An encouraging response received from Yoga lovers and practitioners in Canada to My Life My Yoga Video Blogging Competition. Thanks to all the participants.

High Commissioner giving away prizes of the My Life My Yoga video blogging competition to three second place winners from Ottawa in categories - Female Youth, Female Adult & Male Adult.
Message from President of India to the Rt. Hon’ble Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada on Canada Day 2020.

Excellency

On behalf of the Government, the people of India and on my own behalf, I extend warm greetings and felicitations to Your Excellency, the Government and the people of Canada on the occasion of your National Day.

As two major democracies and diverse, pluralistic societies, based on shared values of freedom, rule of law and equality for all, India and Canada are natural partners. There is tremendous potential in furthering our bilateral collaboration in all areas of common interest. The Government and the people of India seek to work with the Government and the people of Canada to strengthen and expand our partnership for mutual benefit.

Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your good health and well-being as well as for the continued progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Canada.

With the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Ram Nath Kovind)

H.E. The Right Honourable Julie Payette
Governor General of Canada
Ottawa

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Nimu in Ladakh to interact with Indian troops

The enemies of India have seen the fire and fury of our Forces: PM Narendra Modi

More details

PM Modi’s keynote address at the United Nations ECOSOC Session

Fury of Covid-19 provides context for rebirth & reform of the UN: PM Modi

PM Modi delivered keynote address virtually at the United Nations ECOSOC session. PM Modi called upon the international community to reform multilateral institutions like the UN to make it more representative of the current world order. PM Modi said, “Today the fury of the pandemic provides the context for its (UN’s) rebirth and reform. Let us not lose this chance.”

Full speech
Mann Ki Baat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation through his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat. Calling the day as a very special one, PM Modi said, "On this day, we defeated Pakistan, we will never be able to forget this day. We saw in Kargil that while India always stands for harmony, we had also given a befitting reply to those who vitiated the spirit of peace". [Click here for video]

Sanklap Se Siddhi

The fourth cycle of the All India Tiger Estimation 2018, results of which were declared to the nation on Global Tiger Day last year by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has entered the Guinness World Record for being the world’s largest camera trap wildlife survey. The country now has an estimated 2967 tigers as per the latest census. With this number, India is home to nearly 75% of the global tiger population and has already fulfilled its resolve of doubling tiger numbers, made at St. Petersburg in 2010, much before the target year of 2022. [Read more]

COVID vaccine: Human clinical trials of Covaxin begins at AIIMS Delhi

The human clinical trials for the vaccine - 'COVAXIN' started on 20th July at AIIMS, Delhi with 375 volunteers. The vaccine has been developed by the Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical company in collaboration with National Institute of Virology (NIV) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). AIIMS, Delhi was selected by the ICMR for conducting phase I and II trials, the trials will be held in 3 phases. Covaxin has been derived from a strain of the novel coronavirus isolated by the National Institute of Virology in Pune.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Pravind Jugnauth jointly inaugurate the new Supreme Court Building

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Pravind Jugnauth, jointly inaugurated the new Supreme Court building in Mauritius through video conference on 30th July. The building is the first India assisted infrastructure project within the capital city of Port Louis to be inaugurated after the Covid pandemic. The landmark project has been completed with grant assistance of USD 28.12 million from the Government of India. [Read more]
A virtual meeting was held on July 15, 2020 between High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria and Carleton University Associate VP Karen Schwartz and Manager Michael Weatherhead. Discussion focussed on the role of CICE in promoting India-Canada cooperation in innovation and Startups.

On July 13, 2020, High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria had a virtual meeting with Langara college Prez Dr. Lane Trotter, VP Yusuf Varachia & former Chair Jas Sandhu & discussed steps taken to mitigate problems of international students due to COVID-19.

On July 23, 2020, High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria and Deputy High Commissioner Anshuman Gaur had a virtual conversation with Rohinton Medhora, President of The Centre for International Governance Innovation on global governance, G20, Indo-Canadian relations, innovation and more.

