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Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi commences grand Deepotsav celebrations

On the eve of Deepavali, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, began the grand Deepotsav celebrations in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. The Prime Minister also witnessed the 3-D Holographic Projection Mapping Show at Ram Ki Paidi on the banks of river Saryu along with the Grand Musical Laser Show. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister hailed Lord Ram and said that today Ayodhya Ji is divine with the light of the diyas and grand with emotions. "Today Ayodhya is a reflection of the golden chapter of India's cultural rejuvenation," the Prime Minister remarked. The Prime Minister stated that he felt a rush of emotions running through him when he came here for the Rajyabhishek earlier. The Prime Minister wondered in admiration about how Ayodhya would have been decorated when Lord Shri Ram returned after 14 years of exile. "Today in this Amrit Kaal, with the blessing of Lord Ram, we are witnessing the divinity and immortality of Ayodhya", the Prime Minister remarked. [LINK](#).



PM addresses United Nations World Geospatial International Congress

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the United Nations World Geospatial International Congress, via video message. Welcoming International Delegates, the Prime Minister said, “the people of India are happy to host you on this historic occasion as we build our future together.” Expressing his happiness at the conference happening in Hyderabad, the Prime Minister said that the city is known for its culture and cuisine, its hospitality and its hi-tech vision. The Prime Minister pointed out that the theme of the conference, 'Geo-enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind' can be seen in the steps India has taken over the last few years. “We have been working on a vision of Antyodaya which means empowering the last person at the last mile, in a mission mode,” he said. “India is a young nation with great innovative spirit,” the Prime Minister said, highlighting the role of talent as the second pillar in India’s journey. India is one of the top startup hubs in the world, he added, with the number of unicorn startups having almost doubled since 2021- a testimony to India’s young talent. 450 million unbanked people, a population greater than that of the USA, were brought under the banking net and 135 million people, about twice the population of France, were given insurance, the Prime Minister elaborated. Sanitation facilities were taken to 110 million families and tap water connections to over 60 million families, he added, underlining that “India is ensuring no one is left behind.” Prime Minister underscored the endless possibilities that geospatial technology offers. These include sustainable urban development, managing and mitigating disasters, tracking the impact of climate change, forest management, water management, stopping desertification and food security. He expressed his wish that this conference becomes a platform to discuss developments in such important areas. In conclusion, the Prime Minister expressed his optimism at the occasion. “With the stakeholders of the global geospatial industry coming together, with the policymakers and academic world interacting with each other, I am confident that this conference will help steer the global village into a new future,” he added.

Find out more at the following [link](#).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Indian-origin Rishi Sunak, who is set to take over as UK’s next Prime Minister



Narendra Modi 
@narendramodi

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Warmest congratulations [@RishiSunak](#)! As you become UK PM, I look forward to working closely together on global issues, and implementing Roadmap 2030. Special Diwali wishes to the 'living bridge' of UK Indians, as we transform our historic ties into a modern partnership.

Rise of Medical Tourism in India

Over the past decade, India has gained a reputation for providing high-quality medical service at low costs to medical tourists travelling from across the globe. However, with the travel bans during the covid-19 pandemic, the influx of medical tourists had dipped. According to the Tourism Ministry, India registered a negative growth of 79.4% in 2020. Although, the situation looks positive once more owing to the efforts made to handle the pandemic situation. Market insights suggest the demand forecast to increase at a robust 19 % CAGR in 2022. Why is India emerging as a popular medical hub for patients? India's healthcare industry offers a combination of both modern and traditional forms of medicine which sets the country apart from others. First, it has a set of world-class doctors and hospitals that provide treatment at fractional rates when compared to other countries. Secondly, India's systems of medicine: AYUSH i.e. Ayurveda, Yoga, Panchakarma, Rejuvenation Therapy, etc, which are the most ancient forms of medicine, are now gaining immense popularity globally. PM Modi also recently announced plans to launch an AYUSH Mark. A mark to provide credibility to AYUSH products in India and promote India's medical tourism sector. Additionally, the other medical services and facilities are also backed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA). To become the No.1 medical travel destination, there is a need for significant investments into making the healthcare industry and equipment attractive for international patients. Patients spend most of their time in guest houses and are prone to further infections from such places. Thus, proper infrastructure and standardization need to be brought into the tourism industry and the nexus of guest house service providers urgently. Another aspect that needs to be tapped into is the opportunity for selling Indian health insurance to foreigners. This can generate an additional \$9 billion in patient inflow to India. To maximize the industry's potential, the government is pulling out all its aces. The aim is to make India the No.1 Destination for Medical Tourism in the world, tripling its revenue to \$13 billion within 4 years. The government has also proposed an outlay of US\$ 28.7 billion for health and well-being, which is 137% higher than the previous year's budget outlay.

