

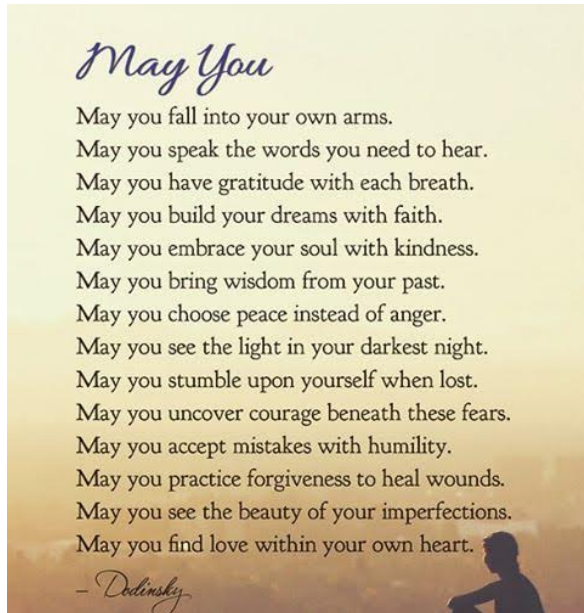


## KOA-Canada December Updates Edition # 3

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Dear Community Members,  
 Wishing you and your families a very healthy and Safe Holidays !!



## Community December Updates Edition # 3



Update 1 Join me in Welcoming our latest New Addition ! Mr.Sumir Pattoo and Mrs.Anju Pattoo along with Animesh and Anshul



Pattoo Family sent quite an impressive outreach email to KOAC . Prime example showcasing Eagerness , Awareness , Engagement and Excitement to meet Entire Canadian Kashmiri and promote culture and values of "One Big Family " Who stand together , Work together and Who serve together ! Here what Sumir Ji mentioned in his email FYI for all ...

Dear Executive KOAC Team.

Namaskar,

It gives me pleasure to inform you that after our departure from Windsor for abroad in 2002, now, we have permanently returned to Canada. We request you to include our details, as and enrol us as members; in future all KOAC communication/announcements should be sent to our listed emails in the attachment. In order to know our community members more closely, periodic announcement titled as " Shesh Khabar ". "Sumir Pattoo is principal consulting engineer ( Ex-Aramco), Anju a teacher, sons, Animesh a financial advisor in Montreal, Anshul COVID phase, we eagerly look forward to meeting our community members, and participate regularly in various cultural, religious, and social events. We would also like to contribute for community events, functions, goals, and mission, of KOAC. Looking forward to your reply including details on membership fees in our onward journey of community togetherness!

Update 2 Appeal :AIKS Emergency Relief Fund.Please find details attached

Update 3 HCI -Ottawa- South Asia Digest.Please find details attached

Update 4 CGI, Toronto Newsletter Issue.PDF attached

 [CGI Newsletter.pdf](#)

**Update 5 India's Agricultural Reforms.**Please find details attached

**Update 6 Letter from India's Minister of Agriculture to farmers.**Please find details attached

**Update 7 Press Release' regarding extension of deadline for submission of Life Certificates by pensioners . Please find details attached**

 [Press Release- 5000 Life Certificates in oct \(1...](#)

**Update 8 FYI Math and Vedic Math Private KP Online Tutor (Based -Massachusetts, USA) . Tutor Name : Ms. Sunita Razdan**

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## Feedbacks



- **Mrs.Supriya Razdan** :Thanks for organizing the talent show for community members! You guys are doing an amazing job, keep up the good work!
- **Mr.Amit Dhar**: Pooja ji is a great leader. Ever since she has been at the helm of KOAC affairs she has brought in a lot of changes in the organization and its culture. Transparency, forefront. Unfortunately due to Covid no in person events could be held but despite of that it is my personal opinion that I have felt more connected with KOAC virtually than I was keep it up.
- **Mr.Sumir Pattoo** : Namaskar,Your prompt action for inclusion of name in distribution list and offer for help and support is greatly valued.
- **Mr.R.L.Ganjoo**: Good start . We appreciate the personalities of the Noble cause they adopted and transformed it into reality. I appreciate you and your team for the initiatives you development programmes for the welfare of kashmiri pandit diaspora" across the globe. Congratulations. Now it's been pushed forward with great sincerity,positive mind and pragmatism.
- **Mrs.Punipriya Misri** : Thanks for regular updates and keep up the great work. Loving it !!

