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India celebrates the application of a billion doses of vaccine with song and dance

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India has administered a billion doses of covid-19 vaccine by Thursday, and the government is promoting success with song and dance despite a recent drop in vaccination interest concerns healthcare providers

India administered a billion doses of the vaccine: "We are writing history!"

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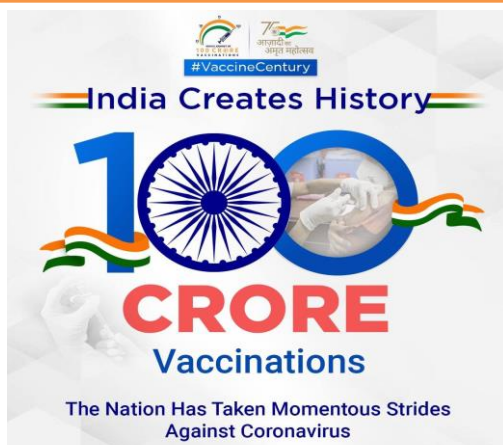


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1 billion vaccine doses administrated



On October 21, India achieved a major milestone in its vaccination program against COVID-19 as the cumulative vaccine doses administered in the country surpassed the 100-crore (1 billion) mark, resulting in celebratory events across various parts. More than 75 % of India's adult population has received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, with nine states and union territories administering the first dose to all eligible people. Over 31 per cent of the country's around 93 crore adults have been administered both the doses, according to health ministry officials. In the 1 billion doses, the highest - 75 % - have received at least one dose while 31 % of the adults have been administered both the doses, according to Union health ministry. So far, all adult population in nine states and union territories - Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Dadra and Nagar Haveli - have received at least one dose of the Covid vaccine.

‘100 crore vaccinations not just a figure, but a reflection of India’s strength’: PM Modi



The Prime Minister noted that today many people are comparing India's vaccination program with other countries of the world. He said the speed with which India crossed the 100 crore mark, 1 billion, is also being appreciated. However, he pointed out, in this analysis the point of beginning for India is often missed. "Developed countries had decades of expertise in researching and developing vaccines. India mostly depended on vaccines made by these countries," the PM added. He said for this reason when the biggest pandemic of the century struck, various questions were raised about India's ability to fight the global pandemic. "Questions like, where will India get the money to buy so many vaccines from other countries? When will India get the vaccine? Will the people of India get the vaccine or not? Will India be able to vaccinate enough people to stop the pandemic from spreading? Were answered by achieving this feat of administering 100 crore vaccinations," PM Modi said. He stressed that India has not only administered 100 crore vaccine doses to its citizens but has also done that free of cost. The Prime Minister said at the beginning of the Corona pandemic, people were anxious that it would be very difficult to fight this pandemic in a democracy like India. Questions were also raised whether so much restraint and so much discipline work here? He said that for us, democracy means taking everyone along - Sabka Saath. The country started the campaign of 'Free Vaccine and Vaccine for Everyone'. Vaccinations were given to Poor-rich, Rural-urban alike, he said, adding that the country has only one mantra that if the disease does not discriminate, then there cannot be any discrimination in the vaccination. He said that's why it was ensured that the VIP culture of entitlement does not dominate the vaccination campaign. The Prime Minister said questions were raised that most of the people in India would not go to the vaccination centre to get vaccinated. Vaccine hesitancy remains a major challenge even today in many major developed countries of the world. But the people of India have answered it by taking 100 crore vaccine doses. He said a campaign is 'everybody's effort' and if everyone's efforts are synergized, the results are amazing. He said that the Government made public participation the first line of defence in the country's fight against the pandemic. The Prime Minister said India's entire vaccination program, born in the womb of science, has grown on scientific grounds and has reached all four directions through scientific methods. He said it is a matter of pride for all Indians that the entire vaccination program of India has been science born, science driven and science-based. The Prime Minister said experts and many agencies from home and abroad are very positive about India's economy. Today not only are record investments coming in Indian companies but new employment opportunities are also being created for the youth. With record investment in start-ups, unicorns are being made. New energy is also visible in the housing sector. He said many reforms and initiatives taken in the last few months, will play a big role in making India's economy grow faster. He said during the pandemic, the agriculture sector kept our economy strong.

