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# 76th Republic Day of India

One of the largest gatherings of Indians and friends of India celebrated the 76th Republic Day of India at the Chancery premises with great fervour and enthusiasm. The National flag was unfurled by the Ambassador of India to Croatia, Mr. Arun Goel, followed by singing the National Anthem and reading the Hon'ble President of India's address to the Nation. Attendees were treated to a sumptuous Indian meal with hot Tea.



# 'WAVES' OTT platform was launched on 20th November 2024 at the opening ceremony of 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa



Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India has launched the 'WAVES' OTT platform on 20th November 2024 at the opening ceremony of 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

With the launch of the platform, Prasar Bharati, India's iconic public broadcaster, has ventured into the platform space to cater to the growing demand for digital streaming services.

The platform aims to revive nostalgia while embracing modern digital trends by offering a rich mix of classic content and contemporary programming.

The platform brings a wide range of content for wholesome family viewing, including TV shows, movies, games, music, live podcasts, and e-commerce via CSC-SPV's ONDC platform supporting MSMEs. With Genre like mythology, drama, and thrillers, it promotes social messages like women empowerment and Swachh Bharat, featuring ad-supported integration for inclusive advertising opportunities.

News clip on Youtube: https://youtu.be/DasfNemC0s8?si=imYx8duwcWloNryO

The WAVES OTT App can be downloaded from Google's Play Store and Apple's App Store. Please download and experience the new wave of entertainment.

#### **Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths**

#### Microsoft announces US\$3 billion AI and cloud investment in India

Microsoft has announced a US\$3 billion investment to expand its artificial intelligence (AI) and cloud computing capabilities in India, marking the tech giant's largest single expansion. This move reflects India's growing importance in the global AI landscape, with its rapidly evolving developer community and robust technology services sector. Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella emphasised AI's transformative potential in India, noting the diffusion rate of AI across the country as "exciting." This expansion will include enhanced regional cloud infrastructure. Microsoft's Azure platform already operates across Central, South, West, and South-Central India. Partnerships like those with Jio will play a key role in this regional growth. Nadella also announced plans to train 10 million Indians in AI skills by 2030.



#### India-EU free trade agreement sees significant progress

According to an official statement, negotiations for the India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement (FTA) have made substantial progress. The update follows Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal's visit to Brussels, where he held discussions with European Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic. During the meeting, the two leaders reviewed the ongoing negotiations and agreed to advance a commercially meaningful trade agenda. The 10th round of negotiations is set to take place from March 10 to 14 in Brussels. In the ninth round, discussions covered a range of issues, including goods, services, investment, government procurement, rules of origin, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, and technical trade barriers. India and the 27-nation EU bloc resumed talks in June 2022 after an eight-year hiatus, following a breakdown in 2013 due to unresolved differences. Since then, both sides have worked toward bridging gaps to finalise a robust agreement.



#### India to become the fourth largest global economy by 2026: PHDCCI

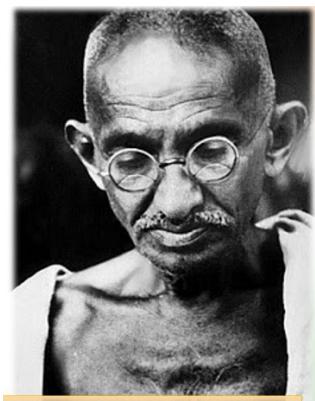
India is on track to become the fourth-largest global economy by 2026, surpassing Japan, according to projections by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI). The chamber has forecast GDP growth rates of 6.8% for FY24 and 7.7% for FY26, reflecting the resilience of the Indian economy amid global challenges. The industry body emphasised the importance of promising sectors such as agriculture, food processing, fintech, renewable energy, and semiconductors in sustaining India's growth trajectory. It underscored the need to commit to sustainable development to attract global investments and ensure long-term progress. To accelerate growth, PHDCCI proposed a comprehensive five-pronged strategy, including increased capital expenditure, enhanced ease of doing business, reduced business costs, focused on labour-intensive manufacturing, and greater integration into global value chains.