The following measures have been taken up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare:

A special provision of Medical visas has been made for tourists travelling to India for healthcare purposes. This has been made available in 165 countries. Setting up a feedback mechanism to obtain testimonials from tourists travelling to the country for medical purposes. This 'one-step' portal would add to the convenience and provide credible information for medical tourists coming to India. The 'Heal in India' initiative aims to position the country as a global hub for medical and wellness tourism. Under this initiative, foreigners or those seeking medical help will be able to locate the list of hospitals in the country available to provide their choice of medical treatments through a 'one step' online portal. It is a one-stop shop for all services from the treatment package cost, and visa applications to grievance redressals and feedback. The initiative also aims at providing a database of healthcare professionals, including doctors, nurses, and pharmacists and will also include a section where professionals can specify the country in which they are most interested in providing their services. This will allow India to diversify its operations by sending doctors abroad to treat patients.

The following measures have been taken up by the Ministry of Tourism:

The Marketing Development Assistance Scheme (MDA) offers financial assistance to approved tourism service providers to promote an intricate nexus of facilities for tourists to stay in. Publicity materials, such as brochures and CDs, intended to promote medical and health tourism have been circulated in target markets. Yoga/Ayurveda/Wellness has been promoted over the last two years in print, electronic, internet, and outdoor media under the Ministry of Tourism's "Incredible India Campaign". To conclude, in the post-Covid world, the demand for the healthcare industry is bound to surge and there is a huge potential for India to realise and aggressively advance towards attracting medical tourists from other parts of the world including Europe and the Americas. With the government making it their priority to make India the hub of medical tourism, the initiatives combined with the surging demand are sure to make India the centre for all medical tourists in the future. Not only will India be the leader in saving millions of lives, but will also simultaneously generate valuable jobs and over \$13 billion in forex.

This blog has been co-authored by Priyanka Cardoz and Sanjana Saigal. [LINK](#)

Ayush Visa (Medical visa) was launched to make India a preferred Medical Value Travel destination



What is a Medical Value Travel destination? At present, this term is gaining momentum in the world of travel. It refers to a branch of tourism, where overseas patients visit a country for availing of medical treatment. And India is coming up quite strong in this field. An added bonus is the new Ayush Visa that will be made available in a few months. Overseas patients can visit India on an Ayush Visa and seek various medical treatments that India has to offer. India is a big centre for AYUSH medicines – Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy. The present government plans to push AYUSH medical tourism with the theme – Heal in India. The Ayush Visa is a big part of this new initiative. Under the AYUSH programme, traditional medicines and healing practices will be encouraged. Practitioners of both modern medicines and AYUSH are expected to work together to make India the preferred Medical Value Travel destination. India is leading the world in Ayurveda, naturopathy and yoga, so the smartest thing to do would be to make use of this opportunity. It is important to note that Medical Value Travel is not only for wellness, it branches out to many other therapeutic procedures such as spiritual and yoga retreats. There are many visitors from overseas who visit India for these specific retreats. A lot of Indian destinations like Uttarakhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka already have health, spiritual and yoga retreats. Source: [LINK](#)

MEDICAL (AYUSH) E-VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

For the e-Medical, e-Medical Attendant and e-Conference visa, Applicants of the eligible countries/territories (including Croatia) may apply online a minimum of 4 days in advance of the date of arrival with a window of 120 days. Example: If you are applying on 1st Sept then the applicant can select an arrival date from 5th Sept to 2nd Jan. The documents required for completing the visa application are indicated. Please keep all these documents ready at hand before beginning to fill out your visa application. All documents including Business cards, Invitation letters etc. must be in the English language, failing which the application would be liable for rejection. The entire process may take 10 to 15 minutes to complete the application and make the payment.

Find out more here: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Ayurveda Day 2022 – Zagreb- based AYUSH cell's activities

Ayurveda healing in Europe from native sources of herbs, food and nutrition

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Watch the recordings of the sessions at the following [link](#).

ISRO's heaviest rocket successfully places 36 broadband satellites in low earth



- All 36 satellites are operational, bringing OneWeb's total Gen 1 LEO constellation to 462 satellites
- Launch from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota, India marks the first dedicated commercial launch for NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) using LVM3 rocket
- With this successful launch, the LVM3 has become a catalyst for the Indian Space Programme, opening new vistas for heavy payloads to the LEO
- Activates new phase of launch programme for OneWeb, with global coverage planned for 2023 and connectivity solutions north of 50-degrees latitude already live

OneWeb confirmed the successful deployment of 36 satellites launched by NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC- SHAR) in Sriharikota, India. This launch by ISRO and NSIL is one of the biggest commercial orders by India's premier space organization, and the first using the LVM3 rocket.

