



**Consulate General of India
Toronto**

Press Release: Varishtha Yoddha- 2022

Consulate General of India, Toronto plans to organize the third edition of its 'Varishtha Yoddha' initiative in near future. Under this unique program, Consulate recognizes the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans of the armed forces of the Government of India and felicitates them. The last two editions of the marquee event were held in year 2020 and 2021 when veteran above the age of 90 years and 75 years were felicitated.

2. The eligibility criteria for this year's awards are as below:

- a) The veterans should be above 75 years of age as of August 15, 2022.
- b) The veterans should have had served in Indian Army, Navy, or Air-Force.
- c) The veteran should be a resident of the [Consular Jurisdiction](#) (see link) of Consulate General of India, Toronto.
- d) The veterans should not have been felicitated by our office in the first and the second edition of 'Varishtha Yoddha'.

3. To organise the event, Consulate has, in the past, relied on the support of three veterans' associations in GTA. The following are the details of these associations:

(a) **Veterans' Association of Ontario-**

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(b) **Indian Air Force Veteran's Community Association, Canada**

Contact: Sh. Suba Bajwa- Ph: 416-666-4959, email: ibex1991@live.com

(c) **Naval Foundation**

Contact: email: navalfoundation1@gmail.com

4. It is requested that those eligible for the felicitation and desiring for the award, may please send their nominations through any of the above-mentioned associations to reach us by latest by 20th of July 2022.

- i. Name
- ii. Rank
- iii. Date of Birth
- iv. Address
- v. Phone number
- vi. Email address
- vii. Brief Particulars of Service including War participation, if any.

July 14th, 2022