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### 5 flights from Canada

	Date	Departure Time	Air India Flight	Destination	Onward Destination	Total Passengers
From Toronto	21 May 2020	2245 hrs.	AI0188	Delhi	Amritsar	951
	22 May 2020	2245 hrs.	AI0188	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	
	25 May 2020	2245 hrs.	AI0188	Ahmedabad	Jaipur	
	Date	Departure Time	Air India Flight	Destination	Onward Destination	Total Passengers
From Vancouver	20 May 2020	2300 hrs.	AI1190	Delhi	Amritsar	390
	24 May 2020	2300 hrs.	AI1194	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	

In a historic first, Air India, landed at Vancouver YVR airport on 20 May 2020 to begin repatriation of stranded Indians in Canada. Special Air India Flight AI 1190 took off from Vancouver on 21 May with 200 Indian nationals comprising of students, elderly and stranded visitors bringing relief to many. Some happy faces, seen off by Consul General and Consulate officials, A happy senior citizen going home [watch full video](#)

The Toronto leg of the historic #vande Bharat mission started with flight AI- at 2245 hrs on 21 May carrying 315 stranded Indians back home to Delhi & Amritsar to reunite with their families. [Watch](#) happy passengers going home



## High Commissioner's interview with India Today



“More than 5,000 Indians stranded in Canada have registered to return back. We have five flights scheduled for next week for the return of the stranded Indian in Canada”

[Watch](#) High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria interview with India Today

## COVID-19: First consignment of 5 Million HCQ Tablets from India reaches Canada



India has been helping the world with medical supplies. A consignment of five million tablets of Hydroxychloroquine from India arrived in Toronto, on May 5, as a part of the cooperation in the fight against COVID-19. [Read here](#)

## INDIA SUPPLY CHAIN AT WORK

Pharmaceuticals get to where they are needed! It is wonderful to see special medical shipment delivered to Canada from India in pandemic times. API of HCQ sulphate imported by Apotex. Committed to keeping global supply chain going. Started from Maharashtra on May 17 in Maharashtra and arrived in Toronto on May 21



## ARTS & CULTURE

In our joint efforts to inspire and strengthen India's fight against COVID19, a motivational song titled "United We Fight" was released by [ICCR](#), New Delhi. The song is to help people stay united & ignite hope in the hearts of people and encourage them to think positive in these tough times.

[Watch here.](#)



Source <https://www.tripsavvy.com/june-india-festivals-and-events-guide-1539404>

**The Silk Route Festival** is dedicated to promoting the indigenous culture of Ladakh and the Nubra Valley. It features an array of cultural programs, music, traditional foods, handicrafts, sports, and of course camel safaris through the sand dunes.

**Our forthcoming event:**

[Watch live streaming](#) of Gandhi Katha by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna on our Facebook page on Sunday, 07 June 2020 from 1000 hrs. to 1100 hrs.



### MEA Performance Smart Board

an initiative aimed at putting performance indicators of the ministry at the disposal of the people



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# BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

## Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gives the clarion call for Atmanirbhar Bharat

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announces special economic package; comprehensive package of around US\$ 260 billion, total package equivalent to 10% of India's GDP. PM also gives a call for self reliant India; lays down five pillars of Atmanirbhar Bharat. [See the story](#)

<b>Part-1</b>		<b>5,94,550</b>		<b>Part-3</b>		<b>1,50,000</b>			
Emergency W/C Facility for Businesses, including MSMEs	3,00,000	Food Micro enterprises	10,000	Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana	20,000				
Subordinate Debt for Stressed MSMEs	20,000	TOP to TOTAL: Operation Greens	500	Agri Infrastructure Fund	100,000				
Fund of Funds for MSME	50,000	Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund	15,000	Promotion of Herbal Cultivation	4,000				
EPF Support for Business & Workers	2,800	Beekeeping Initiative	500	<b>Parts-4 &amp; 5</b>				<b>48,100</b>	
Reduction in EPF rates	6,750	Viability Gap Funding	8,100	Additional MGNREGS allocation				40,000	
Special liquidity Scheme for NBFC/HFC/MFIs	30,000	<b>Total</b>		<b>11,02,650</b>				<b>(Parts 1+2+3+4+5)</b>	
Partial credit guarantee Scheme 2.0 for Liabilities of NBFCs/MFIs	45,000	<b>Earlier Measures</b>		<b>1,92,800</b>				<b>including PMGKP</b>	
Liquidity Injection for DISCOMs	90,000	<b>RBI Measures</b>		<b>8,01,603</b>				<b>(Actual)</b>	
Reduction in TDS/TCS rates	50,000	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>20,97,053</b>					
<b>Part-2</b>		<b>3,10,000</b>							
Free Food grain Supply to Migrant Workers for 2 months	3,500								
Interest Subvention for MUDRA Shishu Loans	1,500								
Special Credit Facility to Street Vendors	5,000								
Housing CLSS-MIG	70,000								
Additional Emergency Working Capital through NABARD	30,000								
Additional credit through KCC	200,000								

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### #AatmaNirbharEconomy

#### Policy Reforms to Fast-track Investment –Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat

-  Fast track Investment Clearance through Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS)
-  Project Development Cell in each Ministry to prepare investable projects, coordinate with investors and Central/ State Governments
-  Ranking of States on Investment Attractiveness to compete for new investments
-  Incentive schemes for Promotion of New Champion Sectors like Solar PV manufacturing; Advanced cell battery storage; etc.

