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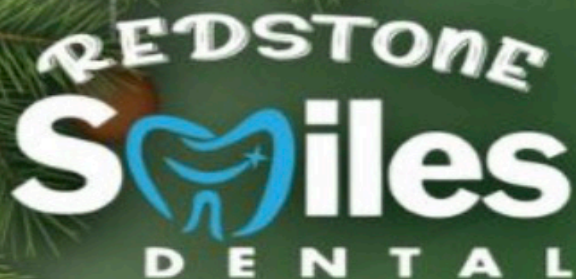
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This month, we explore transformative narratives and emerging possibilities across local and global landscapes. Revitalized dialogue between India and Canada highlights novel opportunities for cooperation, particularly in Alberta, where community and economic ties continue to strengthen. Nationally, calls for more constructive politics set the stage for a pivotal parliamentary season. At the local level, we showcase community initiatives that exemplify the grassroots origins of care and innovation. We also examine expanding educational and economic pathways between India and Canada, major infrastructure developments in Punjab, and the role of international partnerships in shaping Canada's future. Finally, we investigate emerging environmental and agricultural challenges, from carbon markets to new scientific

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Discussion with Indian High Commissioner Dinesh K. Patnaik: Strengthening India-Canada Ties in Alberta

Dr. Rajeev Sharma National Times

During his recent visit to Alberta, India's High Commissioner to Canada, Dinesh K. Patnaik, met with provincial leaders, community members, and institutions to strengthen ties between the two regions. In this conversation, he speaks with Rajeev Sharma about the goals of his trip, the opportunities he sees in Alberta, and the growing momentum in India-Canada relations.



Rajeev Sharma: You had a meeting with the Premier of Alberta in Edmonton. What were the highlights of that discussion?

Dinesh K. Patnaik: Our discussion focused on trade, investment, and innovation. We explored how Alberta's industries could collaborate with Indian counterparts, particularly in Technology, Energy, Agriculture and education. The Premier expressed interest in joint research programs and facilitating student exchanges.

Rajeev Sharma: During your visit, you signed an agreement with Alberta University. Could you elaborate on the significance of this initiative?

Dinesh K. Patnaik: Certainly. The agreement is aimed at enhancing academic collaboration between India and Canadian institutions. It

supports student and faculty exchanges, joint research projects, and knowledge-sharing in areas like sustainability, artificial intelligence, and public policy. This initiative strengthens educational ties and builds long-term partnerships that benefit both countries.

Rajeev Sharma: You also visited Calgary and met business and community leaders. What key messages did you convey?

Dinesh K. Patnaik: The message was clear: India and Canada are strategic partners, and Alberta is central to this relationship. We discussed trade facilitation, investment opportunities, and how the Indian diaspora can serve as a bridge for collaboration.

Rajeev Sharma: How do you see India-Canada relations evolving in the coming years?

Dinesh K. Patnaik: The future looks very promising. Our focus areas include technology, energy, education, and sustainable development. With active engagement from governments,

institutions, and private sectors, India-Canada collaboration will grow in both depth and scale.

Rajeev Sharma: For young professionals and students in Alberta who want to engage with India, what advice would you give?

Dinesh K. Patnaik: I encourage them to explore opportunities in education, research, and entrepreneurship. India offers a vibrant environment for innovation, and Alberta students and professionals can gain global exposure through collaborations. Understanding India's culture, economy, and innovation ecosystem can open doors to exciting possibilities.

Rajeev Sharma: Any final thoughts on your visit and its significance?

Dinesh K. Patnaik: My visit highlights the mutual interest and commitment between India and Alberta. From academic initiatives to economic partnerships, the engagements in Edmonton and Calgary reflect a forward looking agenda.

A Call for Constructive Politics: PM Modi Seeks a More Purposeful Winter Session

Gaganjot Singh National Times

As the Winter Session of Parliament commenced, PM Narendra Modi delivered a fiery address that signalled a confrontational yet clear-eyed approach to the weeks ahead. His remarks, sharp and laced with political messaging, centred on a recurring theme: Parliament, he insisted, must function as a space for governance, not theatre. "Parliament is a place for delivery, not drama," he declared an early line that has already become emblematic of the session.