‘Need to institutionalize best practices learnt during last one and half years’: PM Modi to vaccine manufacturers



PM Modi interacting with domestic vaccine manufacturers in New Delhi on Oct 23, 2021

Interacting with domestic vaccine manufacturers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted that the country needs to institutionalise the best practises learnt during the last one and a half years. He asked vaccine manufacturers that this is an opportunity to modify their practises in tune with the global standards. PM Modi praised vaccine manufacturers for helping the country in crossing the milestone of 100 crore vaccinations. He appreciated their hard work and confidence given by them during the pandemic. The Prime Minister stated that the entire world is looking up to India, in the backdrop of the success of the vaccination drive. He also said that the vaccine manufacturers should continuously work together to be ready to face future challenges. The domestic vaccine manufacturers appreciated the vision and dynamic leadership of the PM in providing continuous guidance and support towards the development of the vaccines. They also praised the never before seen collaboration between government and industry, and applauded the regulatory reforms, simplified procedures, timely approvals, and forthcoming and supportive nature of the government throughout this endeavour. Serum Institute of India CEO, Adar Poonawala praised the regulatory reforms brought out by the government. Cyrus Poonawalla, the Chairman and MD of Serum Institute of India and praised the leadership of the PM throughout the course of the pandemic. Krishna Ella, Chairman and MD of Bharat Biotech International Ltd, thanked the Prime Minister for having taken Covaxin, and for the continuous support and motivation during its development. Zydus Cadila owner, Pankaj Patel thanked the PM Modi for talking about the DNA based vaccine in the UN General Assembly. Mahima Datla, MD and promoter Biological E. Ltd commended the vision of the Prime Minister which helped the country attain the vaccination milestone. Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd CEO, Sanjay Singh talked about the importance of innovation and backward integration in the field of vaccine development. Satish Reddy, Chairman of Dr. Reddy's Lab appreciated the collaboration between government and industry throughout this endeavour. Panacea Biotec Ltd. Managing Director, Rajesh Jain praised the continuous communication by the government throughout the pandemic.

PM Modi launches Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission in Varanasi. While launching one of the largest pan-India schemes for strengthening healthcare infrastructure, from his parliamentary constituency Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, PM Modi said that this mission will provide new energy and new development to India's health facilities. The Prime Minister said the country has achieved a major milestone of 100 crore vaccine doses in its fight against the corona epidemic. The Prime Minister lamented that in post-independent India, health infrastructure did not get the required attention for a very long time and citizens had to run from pillar to post for proper treatment, leading to worsening of the condition and financial strain. This led to a persistent worry about medical treatment in the hearts of the middle class and poor people, he added. Those whose governments remained in the country for a long time, instead of the all-around development of the country's healthcare system, kept it deprived of facilities, he argued. The Prime Minister said that PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission aims to tackle this deficiency, Modi stated. "The aim is to strengthen the critical healthcare network from village to block to the district to the regional and national level in the next 4-5 years," he informed. Describing the initiative taken by the government under the new Mission, the Prime Minister said that there are 3 major aspects of the Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission to address the different gaps in the health sector of the country. The first is related to the creation of elaborate facilities for diagnostics and treatment, he explained. Under this, Health and Wellness Centers are being opened in villages and cities, where there will be facilities for early detection of diseases, the Prime Minister said. For serious illness, 35 thousand new critical care-related beds are being added in 600 districts and referral facilities will be given in 125 districts, PM Modi mentioned. The second aspect of the scheme, the Prime Minister said, is related to the testing network for the diagnosis of diseases. Under this mission, the necessary infrastructure will be developed for the diagnosis and monitoring of diseases, he noted. 730 districts of the country will get Integrated Public Health labs and 3 thousand blocks will get Block Public Health Units, the Prime Minister said. Apart from that, 5 Regional National Centers for Disease Control, 20 Metropolitan units, and 15 BSL labs will further strengthen this network, he stated. The Third aspect, according to the Prime Minister, is the expansion of existing research institutions that study pandemics. Existing 80 Viral Diagnostic and research labs will be strengthened, 15 Biosafety level 15 labs will be operationalized, 4 new National institutes of Virology and a National Institute for One Health are being established, he informed. WHO regional research platform for South Asia will also strengthen this network, the Prime Minister said. "This means, through PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission an entire ecosystem for services from treatment to critical research will be created in every corner of the country", he mentioned.