The lift-off took place on Sunday, 23rd October 2022 at 00.07hrs local time. OneWeb's satellites separated successfully from the rocket and were dispensed in 9 phases over a period of 1 hour and 15 minutes, with signal acquisition on all 36 satellites confirmed.

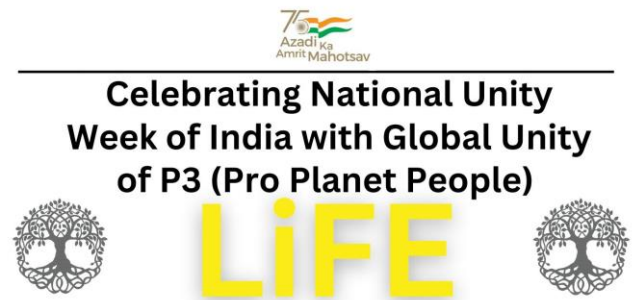
This is OneWeb's 14th launch, bringing the constellation to 462 satellites. This launch represents more than 70% of its planned 648 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite fleet that will deliver high-speed, low-latency connectivity worldwide. With only four more launches to go, OneWeb remains on track to activate global coverage in 2023, while its connectivity solutions are already live in regions north of 50 degrees latitude. This partnership with NSIL and ISRO demonstrates OneWeb's commitment to provide connectivity across the length and breadth of India by 2023. From Ladakh to Kanyakumari and Gujarat to Arunachal Pradesh, OneWeb will bring secured solutions not only to enterprises but also to towns, villages, municipalities and schools, including the hardest-to- reach areas across the country. OneWeb's commitment to enhance connectivity in India is backed by Bharti Global, its largest investor.

Source: https://www.isro.gov.in/press_lvm3oneweb.html

Launch of LiFE initiative on 20 October 2022 in Kevadiya Gujarat: PM Modi launches Mission LiFE movement at Kevadiya in Gujarat; calls for a lifestyle change to protect the



Addressing the gathering after the global launch of Mission LiFE at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat in the presence of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, PM said climate change mitigation is possible through lifestyle changes. Reaffirming India's commitment towards tackling the menace of climate change, PM said reduce, reuse, recycle and a circular economy have been an integral part of Indian culture for thousands of years. He said India is the best example of growth along with environmental conservation. Recalling Mahatma Gandhi's concept of Trusteeship, PM said the Mission LiFE encourages us to be a trustee of the environment. Mr. Modi stressed that climate change is not just a policy-related issue to be taken care of by the governments. He stressed joint efforts from people to combat climate change. PM said the Mission life strengthens the concept of Pro planet people. Mr. Modi also lauded the efforts of Gujarat towards renewable energy and environmental protection. PM also talked about a series of initiatives.



Promoting Lifestyle for Environment



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The 10th Heads of Mission Conference took place at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat India between 20-22 October 2022 with the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister & External Affairs Minister with all Indian Ambassadors

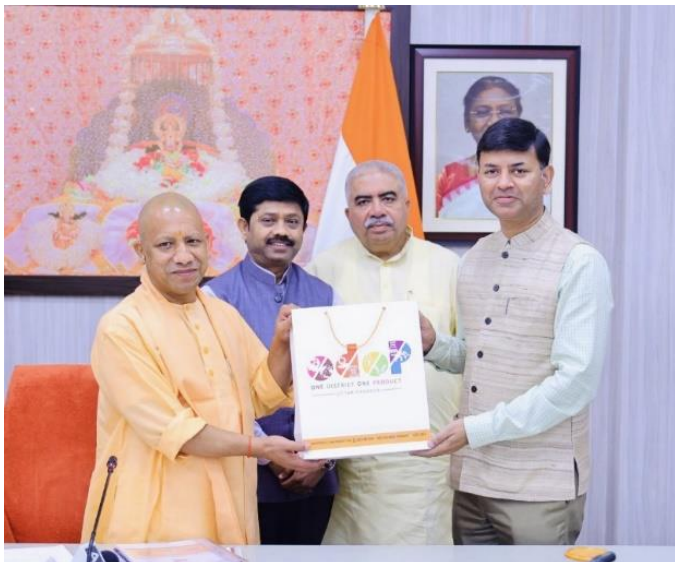


Ambassador's outreaches

At the invitation of the Director of the Center for Croatian Civil Society Development, Ambassador Srivastava participated at the round table on the topic of participatory philanthropy held in the IMPACT centre in Zadar and presented Transformative Philanthropy in New India giving specific case studies including that of Aspirational Districts and ODOP.