1  20 LAKH CRORE FOR 2020 Dated: 16 MAY, 2020

### #AatmaNirbharEconomy

#### Policy Reforms for Defence Production

-  FDI limit in the defence manufacturing under automatic route to be raised from 49% to 74%
-  Time-bound defence procurement process & faster decision making to be ushered in by:
  - Setting up of a Project Management Unit (PMU) to support contract management
  - Realistic setting of General Staff Qualitative Requirements (GSQRs) of weapons/platforms
  - Overhauling Trial and Testing procedures

12  20 LAKH CRORE FOR 2020 Dated: 16 MAY, 2020

## Cabinet approves additional funding of Rs. Three lakhs crore through introduction of ECLGS

Union Cabinet has approved additional funding of up to Rs. 3 Lakh crores through introduction of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS). GECLS facility to help eligible Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) borrowers, including interested MUDRA borrowers. [Read more](#)



## Swachh Bharat: India's Sanitation Revolution



These unprecedented times are reminding us all how sanitation and hygiene are crucial to prevent diseases. Even in these tough times, we are committed to continuing our critical missions, and we believe it is now more relevant than ever.

[Watch](#) an inspiring short film on the Swachh Bharat Mission produced by National Geographic in collaboration with the Government of India. The film has also been screened on the NatGeo channel.

## EDUCATION

On May 29, 2020, High Commissioner addressed the Canadian Members Council (CMC) Annual Meeting 2020 of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) and shared thoughts with members adding that the Institute has worked for more than half a century in promoting education and scientific ties between India and Canada. Prof. John Reid, President SICI thanked the High Commissioner for his address.



Extension of deadline for Admission at University of Delhi, [click here for details](#)

Admissions open for the Master's program for the academic batch 2020-22 at Nālandā University. For more details [click](#)



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STUDY IN INDIA



High Commission of India  
Ottawa

Advisory for Canadian OCI card holders

- The Government of India has decided to allow travel of certain categories of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders to India in relaxation of the existing travel restrictions. The following categories of Canadian OCI card holders are now permitted to enter India;
  - Minor children born to Indian nationals abroad and holding OCI cards.
  - OCI cardholders who wish to come to India on account of family emergencies like death in family.
  - Couples, where one spouse is an OCI cardholder and the other is an Indian national and they have a permanent residence in India.
  - University students who are OCI cardholders (not legally minors) but whose parents are Indian citizens living in India.
- All scheduled international commercial passenger services remain closed till 2359 hrs IST of 31st May, 2020.
- Canadian OCI card holders, in above categories, who wish to travel to India are requested to approach the nearest Indian Mission or Consulate for further facilitation.

May 22, 2020  
Ottawa



#IndiaFightsCorona



## 8 additional flights from Canada

### From Toronto

Date	Departure Time	Air India Flight	From	To	Onwards To
10-Jun-20	22:45	AI 0188	TORONTO	DELHI	
14-Jun-20	22:45	AI 0188	TORONTO	DELHI	
17-Jun-20	22:45	AI 0188	TORONTO	DELHI	CHENNAI
21-Jun-20	22:45	AI 0188	TORONTO	DELHI	LUCKNOW & KOLKATA
24-Jun-20	22:45	AI 1142	TORONTO	MUMBAI	TRIVANDRUM
28-Jun-20	22:45	AI 0188	TORONTO	DELHI	AMRITSAR

### From Vancouver

Date	Departure Time	Air India Flight	From	To	Onwards To
19-Jun-20	23:00	AI 1144	VANCOUVER	DELHI	TRIVANDRUM
23-Jun-20	23:00	AI 1114	VANCOUVER	MUMBAI	AHEMEDABAD

*Flight timing is tentative and subject to change*

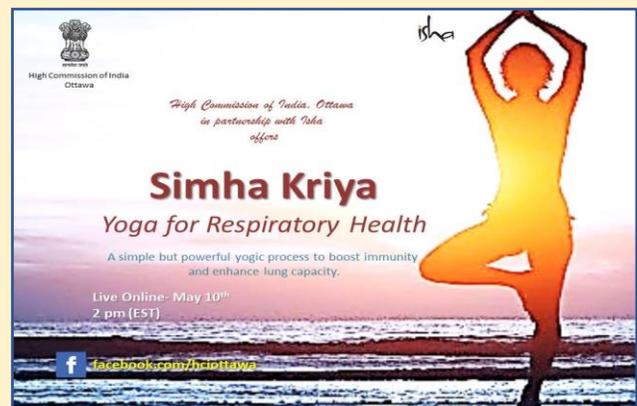
## COMMUNITY VIBES



On May 12, 2020 Indo-Canadian Business Chamber (ICBC) in collaboration with the High Commission of India, Ottawa organised a brainstorming video session on strengthening bilateral ties and prospects of Indian businesses in Canada.

Yoga is a great way to improve your mental and physical activity. We organised an online session with ISHA Yoga on “Simha Kriya: Yoga for Respiratory Health” which is a simple but powerful Yogic process to boost immunity and enhance lung capacity.

[Watch video](#)



**Our thanks for the efforts made by Indo-Canadians to help Indian students and nationals affected by COVID 19**

Indian community in Ottawa is contributing to our fight against COVID 19. Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS), Ottawa distributed free disposable masks and [Masks Unlimited](#), Ottawa is donating fabric face masks and other protective equipment.



The Indo-Canadian Community Centre has donated over \$62000 for its “ICCC COVID\_19 RELIEF FUND” to The Ottawa Hospital and other charities besides providing with face masks, meals to front line workers, support to Indian students and organising online Yoga classes.



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