ISA promises \$1 trillion in global solar investments by 2030



The International Solar Alliance (ISA) has promised to achieve \$1 trillion in global solar investments by 2030. The decision was taken at the fourth general assembly of the ISA held virtually from October 18-21. According to an official press release issued by India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy on Friday, the ISA announced a partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies to mobilize \$1 trillion in global investments for solar energy across ISA's member countries. The two organizations will work with the World Resources Institute (WRI) to develop a Solar Investment Action Agenda and a Solar Investment Roadmap, which will be launched at COP26, it added. The meet was presided over by India's Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy RK Singh. He is also the President of the ISA Assembly. US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry delivered the keynote address. "Solar energy is the most powerful tool that the world has in its toolkit to combat climate crisis. Building a solar powered economy won't just slash carbon emissions, it'll open enormous economic opportunities," he said. According to Kerry, the ISA is unique in its focus on spreading solar to emerging economies including small island states. "So, I commend the tremendous work that every country here is doing as part of the International Solar Alliance. Solar energy is critical to our collective climate goals," he said. The European Commission Executive Vice President for the European Green Deal Frans Timmermans addressed the gathering on Wednesday. "Developing renewable energy will be the engine for our global recovery from the COVID crisis and to keep energy prices in check. It is fast becoming the most cost-effective option to generate electricity and address the needs of a rapidly growing population," he said. Delivering the presidential address, RK Singh said, "Solving the problem of energy access is more important than the energy transition. The energy transition is meaningless for those without energy. The ISA can enable energy access for 800 million people worldwide". During the assembly, two new programmes were launched: Management of Solar PV panels & battery usage waste & Solar Hydrogen programme. The new Hydrogen initiative is aimed at enabling the use of solar electricity to produce hydrogen at a more affordable rate than what is available currently (USD 5 per KG), by bringing it down to USD 2 per KG. An update on One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG) initiative was also discussed at the Assembly. The concept of a single global grid for solar was first outlined at the First Assembly of the ISA in late 2018. It envisions building and scaling inter-regional energy grids to share solar energy across the globe, leveraging the differences of time zones, seasons, resources, and prices between countries and regions. OSOWOG will also help decarbonise energy production, which is today the largest source of global greenhouse gas emissions. A total of 108 countries participated in the Assembly, including 74 Member Countries and 34 Observer & Prospective Countries. In addition to these, 23 Partner Organizations and 33 Special Invitee Organisations also participated. [Source](#).

India invites EU to partner with India in green hydrogen

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman met Executive Vice President of the European Commission, Frans Timmermans in New Delhi on Friday and invited the EU to partner with India through investments in green hydrogen to harness the natural synergies in this area between the two sides. During the meeting, Finance Minister Sitharaman highlighted the strong India-European Union (EU) cooperation on trade and technology, climate and energy, digital cooperation, sustainable development and connectivity partnership, a statement issued by the Ministry of Finance said. Frans Timmermans complimented India's commendable achievements in climate action and commitment of generating 450 GW of renewable energy by 2030. He offered support of the EU in harnessing investments for successfully achieving this target. Sitharaman emphasised high priority accorded by India to climate action. Other areas include closer collaboration between India and the EU through Coalition of Disaster Resilience Infrastructure (CDRI), International Platform for Sustainable Finance (IPSF) and One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG) initiatives. [Source](#).

1st International Yoga and Ayurveda conference, 3-5 October 2021

Formal inauguration ceremony of the 1st International Ayurveda & Yoga Conference was held in Zagreb on 4th October 2021. After the successful events of Day-0 of the Conference on 3rd October, the Conference was formally inaugurated by:-

→ Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava - "This Conference has been organized with themes which are important in our current times as well as keeping in mind the location, i.e. Croatia. While we thought globally in designing this conference, we also acted locally by including the themes such as sports fitness through Yoga and medicinal values of natural plants in this Conference. This Conference is not a point event, it is a process which will open up new opportunities of cooperation between Indian and Croatian institutions for better health and wellness of people as well as enhancing people-to-people contacts between India and Croatia."