The atmosphere surrounding the 19-day session is charged, with opposition parties preparing to challenge the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. They claim the process has disadvantaged voters aligned with non-BJP parties.

PM Modi, however, directed his attention not merely to the political moment but to what he views as a deeper behavioural pattern. He argued that disruptions in Parliament stem from an inability among certain parties to accept recent electoral setbacks. "There are many places for drama," he remarked pointedly. "But Parliament is a place for delivery." Without naming specific parties, he suggested that the opposition was venting its frustration on the national stage instead of engaging constructively. The Prime Minister went on to contrast slogans with policy, saying that Parliament had been increasingly burdened by theatrics and noise instead of meaningful dialogue. According to him, some opposition leaders were finding it difficult to face their constituents, and Parliament had become the outlet for their grievance rather than governance.

Amid these sharp remarks, PM Modi raised an often-overlooked concern the experience of first-time MPs. He noted that many young parliamentarians appeared "sad and anxious" as repeated disruptions robbed them of opportunities to express their views or raise issues from their constituencies. He urged all parties to ensure that newcomers to the House had the room to speak, arguing that their perspectives are valuable to the nation's legislative discourse. Analysts saw this as a dual critique: of the opposition's disruptive strategy



and of senior leadership within multiple parties who tend to dominate speaking time.

The session also marks a significant development in the Upper House, with Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan presiding over his first Parliament as Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha.

In closing, PM Modi returned to his central message, accusing certain parties of using Parliament as an emotional battleground after electoral defeats.



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“Care Begins at Home”: An Exclusive Interview with YYC Homecare Founder, Veerpal Kaur Dhatt

Dr. Rajeev Sharma National Times

Calgary - In a city shaped by rapid growth and changing family needs, YYC Homecare has established itself as a trusted source of compassionate, community-focused care. At the heart of this organization is Veerpal Kaur Dhatt, whose personal experiences and professional expertise have shaped a mission grounded in dignity and human connection.

In our conversation, Veerpal shared her story, her vision, and what sets YYC Homecare apart in Alberta's evolving home-care landscape.

Rajeev Sharma: Let's start at the beginning. What inspired you to build YYC Homecare?

Veerpal: Caregiving didn't begin as a job; it was part of my life. Growing up in a joint family in India, I helped care for my grandparents, and that taught me how meaningful it is for elders to receive care in the comfort of home, surrounded by familiarity and love. Later, working in health care across Manitoba and Alberta, in home care, long-term care, hospital settings, and eventually as a paramedic with Calgary EMS, I saw firsthand how important personalized, compassionate care really is. YYC Homecare brings all that experience together to support



families with dignity and respect.

Rajeev Sharma: You have more than a decade of experience in multiple areas of health care. How has that shaped your philosophy?

Veerpal: My background gave me a full understanding of the patient journey, from emergency response to long-term support. In home care, you're not only meeting medical needs you're earning trust, easing emotional stress, and improving quality of life. That's why our approach balances both skill and heart. Families want caregivers who are highly capable, but also warm, reliable, and present.

Rajeev Sharma: YYC Homecare is built on a clear vision and mission. Can you tell us more about that?

Veerpal: Absolutely. Our vision is to empower individuals to thrive in the comfort of their own homes through compassionate, high-quality care. Everything we do aligns with that goal helping people feel safe, valued, and supported in their own environment. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for our clients in the comfort of their homes. That means ensuring every

care plan is personalized, every visit is meaningful, and every client is treated with respect, dignity, and empathy.

Our motto, “Caring for you, right at home,” reflects our commitment to delivering not just care services, but genuine comfort and peace of mind.

Rajeev Sharma: What makes YYC Homecare unique among care providers in Calgary?

Veerpal: We see each client as an individual, not a case file. Every care plan is tailored, whether the client needs companionship, mobility assistance, medication support, palliative care, or help after a hospital stay. Because I've worked on the front lines from long-term care to EMS, I train my team with real-world insight, focusing on proactive, attentive, and truly human support.