Ambassador Srivastava visited the state of Uttar Pradesh, the fastest-growing state of India and truly the "ray of hope" for the whole of India. And met inspirational Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh H.E. Mr. Yogi Adityanath.



Ambassador Srivastava attended Ayurveda Day 2022, a special Nutrition event with professionals in the field of gastronomy & hospitality on 11th October 2022 that the Croatian National Television show "Kod nas doma" (At our home) observed on the occasion of Ayurveda Day. [LINK.](#)



Ambassador Srivastava had an interaction with students of the American Academy in Zagreb on the occasion of Diwali discussing the importance of festivals for societies and that these festivals are a celebration of life and opportunity that we have as human beings. The students showed interest through their questions.



NEWS ON INDIA

Sardar Patel realised dream of a strong, united India, says Amit Shah.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel realised the dream of a strong and united India with his farsightedness, despite attempts by some forces to keep the country divided. Shah also said that in the next 25 years, India will be able to realise the dream of the country's freedom fighters of making India a strong and prosperous country and celebrate its 100th year of independence.



PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi said Sunday that ISRO's recent successful mission of placing 36 satellites in orbit has opened new doors of opportunities for India and helped it emerge as a "strong player" in the global commercial space market. Addressing his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio broadcast, the Prime Minister said India is doing wonders in space as well as the solar sector, adding that the whole world is surprised to see its achievements in these areas.



India's textiles sector aims to hit USD 100 billion in exports in 5-6 years, which would take the industry's combined domestic and international economic value to USD 250 billion, Union minister Piyush Goyal said. Outbound shipments from the country's textiles segment stood at around USD 42 billion in 2021-22. The minister said that last year, textile export was approximately USD 42 billion, while the target is to achieve USD 100 billion in the next 5-6 years. He said that if achieved, the economic value of the sector will be worth USD 250 billion collectively, including its domestic as well as international markets.



Coal minister Pralhad Joshi on Thursday said that the import of dry fuel which has declined considerably will be stopped by 2024. Speaking at an event at the office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India here to release a 'Compendium of Asset Accounts on Mineral and Energy Resources', the minister said commercial coal mine auction which was institutionalized by the present government has made the auctioning process totally transparent.



India will achieve the target for exports of \$2 trillion by 2030 despite global headwinds, said Union minister of commerce and industry Piyush Goyal. Highlighting the trajectory towards becoming a developed nation, he said that by 2047, the country will become a \$30-trillion economy. By 2030, exports from India will be worth \$2 trillion, with merchandise shipments of \$1 trillion. Merchandise exports will grow at a CAGR of 11-12% and service exports at 18-19%. India's merchandise exports last fiscal stood at \$422 billion, while services exports were \$254 billion.



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A conference was held on the topic „The Wisdom and Science of India and the West, united in the works of Tesla“ at HKD Napredak Zagreb and pointed out Vedic principles in Tesla's understanding of life. The event was held with the welcoming speech of Ambassador Srivastava, Mr Singh, Croatian Indian Society & Ms Dragica Mihajlovic, president of the Association Nikola Tesla-Genius for the future. The lecturers included Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec, PhD Davor Pavuna, Mr. Goran Marjanović and Ms. Iva Mia Krušlin who praised Swami Vivekananda's influence of Nikola Tesla's work which indicates the ties between India and Croatia for many years.



CONFERENCE



THE WISDOM AND SCIENCE OF INDIA AND THE WEST UNITED IN THE WORKS OF TESLA Vedic principles in Tesla's understanding of life

Organizers: Association Nikola Tesla - Genius for the Future;
Croatian-Indian Society;
Mindfulness Initiative Croatia;
Embassy of India, Zagreb

Date: October 25, 2022
Venue: HKD Napredak, Bogović street 1, Zagreb
Moderator: Iva Mia Krušlin
Time: 18:00 h - 19:40 h