#### India's digital economy to outpace national growth by 2030

India's digital economy is poised for extraordinary growth, outpacing the overall economy and contributing nearly one-fifth of the country's national income by 2029-2030, according to a new report by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) titled 'Estimation and Measurement of India's Digital Economy'. The report is the first comprehensive effort to quantify the value addition and employment generated by India's rapidly growing digital sector. The report highlights the digital economy's transformative potential, noting that its contribution is expected to surpass agriculture and manufacturing in the next six years. It forecasts that the highest growth in the short term will come from digital intermediaries and platforms, followed by increased digital diffusion across the economy. As the sector matures, the share of digitally enabling ICT industries will gradually decrease. In the fiscal year 2022-23, the digital economy contributed 11.74% of India's national income, equivalent to Rs 28.94 trillion (\$368 billion) in Gross Value Added (GVA) and Rs 31.64 trillion (\$402 billion) in GDP. According to MeitY's estimates, this share is projected to rise to 13.42% by 2024-25.





'The future depends on what you do today.'

- Mahatma Gan



Embassy of India, Zagreb is organizing virtual narration of

'The Enduring Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi: A Pathway to Global Peace'

For Remembering Mahatma Gandhi on his 77th Martyr's Day

By Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna

(Internationally Acclaimed Speaker on Mahatma Gandhi)

Livestreaming on Thursday, 30th <u>January</u> 2025 at 6 P.M.

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On 30th January 2025, our Nation is paying Homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 77th Anniversary of Martyrdom and saluting other leaders who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country on this solemn day. In this context, we are pleased to share a talk by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna titled "The Enduring Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi: A Pathway to Global Peace" as a tribute to his leadership and service to humanity in fostering a peaceful world. You can watch the Lecture at the following link.



# Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme, ITEC for Croatian government officials





Mr. Stjepan Mandic (top right picture) was briefed by Shri Chander Mohan, SS Pol & HOC and Shri K.V. Rao, Attache (ITEC) on 22 January 2025 at Chancery before his departure to India to attend the ITEC course 'Project and Risk Management for Public Works conducted at the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi from 12 - 25 February 2025.

Mrs. Vesna Lipavić and Jelena Hodak (top left picture) were briefed by Shri Chander Mohan, SS Pol & HOC and Shri K.V. Rao, Attache (ITEC) on 28 January 2025 at Chancery before their departure to India to attend the ITEC course 'Use of Data Analytic and Emerging Technologies in Audit' conducted at the International Centre for Information Systems and Audit from 05-Feb-2025 To 28-Feb-2025.

The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme, ITEC for short, is the leading capacity building platform of the Ministry Of External Affairs, Government of India. Instituted in 1964, ITEC is one of the oldest institutionalized arrangements for international capacity building having trained more than 200,000 officials from 160+ countries in both the civilian and in the defence sector.

The Government of India bears the entire expenditure for ITEC training in India, which includes airfare, tuition fees, living allowances, medical expenses, book grants.

Interested government officials can apply at <a href="https://www.indianembassyzagreb.gov.in/page/itec-fsi/">https://www.indianembassyzagreb.gov.in/page/itec-fsi/</a>

# Ambassador Arun Goel visit to the Castle Trakoscan



During his visit to Varaždin County, Ambassador Arun Goel visited Castle Trakoscan on the 13<sup>th</sup> January, one of the most attractive castles in Croatia from the 13th Century, and met with the Director of the castle and Friend of India Mrs. Goranka Horjan.

# **Ambassador Arun Goel visited Marija Bistrica**









Ambassador Arun Goel was welcomed by the Mayor of Marija Bistrica Municipality Josip Milički on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, the Director of the Marija Bistrica Municipality Tourist Board Marija Klenkar, and the President of the Committee for Coordination of Committees at the Municipal Council of Marija Bistrica Municipality Veljko Mahmet.

# Ambassador Arun Goel visited the City of Varaždin and was received by the Mayor of the City of Varaždin, Neven Bosilj





Ambassador Arun Goel visited the City of Varaždin on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The Ambassador was received by the Mayor of the City of Varaždin, Neven Bosilj, and the Head of the Administrative Department for Economic Activities, Slađana Miočić. During the reception, numerous topics were discussed, such as cultural exchange, tourism, and education, with special attention paid to the issue of integration of Indian workers who are in increased numbers coming to Varaždin. Mayor Bosilj presented numerous investment opportunities in the city, highlighting the Varaždin airport and the attractive Brezje economic zone, which offer great potential for development. Ambassador Goel praised the investment opportunities in Varaždin and expressed his satisfaction with the city's potential and openness to cooperation.