Rajeev Sharma: How do you maintain high standards across your caregiving team?

Veerpal: We build our team around compassion, competence, and communication. I personally oversee training and ensure we hire people who have both the qualifications

and a genuine heart for caregiving. We also invest in ongoing education so our caregivers stay current with best practices in home care and health support.

Rajeev Sharma: What has been the most rewarding part of running YYC Homecare?

Veerpal: Hearing from families that their loved one is happier, more confident, or more comfortable because of our care that's everything. Those moments remind me why I started this journey. Every smile, every improvement, every moment of relief for a family fuels our mission.

Rajeev Sharma: And what do you envision for the future of YYC Homecare?

Veerpal: We want to expand our services while preserving the personal touch that defines us. My goal is to build a community based model where families feel supported, not overwhelmed. Ultimately, I want YYC Homecare to be synonymous with trust, compassion, and exceptional home-based support across Calgary.

Speaking with Veerpal makes it clear that YYC Homecare is not just a business, it is the expression of her life's purpose.

Her blend of personal compassion and professional expertise has built a care model rooted in dignity, respect, and human connection. As home care becomes increasingly essential to Canada's health-care system, leaders like Veerpal Kaur Dhatt are demonstrating how care at home can be both clinically skilled and deeply compassionate.

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Bridging Borders: India and Canada Forge New Paths in Diplomacy, Education, and Opportunity

Dr. Rajeev Sharma National Times

In an era where global connections define growth and innovation, India and Canada are rewriting the blueprint for international collaboration. What began as a restoration of diplomatic channels has grown into a multifaceted partnership linking governance, education, research, and economic opportunity. The renewed momentum signals not only a revival of cooperation but also a recognition that both nations stand to gain from closer engagement in a rapidly changing world.

The appointment of new High Commissioners Dinesh K. Patnaik for India in Ottawa and Christopher Cooter for Canada in New Delhi marked the first step in revitalizing bilateral relations.



Their arrival opened a window for dialogue that quickly extended to the highest levels of leadership. A landmark meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau culminated in the signing of key agreements aimed at fostering educational exchanges, research partnerships, and long-term collaboration across multiple sectors. This meeting reset the tone of the relationship, emphasizing practical cooperation over political differences. Central to these agreements is a comprehensive memorandum of understanding between universities in both countries. The initiative promises to expand student and faculty exchanges, joint research programs, and collaborative projects in areas such as technology, sustainability, innovation, agriculture, and public policy. For young

professionals and researchers, these programs are not just academic exercises; they represent gateways to global exposure, skill development, and career-building opportunities. Across campuses in India and Canada, labs are preparing to host joint projects, while classrooms anticipate the arrival of students eager to engage with peers from across the world. Universities are also exploring shared internships and industry-linked programs to strengthen real-world learning.

Beyond education, the strengthened diplomatic ties are creating fertile ground for cross-border ventures. Industries ranging from renewable energy and information technology to healthcare and infrastructure are exploring new partnerships.

Businesses are eyeing joint initiatives, leveraging talent and innovation from both countries to drive growth and competitiveness. With clearer immigration pathways and streamlined visa processes, skilled professionals and entrepreneurs can move between India and Canada more efficiently, translating opportunity into tangible results. Several companies are already in talks to co-develop clean-tech solutions and digital tools, highlighting the commercial potential of this renewed partnership.

Canada's recalibrated immigration framework complements these developments. By offering structured permanent residency pathways while managing temporary-resident intake, the country ensures that the influx of talent is sustainable and beneficial to communities. Combined with diplomatic restoration and educational cooperation, this approach forms a holistic ecosystem that nurtures talent, fuels innovation, and strengthens economic and cultural ties. For students and professionals alike, the clearer policies reduce uncertainty and encourage long-term planning. At the heart of this evolving partnership is a shared vision: strong institutions, forward-looking policies, and open collaboration create long-term impact. India's emphasis on governance and parliamentary productivity complements Canada's structured immigration and international engagement. Together, the two nations are not merely signing agreements they are building corridors for opportunity, innovation, and progress.