## KOAC Connect - Collaboration - Global Outreach and Response Enclosed

*In addition to below response , We're scheduling Global Outreach with Leaders !! Discussions (work in progress) !! Stay Tuned*



**AIKS (ALL INDIA KASHMIRI SAMAJ )** (We, on behalf of AIKS, congratulate you for being elected as the President of KOAC and wish you a wonderful tenure ahead. We will welcome to join in a manner to address the multitude of issues we face as a community. In case you are not a member of AIKS, such membership can be taken to enable us to work for community good. Your welcome and can be organised in the near future. Let us know what dates and time can be convenient mutually. We will share more information that you may want in near future. Let us work for community.

**Note from Legislative Officer from Hon. Erin O' Toole** , Thank you again for your invitation for the Hon. Erin' O'Toole, Leader of the Official Opposition and M.P. for Durham.He does, in a courteous manner. I am more than happy to meet with you on his behalf. If you are interested, please let me know and we can arrange a call or virtual meeting at a time that is convenient for you. All the best, Office of the Hon. Erin O'Toole, P.C., C.D., M.P.

**Warm regards**

**Pooja Ganju, President**

**On behalf of KOAC Executive Committee**

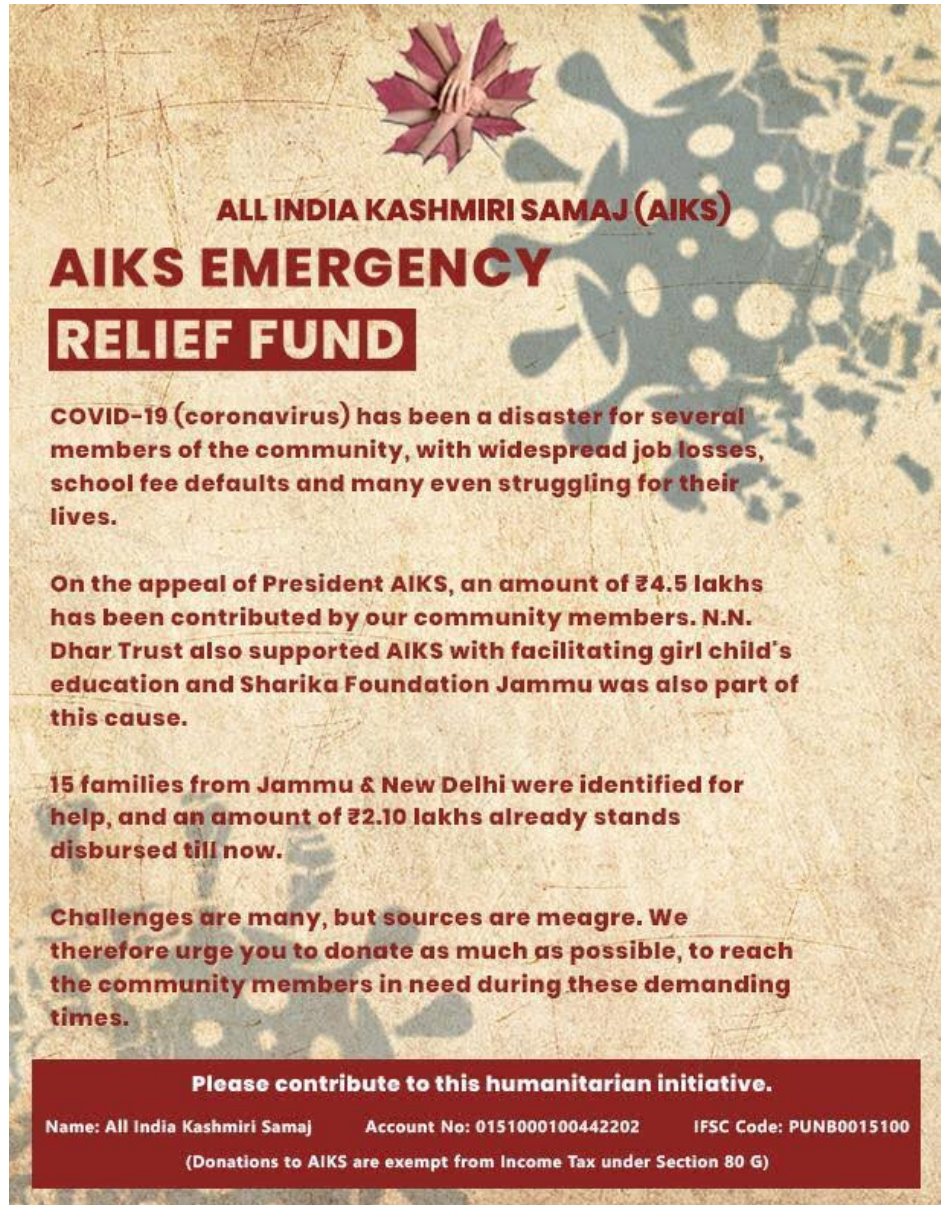
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**ALL INDIA KASHMIRI SAMAJ (AIKS)**