→ Mr. P.K. Pathak, Special Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH - "The WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine is being established in India. The centre would ensure that the ancient wisdom is scientifically brought to the benefit of whole world in line with India's philosophy "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", the whole world is one family."

→ Mr. Josip Pavić, Advisor for Sport, Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Croatia – "Happy to see that sports is one of the key themes of this Conference. I hope that one day Yoga becomes the part of Olympics. Also hope that this Conference opens up a process of India-Croatia cooperation in this important area of traditional medicine for the benefit of people of Croatia."

→ H.E. Mr. Veljko Kajtazi, Member of the Croatian Parliament - "Hope that this Conference will strengthen India-Croatia relationship, specially people-to-people dimension of it."

→ H.E. Dr. Dragan Primorac, Member of the Scientific Council of the Government of Croatia & Professor Emeritus at National Forensic Sciences University in India - "I always believe that when internally things change for better, the surrounding also improve towards betterment and that is why Yoga can be a very important practice to follow to improve all round wellness and happiness. The philosophy of Yoga needs to be emphasized which focuses on body, mind and environment. The Western medicine is also trying to find this balance beyond just curing process."

→ Dr. Manoj Nesari, Adviser (Ayurveda), Ministry of AYUSH - "Our ancient wisdom is full of knowledge, extremely useful for human life. While body, mind and soul have been discussed a lot, the importance of nutrition, sleep and activity are also highlighted clearly for ensuring a healthy and happy life. The next Ayurveda Day globally would be celebrated on 2nd November 2021 and I hope that the theme of Ayurveda with healthy nutrition will be stressed during that celebration which is coming up within a month's time."

→ Mr. Svibor Jančić, member of the Assembly of the City of Zagreb - "Very happy to see that the citizens of Zagreb are benefiting through continuous activities supported by AYUSH in the front of Yoga and Ayurveda which is important for general health and wellness of the people."



1st International Yoga and Ayurveda conference

Watch the Chronological memory of the 1st International Yoga & Ayurveda Conference held in Zagreb on 3-5 October 2021 with the support of the Ministry of AYUSH, 40 speakers, 200 participants, 5 sessions, 10 exhibitors Created the positive energy and many ideas to follow up for Health and Wellness through Yoga and Ayurveda. [HERE](#).



The Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Ayurveda

The Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster has signed a business cooperation with the Indian Institute of Ayurveda, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH of the Republic of India. This new business collaboration, signed on Wednesday, October 6, is the result of a shared desire to strengthen and further develop collaboration between the Cluster and the Indian Ministry in the study of traditional medical systems, especially in the area of Ayurveda. Academic cooperation between the two sides will include participation in research, lectures, workshops and other such activities on Ayurveda, as well as the development of academic standards for Ayurvedic education in Croatia. Namely, the Ministry of AYUSH of the Republic of India (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy - abbreviated AYUSH) aims to educate, research and expand indigenous alternative medicine systems in India, and cooperation with the Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster is the first such in Croatia. "Considering that one of the goals of the Cluster is to connect members with international partners for a more comprehensive offer of health and tourism products, but also to educate members of the Association, we believe that this business cooperation with the Indian Ministry opens a new opportunity to network our 32 members with potential partners from India. In addition to improving the health and tourism offer in Kvarner, in this way we will work with new partners on education, training and building and strengthening competencies," said the president of the Cluster, Dr. Vladimir Mozetič. The contract signing ceremony was attended by Ambassador Srivastava, Shri Pramod Kumar Pathak, Dr. Manoj Nesari, Dr. Rama Kant Sharma, Dr. Narayanam Srikanth, Dr. Vyasadeva Mahanta and Dr. Rahul Jain from the Ministry of AYUSH and on the other hand the President of the Cluster, doc.dr.sc. Vladimir Mozetič, MD, President of the Management Board of the Cluster, Ph.D. Irena Peršić Živadinov and members of the Management Board prof. dr. sc. Sandra Janković, Sandra Martinčić and Anna Maria Librić.