The story unfolding between



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India and Canada is a blueprint for the 21st-century global partnership. Through diplomacy, education, research, and commerce, both countries are creating spaces where talent can thrive, ideas can flourish, and cross-border collaborations can reshape industries. In laboratories, lecture halls, and boardrooms alike, a new era is emerging one where borders are bridges, and collaboration drives transformation.



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Punjab's Road to Renewal: CM Mann Unveils India's Largest 44,920 km Infrastructure Overhaul

Himani Sharmal National Times

Punjab is preparing for one of the largest infrastructure transformations in its history. In a sweeping announcement that signals both ambition and urgency, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has rolled out an unprecedented road construction and upgrade programme spanning 44,920 km. With an investment of 16,209 crore, the state's entire mobility network from dusty rural stretches to high-traffic urban arteries is set for a complete overhaul by the end of next year. CM Mann has insisted on a strict five-year maintenance clause, citizen-driven monitoring, and engineering standards aimed at elevating Punjab's roads to global benchmarks. "This is the biggest road construction initiative in the history of Punjab," said CM Mann, highlighting the scale and transformative potential of the programme. The plan builds upon the Mann government's earlier rural road initiative that began in Tarn Taran on October 17, covering 19,373 km at 4,092 crore. But this new phase goes far beyond repairs, it is a full reboot of the state's infrastructure mindset. Extensive survey work has mapped out every stretch in need of resurfacing, widening, strengthening, or reconstruction. The upcoming roads will feature luminous lane and edge markings, a first in many rural regions, and will follow rigorous safety standards. In a move that empowers citizens, payments to contractors will only be released once village residents certify their satisfaction with the work. People have also been encouraged to share video evidence of poor construction, which CM Mann says will be promptly investigated. "Quality will not be compromised. Action will be taken against any contractor or official who fails to meet standards," CM Mann warned. He emphasized that Punjab is undertaking this massive programme independently, without financial support from the Centre.



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When Diplomacy Meets Destiny: The Indo-Japanese Story of Jaishankar & Kyoko

Arvind National Times

A distinguished example of love, cultural assimilation, and international connection is embodied in the story of Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar and his wife, Smt. Kyoko Jaishankar. Their union, which originated in the corridors of diplomacy in Tokyo, serves as a symbol of the expanding people-to-people ties between India and Japan.

Born in 1955 into a prominent Delhi family, S. Jaishankar joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1977. Throughout his career, he has held various esteemed diplomatic postings, including Ambassador to China, the United States, and the Czech Republic, High Commissioner to Singapore, and Foreign Secretary from 2015 to 2018. In May 2019, he assumed the position of India's Minister of External Affairs, where he continues to shape India's foreign policy on a global stage.

Kyoko Jaishankar, née Somekawa, was raised in Tokyo, Japan. Her path converged with S. Jaishankar's during his posting as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy in Tokyo (1996–2000). What began as a professional acquaintance gradually evolved into a personal relationship, culminating in their

marriage in July 1998. The wedding ceremony was an intimate affair attended by close family and friends, reflecting their preference for discretion. The couple has three children, Dhruva, Arjun, and Medha, who have grown up embracing both Indian and Japanese cultures. Dhruva is a renowned foreign-policy analyst and strategist, Medha has been involved in media and entertainment, while Arjun maintains a private life. Kyoko's journey in India is a testament to her graceful assimilation. She has adopted Indian customs, acquired fluency in Hindi, and is often seen wearing traditional sarees, demonstrating her profound respect and love for her adopted homeland. Beyond her family life, she has occasionally played roles in public and diplomatic functions, most notably during the 2023 G20 Summit in India, where she coordinated cultural events for the spouses of world leaders, showcasing India's heritage, art, and traditions.

Experts and observers note that Kyoko's

cross-cultural experience and support have complemented Jaishankar's diplomatic career, highlighting the significance of family and cultural understanding in global diplomacy.



The Jaishankar family's story demonstrates that love can transcend national and cultural boundaries, and that embracing a new culture can be a source of enrichment rather than compromise.