# **AIKS EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND**

**COVID-19 (coronavirus) has been a disaster for several members of the community, with widespread job losses, school fee defaults and many even struggling for their lives.**

**On the appeal of President AIKS, an amount of ₹4.5 lakhs has been contributed by our community members. N.N. Dhar Trust also supported AIKS with facilitating girl child's education and Sharika Foundation Jammu was also part of this cause.**

**15 families from Jammu & New Delhi were identified for help, and an amount of ₹2.10 lakhs already stands disbursed till now.**

**Challenges are many, but sources are meagre. We therefore urge you to donate as much as possible, to reach the community members in need during these demanding times.**

**Please contribute to this humanitarian initiative.**

**Name: All India Kashmiri Samaj      Account No: 0151000100442202      IFSC Code: PUNB0015100**

**(Donations to AIKS are exempt from Income Tax under Section 80 G)**

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May find of interest.

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**Pakistanis pay price as Islamabad joins Turkey-Iran-Malaysia bloc (Nikkei Asia Review):** Pakistan's overseas laborers are paying the price for one of their government's foreign policy from receiving work visas. Islamabad lost favor with Gulf states after it tried to align itself with a Turkey-Iran-Malaysia bloc challenging Saudi Arabia's leadership of the Muslim world. According to Pakistan is linked to security concerns.

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics/International-relations/Pakistanis-pay-price-as-Islamabad-joins-Turkey-Iran-Malaysia-bloc>  
<https://www.dawn.com/news/1592454>

**ISI, IB listen to my telephonic conversations: PM Imran Khan (Pakistan Daily & NayaDaur):** Prime Minister Imran Khan has admitted that the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and conversations in a startling development which has stunned the masses. Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is often called 'selected' by Pakistan's opposition parties casually accepted that the



conversation.

<https://thepakistandaily.com/isi-ib-listen-to-my-telephonic-conversations-pm-khan/>  
<https://nayadaur.tv/2020/11/pm-imran-says-isi-listens-to-all-his-telephonic-conversations/>

**Pakistan opposition lawmakers to quit en masse (Free Press Journal & Dawn)** : The political crisis in Pakistan has deepened after an 11-party Opposition alliance announced that the 11-month from parliament to paralyse the PTI government. while speaking at the PML-N's social media convention Former PM Nawaz Sharif lashed out at 'undemocratic forces', says this is not none of the [elected] prime ministers have been allowed to complete their constitutional term. Every few years, democracy is attacked and martial law is imposed [...] Again and again, the country were termed traitors, popular leaders were jailed and leaders were made out to be robbers."

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/world/pak-opposition-lawmakers-to-quit-en-masse> <https://www.dawn.com/news/1594535>  
<https://www.dawn.com/news/1594330/nawaz-lashes-out-at-undemocratic-forces-says-this-is-not-the-pakistan-igbal-dream-of>

**Islamabad High Court (IHC) Chief Justice questions new social media rules: Tech giants call for 'changes' to Pakistani censorship laws (Dawn and Al Jazeera)**

The IHC Chief justice has questioned the framing of rules for social media and observed that such rules would discourage criticism and adversely affect accountability in the country. IHC judicial orders of the superior courts were subject to criticism. Pakistan's new regulations aim to silence the internet. In a letter to PMIK, tech giants Google, Facebook and others have sought internet regulations that broaden censorship and authorise widespread surveillance without judicial oversight. The new regulations made it mandatory for online platforms to take down any content to 24 hours or otherwise face fines of up to \$3.14m. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1594080/ihc-chief-justice-questions-new-social-media-rules>  
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/12/2/pakistans-new-regulations-aim-to-silence-the>  
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/12/10/tech-giants-call-for-changes-to-pakistani-censorship-laws>