Visit of the Ministry of AYUSH delegation to Rijeka and meeting with the Mayor of the City of Rijeka

As part of visit to Rijeka, Ministry of AYUSH delegation and Ambassador Srivastava met with the Mayor of Rijeka H.E. Mr. Marko Filipović. At the meeting, the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the City of Rijeka and the Indian Ministry of AYUSH was announced, which was established for the purpose of promoting traditional Indian medicine. It is a continuation of the previous friendly relations between Rijeka and India, and the goal is to strengthen and continue to develop cooperation in the field of Ayurveda and other recognized traditional medical systems under the jurisdiction of the Indian Ministry of AYUSH and activities under the City of Rijeka. During the meeting, the Mayor of Rijeka, Marko Filipović, expressed his satisfaction with the imminent signing of the Memorandum. "Although this area is not under the jurisdiction of local governments, the City of Rijeka will assist in activities related to education related to the tradition of Ayurveda," said Filipovic, adding that Ayurveda can be a significant element in the development of health tourism in our area. Mayor Filipović also touched on good cooperation in the field of culture and thanked the Indian Embassy in Croatia for supporting the project Rijeka 2020 - European Capital of Culture. "Indian culture is present in Rijeka, among other things in this area of Hostel Dharma, within which the system Yoga in Daily Life operates, and every year on June 21, various educational activities mark the International Yoga Day. I believe and hope that we will continue to successfully develop cooperation in all these areas in the future." Concluded Mayor Filipović. Ambassador Srivastava pointed out the good long-term cooperation between India and Rijeka, also reminding that Indian culture is represented in Rijeka through various programs. "I am glad that after participating in the 1st International Conference on Yoga and Ayurveda, which was held in Zagreb from October 3 to 5, we were able to visit Rijeka. I wanted my colleagues from the Ministry of AYUSH to see for themselves what potentials for further cooperation Rijeka offers", Said Ambassador Srivastava. The Memorandum confirms and promotes the World Health Organization's strategy for traditional medicine with the aim of promoting the safe and effective use of traditional medical products and services in order to achieve universal health coverage. The signing of the Memorandum will enable quality long - term partnership and technical cooperation, which includes the sharing of experience, programs and projects for health preservation, especially in the light of the still present COVID - 19 pandemic.



First Visit of Director General of Indian Council For Cultural Relations to Croatia: Croatia, India 'wish to intensify bilateral relations'

Croatia and India wish to improve bilateral relations, notably cultural cooperation, Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic and Indian Council for Cultural Relations Director General Dinesh Patnaik said on 25th October. They met in Zagreb to discuss the development of the relations between the two countries, notably through the 2019-22 cultural exchange programmes between the two governments, and preparations for an International Roma conference to take place in Zagreb in April 2022, the government said in a press release. PM Plenkovic said he wished for the bilateral relations to intensify, adding that the EU-India strategic partnership which began in 2018 and the future agreements currently being negotiated created better conditions for deepening economic cooperation between Croatia and India. Patnaik said India was planning numerous activities to bring its rich cultural legacy closer to Croatian citizens. PM said he was pleased the international Roma conference was being prepared by the Croatian and Indian governments together, adding that the Croatian government pursues a policy of inclusion towards all ethnic minorities. Croatian MP Veljko Kajtazi, who attended the meeting, said a lot had been done to improve the status of the Roma community in Croatia and in implementing the Roma Operational Programme. The common priority is to continue to work on even better Roma integration in Croatian society, he added.



Minister of Culture met with the Director General Dinesh K. Patnaik

Minister of Culture and Media H.E. Mrs. Nina Obuljen Koržinek met with the Director General Patnaik and the Ambassador of India to Croatia, Raj Srivastava. In addition to the Minister, the meeting was attended by the Director of the Directorate for International Cultural Cooperation and European Affairs Anja Jelavić and Senior Expert Advisor in the Service for Bilateral and Multilateral Cultural Cooperation Lidija Zozoli. The Minister first referred to the past period in which the circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic slowed down the implementation of the cultural cooperation program with the Republic of India with which the Republic of Croatia signed the Cultural Exchange Program for the period 2019-2022. and expressed hope that in the next year it will be possible to realize more intensive exchange in the field of culture. The Minister emphasized that, in addition to cooperation in the field of cultural heritage, performing, visual arts and cooperation in the field of books and publishing, the field of audiovisual activities is one of the areas in which India and Croatia can achieve good cultural cooperation. regulates audiovisual activities, but also those legal changes in the field of intellectual property and electronic media.



