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## New Homes: Tarion System Gets Overhauled

*Separate Regulator For Builders & Vendors; Decisive, Transparent Action Says Minister Walker*

PORT HOPE: Ontario has announced changes for new home warranties, including moving oversight for new home builders and vendors away from the Tarion corporation that provides the warranties.

Government and Consumer Services Minister Bill Walker says establishing a separate regulator will address a conflict of interest in the current structure - in

a bid to "protect hard-working Ontarians making one of the biggest purchases in their lives — a new home."

"There are many families across the province who have faced difficulties over the years when seeking a solution from Tarion," said Walker. "For our government one thing is clear, Tarion is broken. That is why I am pleased to announce that we

are taking decisive action to put the people of Ontario first by transforming Tarion and strengthening consumer protection."

Tarion Warranty Corporation has overseen nearly all facets of the home building sector for the past 40 years, and a review found fault with its complex structure and overarching mandate, with both builders and homeowners

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Tarion has been overseeing the building sector for 40 years.

## India To Curtail Flow Of Water To Pakistan

*MFN Status Withdrawn; Diplomatic Offensive Gathers Pace*



Indians in Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh observe a minute's silence in memory of Indian paramilitary soldiers killed in Kashmir. (AP Photo/Ashwini Bhatia)

BAGHPAT/NEW DELHI: Continuing its tough stance in the wake of Pulwama terror attack, India on Thursday decided to stop its share of water from the three eastern rivers --the Beas, Ravi and Sutlej -- to Pakistan.

"Under the leadership of (Prime Minister Narendra Modi), our government has decided to stop our share of water which used to flow to Pakistan. We will divert water from eastern rivers and supply it to our people in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab," Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari said in a tweet.

In another tweet, he said the construction of a dam had started at Shahpur-Kandi on Ravi river. Moreover, the Ujh project

will store India's share of water for use in Jammu and Kashmir and the balance water will flow from the second Ravi-Beas Link to provide water to other basin states. He said all the above projects were declared as National projects.

India's decision comes on top of other actions like withdrawing Most Favoured Nation status to Pakistan and slapping a 200 percent duty on all imports from Pakistan in the wake of the Pulwama suicide bombing that killed 40 CRPF troopers and which was claimed by the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

India has also sent enough message to Pakistan that it will not be business as usual and that the

February 14 terror attack would be avenged.

Meanwhile, speaking at a public meeting in Baghpat, Gadkari said that after partition India got three rivers but their water were flowing to Pakistan.

"... Water will be diverted to Yamuna. It means, there will be more water in Yamuna," he said.

Under the Indus Waters Treaty, a water-distribution treaty between India and Pakistan, control over the water flowing in three "eastern" rivers of India - the Beas, the Ravi and the Sutlej with the mean flow of 33 million acre-feet (MAF) - was given to India.

While control over the water flowing in three "western" rivers

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## Proposals Invited For Quality Services In Newcomer Programs

*Plan Is To Help In Settlement, Integration*

OTTAWA: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is issuing a call for proposals for the Settlement and Resettlement Assistance programs.

The National Call for Proposals (CFP) intake process has been streamlined since the previous CFP to improve the experience for service provider organizations and maximize funding flexibility.

Extensive national consultations with partners and stakeholders have identified the principles and key priority areas that will be addressed through the call. These include fostering the entrepreneurial spirit of newcomers and engagement with the private sector, as well as an increased focus on the integration of vulnerable populations, such as refugees, youth and LGBTQ2+.

Through the Settlement Program, eligible newcomers receive the information that they need about life in Canada, the community in which they will settle, language training, help finding a job, and connections with established immigrants and Canadians. These supports and services help newcomers integrate and build a successful life in Canada, while also helping employers, schools and other organizations build welcoming communities.

The Resettlement Assistance Program provides supports and services to address the immediate and essential needs of government-assisted refugees and other eligible clients being resettled to Canada from overseas, such as



provision of temporary accommodations.

The CFP is a fair, effective and transparent competitive process that maximizes the efficiency and effectiveness of settlement and integration services for newcomers to Canada. While Settlement

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## Protest In Toronto

TORONTO: More than a thousand members of the Indo-Canadian community attended a peaceful protest in front of the Pakistan Consulate on Sunday - against the Pakistani-inspired terrorist attack in Pulwama in India.

The crowd turned up at a short notice in the cold -15-degree Celsius in Toronto and expressed their concern and anger over the terror attack. The members had posters reading 'Stand for India and CRPF' and 'Stop terrorism in India'. Protests have also been held in many US cities.