**Bangladesh cannot forget Pakistan's 1971 atrocities (Dhaka Tribune)**

In a meeting with the Pakistan Ambassador, the Bangladesh PM stated that "Incidents of 1971 cannot be forgotten. The pain will remain forever". Pakistani envoy was told that the atrocities forgotten and forgiven.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/foreign-affairs/2020/12/03/pm-hasina-pakistan-s-1971-atrocities-unforgivable>

**Khattak 'disappearance' case a test of Pakistan's human rights commitment, say UN experts (UNHRC)**: On 9 December 2020, the UN Special Rapporteurs have raised concerns Pakistan highlighting Pakistani Government's failure to fully investigate and uphold its human rights obligations in the case of human rights defender Idris Khattak. Mr. Khattak was taken into custody in November 2019, held incommunicado for over seven months and still continues to be deprived of his most basic rights. They urged Pakistan, which was re-elected to the 47-member Human Rights Council, to show its commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=26585&LangID=E>

**Pakistan's plan to annex Kashmir's Gilgit-Baltistan hits snag amid disputed election fallout (SCMP)**: For the first time in over a decade, the party in power in Islamabad has failed to win the mandate for annexation that Prime Minister Imran Khan was hoping for, amid swirling allegations of interference in electoral process.

<https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/3111680/pakistans-plan-annex-kashmirs-gilgit-baltistan-hits-snap-amid>

**Pakistan is among countries which continued proliferation efforts of Weapons of Mass Destruction through "covert attempts to procure internationally controlled items" (CIS)** Republic's Security Information Service (BIS) published in November 2020 confirms Pakistan's usage of "less known or purpose-created companies and third countries for re-exportation" in order to avoid being traced back" in 2019. The Czech counter-intelligence service's report is yet another confirmation of Pakistan's illegal procurement and proliferation efforts following similar reports such as Germany.

<https://www.bis.cz/annual-reports/annual-report-of-the-security-information-service-for-2019-c335a5b9.html>

**US Government places Pakistan among 'countries of particular concern' for violation of religious freedom (Dawn & Breccorder)**: United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that the list of countries that are of particular concern for violation of religious freedom. Pompeo said that apart from Pakistan, among other countries, has been placed in the list for failure to protect religious groups.

<https://www.breccorder.com/news/40038591/violation-of-religious-freedom-us-govt-places-pakistan-and-china-among-countries-of-particular-concern>

**European Union retains ban on PIA flights (Dawn)**: European Commission on 3 December retains the ban of PIA from operations in European Union member countries following the sixth report from the EU, concern persists about PCAA safety deficiencies, not only on the pilot licensing areas but on the whole licensing and authorisation processes, application and oversight establishment of the occurrence reporting system, among others.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1593904>

**Status of Minorities in Pakistan**: For all the resolute comments that Mr Khan has made for protection of minorities in Pakistan, the reality showcases a completely different scenario. The minorities have been unjustly prosecuted under the blasphemy laws and there have been targeted attacks on the non-Muslim citizens and defenders of human rights. Imran Khan's inability to protect minorities in Pakistan is an indication of their worsening condition in the country. His ostrich approach makes him preach about the nonexistent tolerance that Pakistan has for non-Muslims on the basis of <https://modern diplomacy.eu/2020/11/29/status-of-minorities-in-pakistan/>

**52 percent of forced conversion cases reported in Punjab (Dawn)**: Center for Social Justice (CSJ), a minority rights organization, denounced the rise in the incidents of forced conversions from the religious minority communities. CSJ stressed that around 162 questionable conversions had been reported in the media between 2013 and 2020 and abuses which had occurred since Pakistan's constitution of 1973. Around 52 per cent of the incidents of alleged forced conversions had occurred in Punjab and 44 per cent in Sindh.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1592945>

**Statue of Maharaja Ranjeet Singh at Lahore Fort vandalized again (Pakistan Today)**: In the recent attack, the young man broke an arm of the statue of Maharaja Ranjeet Singh, placed second incident of this nature at Lahore Fort. Not long after the statue was inaugurated in a first attack of vandalism, two men struck it with wooden rods, resulting in the breakage of one of the arms before him, the suspect told the police that the Ranjit Singh's statue should not have been built as he had committed atrocities against Muslims during his rule. [https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2020/12/08/feeb676-3923-11eb-aad9-8959227280c4\\_story.html](https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2020/12/08/feeb676-3923-11eb-aad9-8959227280c4_story.html)