As part of his official visit, the Indian Ambassador visited the office of the Varaždin Tourist Board, where he was briefly introduced to the destination of Varaždin as an attractive tourist destination. Head of Destination Product Development at the Varaždin Tourist Board, Smiljana Mlakar, highlighted the rich cultural and historical heritage of Croatia's first UNESCO City of Music and the diverse range of events that attract visitors from all over Croatia and abroad.

### Ambassador Goel visited the Faculty of Organization and Informatics in Varaždin



In Varaždin, at the Faculty of Organization and Informatics, a meeting was held between the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Dr. Sc. Marina Klačmer Čalopa, and the Ambassador of India to Croatia, Arun Goel on the 13<sup>th</sup> January during which the previous activities and future steps in cooperation between FOI and Indian institutions were discussed.

Ambassador Goel is actively working to strengthen relations between Croatia and India in the fields of education, culture and economy. At the FOI, the Ambassador met with the Dean and Vice-Dean for Science, Projects and International Cooperation, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sc. Martina Tomičić Furjan, and the Head of the International Cooperation Office, Izabela Oletić Tušek, to discuss the possibilities and expansion of cooperation between the Faculty of Organization and Informatics and the Indian Embassy in Croatia.

Cooperation with Indian institutions represents significant potential not only for FOI, but also for the University of Zagreb as a whole. It is expected that further discussions with the Embassy and partners from India will result in concrete steps towards enhancing academic exchange and joint research projects. **Academically, FOI currently collaborates with Sharda University**, one of the most prestigious private academic institutions in Delhi. The collaboration began in 2021 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Academic Cooperation and an Agreement on Bilateral Student Exchange. The main objective of the collaboration was to encourage staff and student exchange and enable joint research and project initiatives.

Cooperation between FOI and Indian institutions has also taken place at other levels. One example is the participation of FOI assistant professor, Dr. Sc. Bogdan Okreša Đurić, in the six-week Specialized Program on Artificial Intelligence in Noida, organized by the Indian Center for Development and Advanced Computing Technologies. During his stay, Dr. Sc. Okreša Đurić gave lectures on topics in the field of artificial intelligence and promoted FOI as a leading educational and research institution in Croatia. His lectures aroused great interest among local students, who expressed a desire to participate in student mobility at FOI. The stay was fully funded by the prestigious Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) program.

During the meeting, the Ambassador made constructive proposals for further intensification of cooperation, including the possibility of attracting more students from India to the FOI. He proposed concrete steps for the promotion of FOI among Indian students and gave advice on creating a favourable environment for students to come to mobility programs, either for one semester or the entire academic year. The meeting discussed the possibilities of joining other Indian universities and initiating new forms of cooperation, emphasizing the great interest of Indian students in Croatia, according to the ambassador. The ambassador offered support in these steps and suggested including FOI employees in specialized programs in India, which would enable them to gain valuable knowledge and experience during a stay of several weeks.



The town of Ludbreg hosted Ambassador Arun Goel on the 14th of January, as part of an official visit that further strengthened ties between India and Croatia and emphasized the importance of Ludbreg as an economic, cultural and historical centre.

The visit began with a meeting at the Mayor's Office. The Ambassador was welcomed by the Mayor of Ludbreg, Dubravko Bilić, the President of the City Council, Darko Jagić, the Head of the Administrative Department for Development Projects, Social Activities and Local Self-Government, Erina Stančin, and the representative of the Yoga Association "Ayana", Ivana Krobot.

Mayor Dubravko Bilić said on that occasion: "It is a special honour for me to host H.E. Mr. Goel in Ludbreg, a city that combines historical heritage and modern development. This visit is an opportunity to exchange experiences and establish new forms of cooperation, especially in the economic and cultural fields, although Ludbreg and India have been connected in economic terms for years."

After the meeting, the Ambassador, accompanied by his host, toured the center of Ludbreg and visited the Archaeological Park. The head of the Ludbreg City Museum, Jelena Koprek, presented him with the rich history and archaeological heritage that makes Ludbreg unique. The visit continued with a tour of ACG Europe doo, a leading Indian company headquartered in Ludbreg, which is part of a global pharmaceutical group. Director Matko Vukušić introduced the Ambassador to the company's operations, its innovative solutions and contribution to the local economy, and then took him through the production facilities.

Ambassador Goel expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome and praised the potential for further cooperation: "I am delighted with Ludbreg, its history, culture and dynamic economic community. As an Indian company, ACG Europe is an important bridge between our countries, and I see a lot of room for further strengthening relations and new joint projects."