High Commissioner Mr. Ajay Bisaria and Consul General Ms. Abhilasha Joshi, had a virtual meeting on July 23, 2020 with Dr. Nemy Banthia, CEO & Scientific Director, Canada-India Research Center of Excellence (IC-IMPACTS). They discussed working together for future collaborations in science, research, patents and startups.

On 30th July High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria had a telephone interview with host Rishi Nagar of 106.7 Red FM (Calgary) and shared updates with the listeners about latest developments in India-Canada relations and other issues concerning the Indian diaspora. For complete interview click here.
Bonalu Festival: For Everyone’s Well-Being (July, 2020)

Celebrated in the Telangana state, mostly in Hyderabad and Secunderabad, Bonalu Festival is dedicated to Goddess Mahankali. The festivities are held at different places on different days and goes on for the whole month of July. During this festival, women carry painted pots on their head that are filled with offerings to thank the goddess and bless them.

Source: https://traveltriangle.com/blog/festivals-in-july-in-india

New Education Policy: India on course to become a true knowledge society. India is and will be an important economic, development & higher education partner for Canada. This opens great opportunities for Canadian Universities to leverage India-Canada partnership in Higher Education.

More details
The key highlights from PM Narendra Modi's address to the Nation

**PM MODI’S ADDRESS TO THE NATION**

Key Highlights (2/3)

1. PM Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan launched to provide employment of Shramik in rural areas and Govt is spending ₹50,000 crore
2. Country moving towards institution of ‘one nation, one ration card’ for benefit of the poor who travel to other states in search of work
3. Considering corona's death rate, India is comparatively in a better position compared to many countries of the world
4. Timely imposition of lockdown & other decisions have saved lakhs of lives. Death rate in the country is amongst the lowest in the world

Key Highlights (3/3)

1. As fight against coronavirus shifts to Unlock 2, follow regulations with same seriousness as during Lockdown, especially in Containment Zones
2. In the coming times, Govt. will continue to take further steps to empower the poor and the needy
3. While taking all the precautions, we will further expand the economic activities, pledge to work towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat, to be vocal for local work
4. PM urged all to remain healthy, maintain a distance of two yards, to always use ‘Gamchha’, Face cover and mask
Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Indians are adjusting to and adopting technology at a rapid pace. Prime Minister and Mr. Pichai spoke on a wide range of subjects, particularly leveraging the power of technology to transform the lives of India’s farmers, youngsters and entrepreneurs. More details

India is the world’s third largest petroleum consumer and Canada is the third largest exporter of the product. A paper published by the Canada-India Track 1.5 dialogue on Innovation, Growth and Prosperity which is a collaboration between Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations and the Centre for International Governance Innovation, studies the feasibility and prospects for Indian investment in Canada's petroleum sector and enumerates reasons for both countries to engage in the trade of petroleum. Read more

VANDE BHARAT MISSION PHASE V

14 flights from Toronto and 12 flights from Vancouver in the month of August 2020 for convenience of Indian nationals and certain categories of OCI card holders seeking passage to India. Bookings can be done directly at www.airindia.in
The High Commission congratulates Mr. Subhas Bhargava and Mrs. Utta Bhargava on their being conferred Meritorious Service Medals (M.S.M.) by the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor-General of Canada for their philanthropic initiatives in promoting research and awareness of neurodegenerative diseases and their outstanding achievement and service to Canada. Their achievement will no doubt inspire others in the community towards excellence in their pursuits in diverse fields.

A virtual interaction was held on 17th July, 2020 interaction between High Commissioner Mr. Ajay Bisaria and Indo-Canadian community leaders from across Canada. A range of issues including developments within and around India were discussed. High Commissioner remarked that team India works closely with 1.6 m PIOs strongly contributing to both India and Canada.

The Indo-Canadian Community Centre has donated yet another cheque for C$ 2500 for its “ICCC COVID-19 RELIEF FUND” to The Ottawa Mission. ICCC is doing great work to support charities and the community during this Pandemic.