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Dr. Rajeev Sharma National Times

When you meet Harwinder K. Johal, you immediately sense a quiet strength, the composure of someone who has stood beside clients at their lowest points and helped them rebuild piece by piece. As a lawyer at Virtual Law Group, Johal offers a rare combination of compassion, precision, and multidisciplinary legal expertise.

Her practice spans Personal Injury Law, Immigration Law, Wills & Probate, and Real Estate, giving her a uniquely holistic understanding of the problems individuals and families face. In a world where legal systems often feel intimidating, Johal stands out as a steady guide, especially for individuals struggling after an accident. Her work in Personal Injury Law has earned her a reputation for being not only strategic and thorough, but deeply empathetic toward the emotional and financial toll an injury places on a household.

Ms. Johal has shared valuable information during an interview and discussed the realities of personal injury law, the human impact behind legal files, and the often-untold stories of clients trying to stand back up after life takes an unexpected turn.

Rajeev Sharma: Ms. Johal, you work in several areas of law. What makes personal injury cases stand out

to you emotionally and professionally?

Harwinder K. Johal: Personal injury cases are deeply personal. They involve pain, fear, uncertainty, and often a complete disruption of daily life. Unlike transactions or applications, these cases involve a human being who may be unable to work, drive, or even sleep comfortably. They're navigating physical recovery while managing financial strain.

Professionally, this area challenges me to be both a strong advocate and a compassionate listener. Emotionally, you become part of someone's recovery journey, and that responsibility is something I take very seriously.

Rajeev Sharma: You handle people at their most vulnerable moments. What do you see as the biggest emotional impact of accidents on individuals and families?

Harwinder K. Johal: The emotional impact is often underestimated. In many households, the injured person is the primary earner or caregiver, so an injury can disrupt the entire family dynamic. Spouses take on new responsibilities, children sense stress, and the injured person feels guilt or frustration for not being able to "function normally."

Rajeev Sharma: From a practical standpoint, what are the biggest challenges people face right after an accident?

Harwinder K. Johal: One of the biggest challenges is immediate confusion. People are overwhelmed and unsure of what to do: Should they take photos? Should they call the

police? Should they speak to the other party? Then, there's the issue of pain versus adrenaline. Many individuals underestimate their injuries in the moment, they go home, skip the hospital, and later realize the pain is worse. That delay becomes a hurdle legally because insurance companies question the seriousness of the injury. The other challenge is pressure from insurance adjusters who may call within hours, asking for recorded statements or encouraging fast settlements. People don't realize these early decisions can shape their entire claim.

Rajeev Sharma: If you could give people one piece of advice immediately after an accident, what would it be?

Harwinder K. Johal: Two things: See a doctor and document everything. Even if you feel "fine," getting evaluated medical records are a cornerstone of any injury claim. Then, take photos, write down what happened, get witness information, and keep all receipts. With personal injury claims, the smallest details can make a huge difference later.

Rajeev Sharma: What misconceptions do people have about personal injury law?

Harwinder K. Johal: There are several: "I don't want to make a big deal of it." People often feel guilty seeking help, forgetting that injuries can worsen over time.

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are businesses. Their priority is minimizing payouts. “If I wait, the pain will go away. Waiting can harm both health and compensation. “I can settle quickly and move on.” Quick settlements often exclude compensation for long-term pain or future treatment.

Rajeev Sharma: What role does evidence play in shaping the outcome of a personal injury case?

Harwinder K. Johal: Evidence is everything. It’s the difference between a strong case and a questionable one. Insurance companies want objective proof: medical assessments, photos, videos, witness statements, repair invoices, prescriptions, therapy logs. Even journals matter, when clients write down pain levels, sleep issues, mobility limitations, it humanizes the injury and shows consistency. Without evidence, a claim becomes “your word against

theirs.” With evidence, it becomes undeniable.

Rajeev Sharma: Personal injury cases can last months or even years. How do you prepare clients for the duration and emotional toll?

Harwinder K. Johal: I’m very transparent from the beginning. I explain that healing takes time, and legal claims often follow the medical timeline. We wait until injuries stabilize before settlement, because rushing can leave clients undercompensated. I also check in regularly, not just legally, but personally.