PROGRAM

- 18.00** Introductory speech by the moderator
- 18.05** Welcome speeches:
H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava,
Ambassador of India to Croatia
Joginder Singh Nijjar, president of the
Croatian-Indian Society
Dragica Mihajlović, president of the Association
Nikola Tesla - Genius for the Future
- 18.20** Lecture: Vedic Science and Tesla,
Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec
- 18.40** Lecture: Mother India and Tesla's civilization, Prof.
Ph.D. Davor Pavuna
- 19.00** Lecture: "Concordance of Vedic knowledge and
Tesla's technologies", Goran Marjanović,
researcher of Tesla's inventions
- 19.20** Lecture: What do two leaders - Nikola Tesla and
Mahatma Gandhi - have in common and
how are they connected to Vedas - the
oldest spiritual writings in the world?
M.Sc. Iva Mia Krušlin, president of the Mindfulness
Initiative Croatia, CEO of the company Iva Mia
Coaching d.o.o.
- 19.40** End of the program

REFRESHMENTS



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AYURVEDA DAY 2022



On the occasion of the forthcoming Ayurveda Day 2022, a special Ayurvedic Aahar (Nutrition) event was held in the centre for Cuisine Culture in Zagreb with professionals in the field of gastronomy & hospitality on 11th October 2022. Ambassador Srivastava explained the message of Ayurveda which should reach all humanity for healthy living. The guests jointly prepared a special Ayurvedic meal with the thought, 'Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda' - 'Ayurveda for Holistic Health' in every household. Watch the video glimpses of the Cuisine gathering [here](#).



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Mahatma Gandhi's 153rd birth anniversary was celebrated in Zagreb with the presence of about 75 friends of India. We also remembered Second PM Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri on his 118th birth anniversary.



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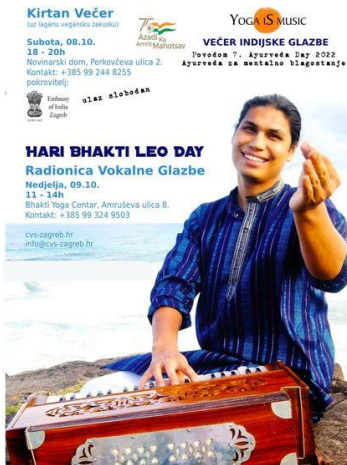
International Day of Non-Violence

On the occasion of International Day of Non-Violence, the Embassy of India, Zagreb, FER, Sveučilište u Zagrebu & Croatian Indian Society partnered a special evening celebrating Culture, Customs, Conversation, Creativity & Cuisine with a keynote speech by H.E. Mr Ivo Josipović, former President of Croatia on Mahatma Gandhi's legacy with the topic "Nonviolence is a Weapon of the Strong". The event was attended by Ambassador Srivastava who opened the gathering, Prof. PhD Vedran Bilas, Dean of FER, Prof. PhD Boško Picula, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb and Acad. Mr. Mislav Ježić, Indologist. After the conference, an interactive special Garba Dance Festival was held on the auspicious occasion of Navratras, followed by Vegetarian Indian Cuisine. About 100 guests attended the event.



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A blissful evening of Bhakti Yoga at Journalists home on 8th October. "Yoga is music".



Watch glimpses of the performance [here](#).

Ambassador Srivastava visited the Municipality of Cestica, upon the invitation of Mayor Mr. Mirko Korotaj, who was the host of the Central European Superleague in table tennis, among which were two players from India, Mr. Shubh Goel & Mr. Jeho Himnakulhpuingheta. "Sports are an integral part of Croatian people, and also of India Croatia relationship," said Ambassador Srivastava, giving specific examples of football, chess, shooting, lawn tennis, and now table tennis that connect the two countries.



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An India block was present at the 6th edition of the Mirko Miočić Memorial

50 difficult questions on India with answers to be written by participants without multiple choices. The winner got 43 correct. Amazing knowledge on India shown by Croatia and other participants. Ambassador Srivastava participated at the 6th edition of Mirko Miočić Memorial, one of the largest open quizzes in Southeast Europe, held on 1st October under the sponsorship of the City of Grad Zadar, with a specially dedicated block about India on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Independence Day of India. Ambassador Srivastava participated in the prize-winning ceremony.



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Presentation of the book "Croatian-Indian ties: „30 chapters for 30 years of diplomatic relations“

Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Gordan Grlić Radman, participated at the Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb, University of Zagreb at the presentation of the book "Croatian-Indian ties: 30 chapters for 30 years of diplomatic relations", on the occasion of marking the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

"India and Croatia are friendly countries that are committed to further strengthening their diplomatic relations, aware of the great potential that exists for expanding our cooperation," the minister emphasized in his speech, expressing his satisfaction that a publication that brings together the most important contributions of Croatian scientists will remain as a permanent legacy of this year's jubilee, artists, politicians, diplomats and missionaries in developing and strengthening the ties between our two countries,"



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