Meeting of Director General of Indian Council For Cultural Relations with various stakeholders

Director General began his visit to Croatia with the visit to Croatian Romani Union "Kali Sara" and meeting with member of Croatian Parliament H.E. Mr. Veljko Kajtazi to discuss details of forthcoming "International Roma Conference" to be held in Zagreb in April 2022.

DG met with Mr. Tomislav Buntak, Dean of Academy of Fine Arts, University of Zagreb, and discussed future projects in the field of art by connecting Indian and Croatian artists for a successful cooperation between India and Croatia & MoU with the Lalit Kala Akademi.

DG paid a visit to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Uni. Zagreb. During his visit Mr. Patnaik was introduced with the work of the Department of Indology and Far Eastern Studies and their rich 60-year-old history since establishment.



Ambassador Srivastava participated at the Fruit Tree Plantation Drive with Yoga association Mohanji Croatia, which took part at the 1st Internal Yoga and Ayurveda conference from 3-5 October. The Tree plantation was in the garden of the Davorin Trstenjak primary school in Trnje, Zagreb.



News on India

The Blue Tigers lifts the SAFF Championship title for the eighth time after goals from Sunil Chhetri, Suresh Singh and Sahal Abdul Samad helped them defeat Nepal 3-0 in the SAFF Championship 2021 final. The South Asian Football Federation Championship, commonly known as SAFF Championship, is the main international association football competition of the men's national football teams governed by the South Asian Football Federation. India bagged their eighth SAFF Championship title with a 3-0 win over Nepal on 13th of October at the National Football Stadium in Male, Maldives. This was the Sixth time that the **Blue Tigers managed to win a game since Croatian soccer legend Igor Stimac became the head of the team two years ago in May 2019.**



India reopens to foreigners on tourist visa from 15th October, only chartered flights allowed for now India begins granting tourist visas to foreign travelers intending to visit the country on chartered flights from 15th of October, while visas for those on regular flights will be granted from November 15. According to the notifications issued by the Union home ministry, the latest orders are a sign that the country is gradually relaxing its coronavirus disease (Covid-19) restrictions and reopening its frontiers, albeit with sufficient and necessary precautions, in view of the easing overall pandemic situation. The decision was taken “after considering various inputs” which suggested that fresh tourist visas be granted to foreigners coming to India. For this, the ministry consulted various other government departments – including the ministry of health and family welfare, the ministry of external affairs, the ministry of civil aviation, the ministry of tourism, as well as several state governments where foreign tourists are expected to arrive. Source: www.hindustantimes.com



Nimish Gupta, Sachin Sandhir, Nitin Thakur and Shweta Kataria have joined hands to establish a self-discovery, upskilling and employability platform-GenLeap. Gupta and Sandhir are business leaders with over two decades of building and leading organizations in various sectors, including education, while Thakur has over 24 years of extensive global experience in Talent Management. Kataria has expertise of over 20 years in various sectors globally. The platform will help people self-discover and develop themselves in targeted areas (careers/hobbies/life skills) by bringing together an ecosystem of edtech and career tech players, including employers, to fulfil those development areas and accomplish their career objectives. GenLeap has been established by like-minded industry leaders with experience in various sectors and practice areas to solve the problem of holistic development based on an individual's talent and strengths among all age groups.



Flush with funds in a year of unprecedented investments, and chasing the next level of growth, many of them are in a mad rush to hire the best talent available. Indian startup unicorns are on an unprecedented hiring spree, executives of various firms told us. This was borne out by two studies. According to a study by EMA Partners in September, India has 70 unicorns which have hired almost 1.5 lakh executives in the past three quarters. A large proportion of the hiring, up to 70%, will be for technology roles. Full stack developers, data scientists, solution architects and principal engineers are among those in high demand. According to their executives: CRED has hired 350 people since the start of the pandemic and currently has more than 500 employees. It plans to hire another 300 people in the coming months. Vedantu is looking to hire 1,000 people over the coming months as it plans to debut in international markets in the next 12-15 months.