Rajeev Sharma: How does personal injury law shape broader community safety?

Harwinder K. Johal: Personal injury law holds people and institutions accountable. When drivers, employers, or property owners know negligence can lead to legal consequences,

safety improves. It also ensures injured individuals receive proper treatment, which reduces long-term public healthcare burdens. In that sense, personal injury law is not just reactive, it actively promotes prevention and community well-being.

Rajeev Sharma: You work in a virtual law model. How does that benefit your personal injury clients?

Harwinder K. Johal: Many injured clients have mobility issues, limited energy, or difficulty attending in-person meetings. Virtual legal services allow them to access help from home. It also reduces delays, documents can be shared instantly, meetings can be scheduled quickly, and communication is fluid. For injured clients, convenience isn’t a luxury; it’s a necessity.

One Province, One Vision: Danielle Smith's Drive to Reshape Alberta's Classrooms, Communities, and Conservative Identity

Dr. Rajeev Sharma National Times

Alberta is entering a decisive chapter in its political and social story. A year that began with the province's largest teachers' strike in history soon developed into a deeper test of leadership, stability, and long-term direction. For Premier Danielle Smith, what could have been a destabilizing crisis instead became the spark for a sweeping series of reforms, each tied to a broader vision of uniting Alberta's institutions and its political movement under common purpose.



When teachers walked off the job, classrooms sat empty, parents scrambled, and uncertainty spread across the province. Smith responded quickly, legislating educators back to work, but she did not treat the end of the strike as the end of the problem. Instead, she ordered a full review of classroom complexity, launched public reporting of class sizes, met with families and educators, and initiated a thoughtful conversation about how Alberta's schools must evolve to support both learning and well being.

This renewed focus on education soon expanded into a larger reconstruction of the systems surrounding young people. Smith's government began a province wide modernization of school infrastructure, preparing for a future where Alberta's

population continues to grow rapidly. New pathways into the teaching profession were explored, lowering administrative barriers for skilled professionals and tradespeople capable of strengthening the educator workforce. At the same time, inclusive education supports were strengthened to address the rising presence of mental-health needs, learning challenges, behavioural complexities and pressures that teachers have faced for decades without adequate structural support.

Smith's vision did not stop at the school door. Recognizing that many classroom challenges stem from broader health and social issues, she initiated one of the most significant restructurings in Alberta's health-care landscape in years. Major services were reorganized into more specialized and responsive divisions,

each aimed at delivering targeted care rather than navigating a single massive system. The intention was clear: Alberta's families and children needed better access to mental-health support, primary care, and recovery resources, and those supports needed to operate in harmony with what happens in schools. By realigning health and education, Smith signaled that she sees a student not only as a learner, but as a whole person whose success depends on strong, surrounding networks.

While these policy changes were reshaping the public sphere, another transformation was unfolding within Smith's own political home the United Conservative Party. The UCP's 2025 Annual General Meeting at the Edmonton Expo Centre revealed both the strength

and strain within one of Canada's most influential provincial parties. The AGM brought together thousands of members from every corner of the province, each carrying ideas about the UCP's future direction. It became a stage on which enthusiasm, dissent, passion, and disagreement all played out in real time.

Throughout the event, Smith delivered a message centered on unity. She appealed to the broad conservative coalition that built the party rural Alberta voters, grassroots activists, moderates, libertarian conservatives, and those concerned about public services. She spoke about parental involvement in education, the necessity of stable public institutions, and Alberta's right to assert its place within

Confederation while still rejecting calls for separation. Her task was not simply to lead a government but to hold together a political movement that often spans disparate ideological worlds.

The AGM made clear that the UCP is an energetic but divided entity, containing both centrists focused on governance and factions exploring more radical visions. Smith faced applause, questions, cheers, and even occasional boos. Yet she remained steady in her insistence that the party must stay focused on service delivery, economic strength, and a unified direction rather than fracturing along internal lines. Her call for cohesion delivered at a moment when national attention was focused on Alberta underscored her broader goal: pulling every conservative voice under one tent, even when they disagree on the

temperature inside.