**Gunmen kill TV cameraman in northwestern Pakistan (Daily Herald, WaPo)**: Unidentified gunmen shot dead Qais Javed, a journalist in Dera Ismail Khan. Javed was Christian and extreme minority in recent years. Pakistan is considered to be one of the most dangerous places for journalists as 70 have been killed in the country in last two decades, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/gunmen-kill-tv-cameraman-in-northwestern-pakistan/2020/12/08/feeb676-3923-11eb-aad9-8959227280c4\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/gunmen-kill-tv-cameraman-in-northwestern-pakistan/2020/12/08/feeb676-3923-11eb-aad9-8959227280c4_story.html)

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 Subject: Letter from India's Minister of Agriculture to farmers

Dear Friend,

As you would be aware, the Government of India has introduced three farm legislations with a view to bring greater prosperity to the agricultural sector in India. The enactment of these laws is part of the government's promise to the people of India to double the income of farmers by 2022.

2. In this context, Minister of Agriculture has written an open letter addressed to farmer brothers and sister where he has clarified the fears of farmers. I am forwarding a copy of the letter (in English, Hindi & Punjabi) for your reference, in which he has provided assurances:

- Government is willing to provide a written assurance on Minimum Support Price (MSP).
- Indian states/provinces could be permitted to levy taxes on private markets outside of APMCs.
- The farmers will have the option of approaching the courts for resolution of any dispute.
- Indian states/provinces will have the authority to register agricultural contracts.

- Farmers' land cannot be taken by anyone, as the law does not permit any type of transfer, sale, lease or mortgage of the land.
- Contractors cannot make any permanent alterations to the farmers' land.
- Contractors are not permitted to provide any loan for any temporary construction on farmers' land.
- The law does not provide any scope for seizure of farmers' land under any condition.

3. I hope the letter by Minister of Agriculture and the assurances given by him to the farmers will enable you to form **an informe** reforms in India. I would request you to disseminate the above information among your **friends/community members** for crea of these reforms for the Indian farmers.

regards,

Dheeraj Pareek  
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 Subject: India's Agricultural Reforms

Dear Friend,

The Government of India, with a view to bring greater productivity and prosperity to the agricultural sector in India, has introduced legis markets. While these reforms have been appreciated by farmers in several Indian provinces, some farmers' unions hav These internal developments in India's vibrant democracy have also had an echo in Canada, with some organizations mobilizing opinior provincial affinities in India. Canadian media has also devoted significant attention to these developments.

2. In this context, I thought you would benefit from an update on this complex yet important issue. The enactment of these laws is part of people of India to double the income of India's farmers – a segment that has long remained among the most poor and vulnerable in th efforts to modernize India's economy and it is only natural that entrenched and established interests, which are often very powerful and i such changes.

3. The protests in India are in keeping with our ethos of democratic dissent. India's Constitution provides absolute freedom of assembly a government in India has been in consultation with farmers since October this year and had made arrangements for the protests to be h given that we continue to deal with a pandemic of unforeseen proportion. The crowd management employed by Indian police were human norms for handling civilian protests. The government has repeatedly invited the farmers for talks and has made every effort, in good fa matter is also being examined by the Supreme Court of India.

4. On 17 December 2020, the Agriculture Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, himself a farmer's son, has written an open lett has cut through the fog of misinformation that has surrounded the new farm laws. The Minister has provided a background to the long pe that preceded the enactment of these laws and has conveyed several assurances, including the willingness to provide an assurance in Price (MSP) for agricultural produce will continue. This has been a central demand of the protesting groups. The Minister's open ap negotiations with the protesting unions in an effort to find a resolution.

5. While some farmers' groups have continued protests, others have conveyed their strong support for the new farm laws and the ongoing

6. The envisaged reforms in the agricultural sector in India are of a transformational nature and would create conditions for prosperity segment of India's population. The ultimate beneficiaries of these reforms are the small and marginal farmers of India who have been sh does not remunerate innovation and enterprise. The new laws have been enacted by the Parliament of India after due process and de debate and discussion, including in a series of committees and commissions established over the past two decades that repeatedly sugg

7. The quest to improve the life of its poor farmers, the legislative process by which those goals are sought to be achieved, the peaceful change and the process to find a consensus are all Indian. The Indian Constitution provides sufficient avenues in the executive, le resolution of such matters in a peaceful manner. The people of India look to their overseas friends for support and understanding as they

8. For a better understanding of the issues involved, I am enclosing a note on the recent development which you may find useful. I an open letter of our Agriculture Minister which list out the assurances which he had conveyed to the farmers on behalf of the Government.










With season's greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

Ajay Bisaria  
 High Commissioner of India



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