India is the 5th largest market in terms of aircraft passengers (domestic and international). A rising proportion of middle-income households, healthy competition amongst Low-Cost Carriers, infrastructure buildup at leading airports and supportive policy framework will see India become the 3rd largest aviation market in the world by 2024. With the air passenger traffic projected to increase, the Indian aviation industry is on a high-growth path. To satisfy the current and projected rise in demand for commercial air travel, Indian airlines have placed large orders for aircraft. The nation's airplane fleet is projected to quadruple in size to approximately 2500 airplanes by 2038. Currently, the country has 128 operational airports including 29 international, 89 domestic, and 10 custom airports. To meet the growing demand for air travel in India, it has become imperative to increase the capacity of airport infrastructure. The projected upsurge in air travel in India would require more aircraft usage, thus, in turn, igniting the demand for Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) services. The Indian Civil Aviation MRO market, at present, stands at around \$900 mn and is anticipated to grow to \$4.33 bn by 2025 increasing at a CAGR of about 14-15%.



Ambassador's Outreaches

Read the latest publication in the FIEO monthly October issue about Indian-Croatian business ties. Ambassador Srivastava highlighted how Croatian niche technology companies are harnessing the opportunities opening up in the new infrastructure pipeline for New India. [LINK](#).



INDIA AND CROATIA

Ambassador Srivastava met with members of Croatian-Indian Parliamentary Friendship Group and informed them about the Amrit Mahotsav initiative & 30 years Croatia- India diplomatic ties which will be celebrated in 2022 through various joint endeavors.



Presentation on New India and New Opportunities for Croatia at the Libertas International University in Zagreb. 60 students of International Relations had a 90 min. long interactive session with Ambassador.



AYUSH Cell Activities

The AYUSH Cell's fortnightly Online Session "Handling stress with Ancient Vedic technologies during pandemic" with Dr. Suresh Swarnapuri, director of the European Ayurveda Academy, Ambassador Srivastava & Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec was held on the 21st of October, 2021.



Ambassador Srivastava took part at the AYUSH fortnightly Online Session with the support of Isha Foundation with the topic "Yoga for love". Ambassador mentioned during his speech a summary of the 1st International Yoga and Ayurveda conference which was held from the 3-5th October 2021 in Zagreb.



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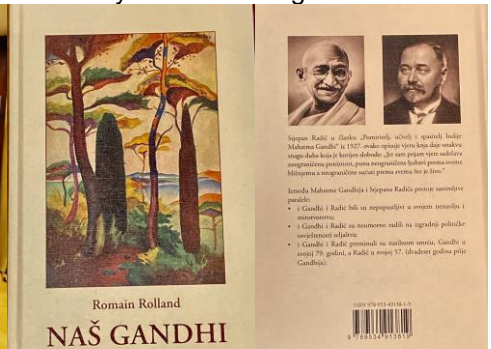
Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary

Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary was celebrated in Zagreb with the presence of H E Mr. Ivo Josipovic, former President of Croatia and other friends of India. We also remembered Second PM Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri on his 117th birth anniversary.



Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary Napredak Cultural centre


The Croatian-Indian Society, the Croatian Cultural Society Napredak and the Croatian Pan-European Union marked the 152th anniversary of the birth of Stjepan Radić and Mahatma Gandhi by presenting the reissue of the book "Our Gandhi" by the French writer Romain Rolland, translated into Croatian by Josip Vandekar and published in 1924. Radić's Slavic bookstores in Zagreb. Ambassador Srivastava, Academician Mislav Ježić, prof. dr. sc. Dražen Vikić-Topić, vice president of HKD Napredak talked about the book. This important anniversary will be celebrated in the Saturday 2 October 2021 in the Napredak Cultural Center in Zagreb. The event was held with the support of the President of the Republic of Croatia and the Embassy of India in Zagreb.





