote health and wellness for the benefit of the Indian diaspora.

Join us on Sunday 17 January at 10am for a Isha Yoga session on Meditation for Mental Health. This webinar offers simple tools to create mental balance and inner peace. In this session you will learn:- Nadi Shuddhi, a yogic practice that cleanses the nadis – the pathways through which pranic energy flows – resulting in a balanced system and psychological wellbeing.- Isha Kriya – a powerful meditative process for health, dynamism and wellbeing. Open to all aged 12+.

Click to register: <http://isha.us/yoga-for-toronto>

Panorama India Republic Day Celebrations

Republic Day celebrations by Panorama India will be streamed live on Sunday, 31st January 2021. Join in for a day of art, dance, music and everything about India.



140 flights of Vande Bharat Mission

140 special flights as on 07 January, 2021 under Vande Bharat Mission from Toronto to different destinations in India have facilitated the return of more than 31,727 passengers.



Annual Gathering of MASWO

Consul General Apoorva Srivastava attended the Annual Gathering of Malayali Association of Social Workers Ontario on 19 December. The event was also attended by Premier Doug Ford, Associate Minister for Children and Women's Issues, Jill Dunlop, MPP Deepak Anand, advisors and members of MASWO.



Meet & Greet of My Indians in Canada Association

The annual Christmas and New Year meet and greet of My Indians in Canada Association was attended by Consul General Apoorva Srivastava. The evening included cultural performances and Consul General wished all the members, volunteers and families for the holiday season.

PM Modi Lays Foundation Stone for World's Largest Renewable Energy Park at Kutch, Gujarat.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently laid the foundations for the world's largest renewable energy park in Kutch, Gujarat. Spread over 72,600 hectares of waste land, this is the first of its kind energy project, which is expected to play a major role in fulfilling India's vision of generating 450 GW of power by 2030. The 30 GW wind and solar project will cut annual carbon dioxide emissions by as much as 50 million tons. Read PM's address [here](#).



India starts its 8th UN Security Council term for 2 years

India began its eighth term as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council on 4 January 2021 with the stated objective of raising its voice against terrorism, speaking for the developing world and bringing 'human-centric inclusive solutions' to matters of global peace and security. External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar has said that India's approach would be guided by 5 S, Samman (respect), Samvad (dialogue), Sahayog (cooperation), Shanti (peace) and Samridhi (prosperity) and efforts to achieve NORMS i.e., New Orientation for a Reformed Multilateral System. Read the entire report [here](#).

Govt readies 3D printing policy for local firms to join new global market

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) will soon come up with a policy aimed at promoting 3D printing on an industrial scale. The policy will be aimed to develop a conducive ecosystem for design development and deployment of 3D printing and additive manufacturing. A draft policy paper on the subject will soon be sent to domain experts to seek their opinion. The global market for additive manufacturing is expected to reach \$ 34.8 billion by 2024, which is growing at a compound annual growth rate of 23.2 per cent. Read the article [here](#).

Cabinet Approves Export of Akash Missile System, Creates a Committee for faster Approval of Exports

India is growing in its capabilities of manufacturing wide variety of defence platforms and missiles under Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission. Inducted in 2014 in IAF and 2015 in Indian Army, Akash is India's important missile with over 96 percent indigenization. It is a Surface to Air Missile with a range of 25 Kms. After its induction in the Services, interest is shown in Akash missile by many friendly countries during International Exhibitions/Def Expo/Aero India. The Cabinet has now approved export of the Akash Missile System, which will facilitate Indian manufactures to participate in RFI/RFP issued by various countries. So far, Indian defence exports included parts/components etc. The export of big platforms was minimal. This initiative of the Cabinet would help the country to improve its defence products and make them globally competitive. Besides Akash, there is interest coming in other major platforms like Coastal Surveillance System, Radars and Air platforms. To provide faster approvals for export of such platforms, a Committee comprising of Raksha Mantri, External Affairs Minister and National Security Advisor has been created. Read the article [here](#).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates 450-km Kochi-Mangaluru natural gas pipeline

Inaugurating the 450-km Kochi-Koottanad-Mangaluru LNG (liquefied natural gas) pipeline, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that as part of efforts to making India a natural gas-based economy, 10,000 more CNG stations would be opened and several lakh PNG (piped natural gas) household connections would be given in the coming days. He added that the government would make substantial investments in coal and gas sectors to make the country energy-sufficient. Read the entire article [here](#).

Special Booklet on 'PM Modi and his Government's special relationship with Sikhs'

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Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji's entire life was devoted to serving people and fighting for values of truth, justice and compassion.”

- Narendra Modi

On the one hand, Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji showed the path of unity, brotherhood and harmony to society through social philosophy; on the other hand, he presented to the society an economic system which is based on truth, honesty and self-respect. He has taught us that the development achieved through truth and honesty, always leads to the path of progress and prosperity.”

- Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Modi at the langar, Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar



FCRA REGISTRATION FOR SRI DARBAR SAHIB, AMRITSAR

Sikhs are among the most globalised community, whose presence and influence spreads across continents. At the same time, they remain deeply connected to their roots and to India. Sri Darbar Sahib, Amritsar occupies a central place in the life of every Sikh. Giving back to the Sri Darbar Sahib, Amritsar is among the purest Sevas the Guru Sahibs can seek from any Sikh

For decades, there was no FCRA registration granted to Sri Darbar Sahib, Amritsar despite a strong demand by Sikhs globally. This was causing immense despair among the Sangat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was determined to solve this problem. In September 2020, it was announced that FCRA registration has been granted to Sri Darbar Sahib, Amritsar

Now, the Sangat worldwide can deepen their connect with Sri Darbar Sahib, Amritsar. They can partake in Seva sitting thousands of miles away

TAX-FREE LANGAR

The idea of Langar dates back to the time of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. It is a noble form of helping others. Today, many individuals and communities support Langar Seva across India

It was noted that there was GST on many Langar items. Prominent Gurudwara Committees, Sikh delegations, Sikh leaders and Sikhs from across the world had made fervent requests to undo that

PM Modi took a decision that benefitted many. By providing financial assistance under 'Seva Bhoj Yojana', the Government of India also waived GST on Langar items

Annual outlay of ₹325 crore was provided to reimburse central GST and IGST on food items used in Langars. This gesture will immensely benefit the Gurdwaras that serve free food to more than 1 crore people daily

This decision was hailed globally. After all, there must be no limitations to kindness, there must be no hurdles to compassionate gestures



Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji illuminates the entire world with its pure teachings. Inspired by it, Sikhs globally have done pioneering service in several spheres. Their courage and kindness are remarkable. May Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji keep guiding humanity forever.”

- Narendra Modi