As Alberta moves forward, Smith's agenda is shaping not only classrooms and hospitals, but the tone of the province's political identity. Her leadership style blends administrative reform with direct engagement, positioning her as a premier who chooses bold structural change over incremental adjustments. The path she is carving is as ambitious as it is complex: stabilizing classrooms, modernizing health care, renewing public confidence, and strengthening a party that must stay united if it wants to continue governing.

Whether praised for her decisiveness or questioned for her risks, Danielle Smith is undeniably steering Alberta through a moment of transformation.



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Redefining Canada: Carney's Vision for Trade, Power, and Influence

Gaganjot Singh/ National Times

When Prime Minister Mark Carney returned from the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg, carrying more than formal agreements and photo opportunities, he returned with a strategic blueprint for Canada's future on the global stage. In a world marked by trade disputes, rising protectionism, and shifting alliances, Carney's diplomacy positioned Canada not as a follower but as a shaper of global economic trends.



One of his most striking achievements came in protecting Canada from looming U.S. tariffs. Following tense negotiations and careful diplomatic maneuvering, Carney successfully secured alternative agreements and investment commitments that shielded key industries, including steel, lumber, and technology, from punitive measures. By diversifying Canada's trading partners, he reduced reliance on a single market and safeguarded thousands of jobs at a critical economic juncture.

Carney's diplomacy extended beyond immediate crisis management. A strategic visit to the United Arab Emirates opened doors for Canadian investment in clean energy, critical minerals, and

technology sectors. By demonstrating Canada's reliability, environmental standards, and innovation capacity, he secured partnerships that elevated the nation's presence in the Gulf and showcased its ability to compete with the world's leading economies.

Meanwhile, relations with India reached unprecedented levels of cooperation. Through extensive dialogue, Carney and Indian leaders agreed on ambitious bilateral trade targets, technology partnerships, renewable energy initiatives, and programs to facilitate skilled-worker mobility. The new agreements aim to generate \$50 billion in trade by 2030, signaling a long-term commitment to a diversified, resilient, and forward-looking economic strategy.

Carney's post-G20 diplomacy reflects a deliberate and transformative approach. Rather than reacting to

global pressures, he actively reshaped Canada's economic and diplomatic positioning. The combined impact of avoiding U.S. By the time he returned home, Carney had succeeded in a rare feat: transforming potential threats into opportunities and expanding Canada's global network at a moment of profound uncertainty. Canada's standing on the international stage is now markedly different. Thanks to Carney's bold vision, the nation is more resilient, more diversified, and better positioned to assert itself in a complex and competitive world. For Canadians, this means greater economic security and opportunity; for the world, it signals a confident, capable Canada ready to engage, invest, and lead.

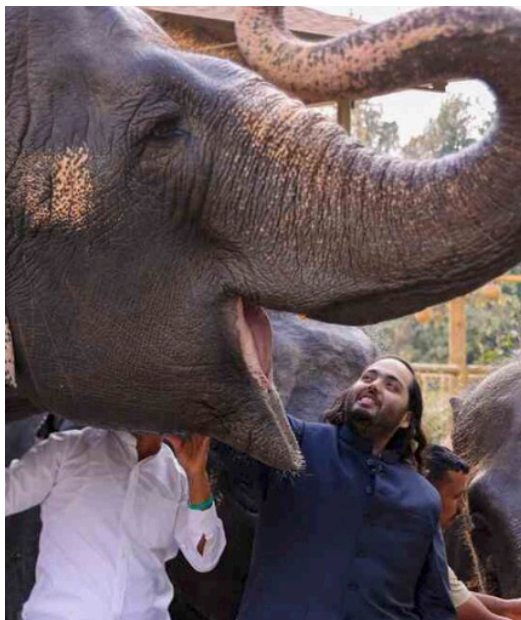
Vantara and India's Carbon Credit Boom: Opportunity for the Elite, Challenge for the Small Farmer

Balwinder Singh National Times

In Jamnagar, Gujarat, Vantara, the 3,500-acre wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre of Anant Ambani, hums with life. Home to nearly 2,000 species, it has recently been cleared by the Supreme Court after facing allegations of animal mistreatment, reaffirming its reputation as one of the world's largest private conservation projects. Yet beyond wildlife, Vantara is entering India's rapidly growing carbon credit market, blending environmental stewardship with business opportunity.