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Seminar on the occasion of National Unity Day (31st Oct) of India


Seminar was held on the occasion of National Unity Day (31st Oct) of India 'Unity in Diversity' - Multiculturalism & Secularism in India's Society: Ethnic, Religious & Linguistic Diversity with H.E. Mrs. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, 4th President of Croatia, Director General H.E. Mr. Dinesh K Patnaik of Indian Council For Cultural Relations, Ambassador Srivastava & other speakers. Seminar was held on the 26 October at the Cultural Centre Napredak in Zagreb.

 Ambassador of India to Croatia, Raj Srivastava: "From the perspective of philosophical foundation of Indian thoughts as said by Swami Vivekanand, the diversity is actually the manifestation of inherent unity - and therefore one should not be surprised at Unity in Diversity of India. Sardar Patel did a great service to the nation by political uniting the country post-independence, a fitting tribute to him to celebrate National Unity Day on his birth anniversary".

 H.E. Mrs. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, 4th President of Croatia: "India's success in sustaining its unity while cherishing its unparalleled diversity is a great hope and model for the rest of the world. While we refer to Flag of India as an emerging economy, in many ways India has already emerged as a world power".

 H.E. Mr. Dinesh K Patnaik, Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations: "India doesn't manage its diversity, rather it creates conditions and continuous interactions to flourish it's diversity. When you see percentages in India, it might not give you the magnitude - 0.77% Buddhist population counts to 8.4 million people. Hindu religion by itself is not a uniform religion but full of its own shades of diversities".

 Mrs. Ruzica Cicak Chand, PhD, Professor of Indian & Buddhist Studies/Scientific Adviser at IMIN talked about the relationship between secularism & multiculturalism in contemporary India.

 Mrs. Marijana Janjic, PhD, Professor of Indian linguistic, talked about the preservation of linguistic diversity in India.



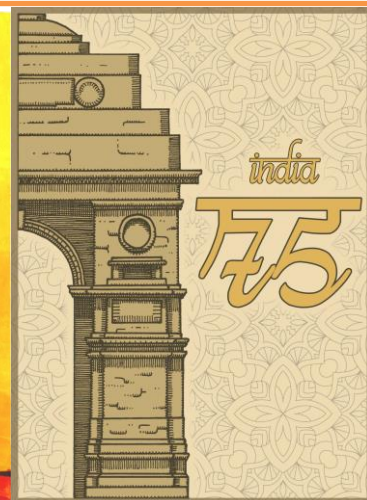
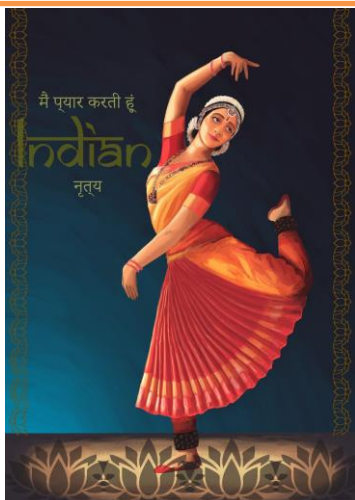
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Glimpses of "Ambassador's Cup" cricket match between India11 vs World11

As part of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav celebrations, Embassy of India, Zagreb in association with Croatian Cricket Alliance, organized "Ambassador's Cup" cricket match between India11 vs World11 in Zagreb on the 10th October. Players from different countries based in Croatia participated in the match. Amazing commitment to cricket on a cloudy day in Croatia.



Submissions of the Zagreb Design School ŠPUD for the ICCR Online Poster and Painting Competition 2021 "My idea of India"



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“Yoga for Unity, Ayurveda for Immunity”



On Vijayadashami festival day an event was hosted to commemorate the 1st International Yoga & Ayurveda Conference held in Zagreb on 3-5 October 2021, a Yoga session and Ayurveda lunch was hosted at the Indian house by Madam Lakshmi Srivastava with Mrs. Iva Tomasevic, Wife of Mayor of Zagreb as guest of honor. The event was attended by 20 participants including women from different communities, Croatian artists and professional community. The event started by a greeting speech of Madam Srivastava and continued with a Yoga session held by Yoga teacher Sara Vargović. Health center Ayurveda Balance was the knowledge partner for the event. Ambassador Srivastava gave a detailed presentation on the objectives and outcomes of the 1st International yoga and Ayurveda Conference held on 3-5 October.



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