By leveraging its vast forests, afforestation programs, and biodiversity projects, Vantara can generate verified carbon credits that may be sold to corporations and international buyers, creating significant new revenue streams. For the Ambani family, this is more than a conservation effort—it is a strategic business move that strengthens their environmental credentials and positions them at the forefront of India's emerging "green gold rush."

However, this boom has unequal implications. Large estates like Vantara are well-positioned to capitalize on carbon credits, but small farmers and rural communities face challenges. Limited access to land, capital, and certification processes makes it difficult for them to participate. In some cases, corporate-driven carbon projects can indirectly affect local forests and farmland, restricting traditional



uses or converting community land into carbon-generating plantations without adequate benefit-sharing.

NGOs and cooperatives are attempting

to aggregate small farmers into collective carbon credit projects, giving them a share of the benefits.

Walking through Vantara's dense forests, one sees both the beauty of India's biodiversity and the promise of new business opportunities tied to climate action. Each tree and hectare restored represents not only progress toward net-zero emissions by 2070 but also a potential source of revenue through carbon credits. Yet for India to achieve both ecological and social sustainability, policies must ensure that carbon markets uplift small farmers and protect natural forests, rather than disproportionately enriching the elite.



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Devi Chitralkha: A Life of Devotion, Compassion, and Service

Dr. Rajeev Sharma National Times

In a world that often moves too fast to notice acts of quiet kindness, Devi Chitralkha, a revered spiritual leader and philanthropist from Haryana, India, stands as a shining example of devotion and service. From an early age, Devi Chitralkha was drawn to the wisdom of sacred texts, cultivating a deep spiritual connection that continues to guide her life. Today, she is celebrated for her katha vachal, a unique form of spiritual storytelling that transforms ancient teachings into lessons for modern living, inspiring hearts and minds toward compassion, integrity, and inner peace.

Attending one of Devi Chitralkha's katha sessions is like stepping into a sanctuary of thought and reflection. Her words flow with warmth and clarity, bridging centuries of wisdom with contemporary challenges. Devotees leave these gatherings inspired, carrying a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper understanding of how to live ethically and meaningfully. For Devi Chitralkha, spirituality is not confined to prayer; it is reflected in every action, every choice, and every act of service.

Her compassion extends far beyond spiritual guidance. Devi Chitralkha has devoted herself to animal welfare, founding the Gau Seva Dham, a lifeline for injured and abandoned cows. Committed to saving and serving Gau Mata and other helpless animals, the organization provides 24/7 medical care, emergency aid, shelter, and



proper nutrition for sick or injured cows. Established in 2013, Gau Seva Dham operates from Hodal, Palwal District, Haryana, under the World Sankirtan Tour Trust, offering free medical treatment, food, and care for stray and injured cows. The hospital also educates communities on animal welfare and proper medical treatment. Remarkably, the hospital is funded through donations. Devi Chitralkha contributes from



her Bhagwat Katha events, with her family actively supporting the mission. Her charitable initiatives extend beyond animal welfare. Through food drives, health camps in rural areas, and educational programs for underprivileged children, Devi Chitralkha has transformed countless lives, offering hope and opportunity.



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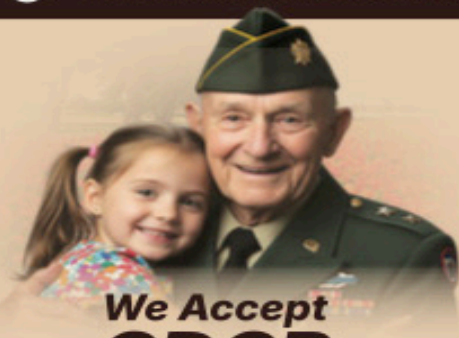
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