### Ambassador Arun Goel statements for the Daily Newspaper Glas Slavonije

Priredila: Ina STAŠEVIĆ

ve godine Indi-ja slavi 76. obljetnicu stupanja na snagu svoga Ustava, temeljnog dokumenta kojim se potvrđu-je kolektivni identitet Indijaca, neovisnost zemlje i jedinstvo u njezinoj golemoj različitosti. Ovaj svečani događaj, Dan Re-publike, proslavljen je i u Ve-leposlanstvu Indije u Zagrebu. Nj. Eksc. Arun Goel, velepo-slanik Indije, razvio je troboj-nicu uz intoniranje držane himne, a potom pročitao poruku predsjednice Indije Droupadi Murmu, o nevjerojatnom povijesnom putovanju neovisne Indije koje je nadahnulo mnoge druge narode. Između ostalog naglasio je kako je Dan Repu-blike zaista kolektivna radost i ponos svih gradana. Sedamde-set i pet godina, netko će reći samo je treptaj oka u životu jednog naroda. Ne, reći ću, ne ovih proteklih 75 godina. Ovo je bilo vrijeme kada se dugo uspavana duša Indije ponovno probudila, poduzimajući ko-rake kako bi ponovno zauzela svoje pravo mjesto u društvu naroda. Među najstarijim civilizacijama Indija je nekoć bila poznata kao izvor znanja i mu-drosti. Međutim, nastupila je mračna faza, a neljudsko iskorištavanje pod kolonijalnom vladavinom je dovelo do povladavilnih je dovelo do po-tupnog siromaštva. Danas se najprije treba prisjetiti hrabrih duša koje su podnijele velike žrtve da bi oslobodile domo-vinu od okova tudinske vlasti. Neki su bili dobro poznati, dok su neki do danas ostali malo

#### PROŠLOST I SADAŠNJOST

Da podsjetimo, nakon stjeca-nja neovisnosti 15. kolovoza 1947. Indija je ostala članicom Britanskog Commonwealtha, s monarhom Ujedinjenog Kraljevstva kao šefom države. Ali čelnici indijskog pokreta za neovisnost, uključujući Mahatmu Gandhija i Jawaharlala Nehrua vjerovali su da bi zemlja trebala biti suverena, demokratska republika. Nakon što je Nehru postao prvi premijer neovisne Indije, njegova je Vlada zapo-čela s izradom nacrata Ustava. Stoga, Dan Republike, 26. siječnja obilježava godišnjicu službenog usvajanja Ustava Indije 1950. godine, čime je Indija postala suverena republika s

potpunom samoupravom. Dan Republike prigoda je za slavlje indijske demokratske



# **Veleposlanik Goel:** Sve je više indijskih radnika u Hrvatskoj

tradicije, neovisnosti i njezine kulturne i regionalne raznoli-kosti. Bogata kulturna raznolikost Indije, vojna moć, mimohod postrojbi, zračne snage bile su tradicionalno dominante teme u New Delhiju. Među njima i žene piloti (ženska sna-ga) koje su svojim letačkim vještinama očarale publiku.

Tom prigodom premijer Modi izjavio je da je u posljednjem desetljeću 25 milijuna Indijaca izvučeno iz siromaštva, što je izvuteno iz sromastva, sto je veliki uspjeh. Naglasio je nevi-deno povećanje snage indijske vojske i rastuću ulogu Indije na svjetskoj pozomici, izraziv-ši uvjerenje da nije daleko dan kada će Indija postati treća gos-

podarska sila svijeta. Dakako da je Indija iskoristi-la prednost demokracije, demografije i golemog tržišta te danas igra aktivnu i konstruk-tivnu ulogu u globalnoj zajednici. Vlada premijera Modija već dugi niz godina najveći pri-oritet pridaje razvoju, povezivanju i produbljivanju indijske prisutnosti. Njegova kampanja "Proizvedi u Indiji" priskrbila je respekt i sa zapada i sa istoka te je polučila brojne gospodarske i strateške koristi po Indi-ju. Posljednjih godina Modi se uhvatio u koštac s izazovima, mobiliziralo duh nacije i Indiju uzdignuo na razinu na kojoj može biti rame uz rame s ve-

lesilama našeg vremena, SAD-om i Kinom. Prilikom obraćanja na jednom događaju u Londonu još u studenom 2015. godine, Modi je kazao: "Već dugo ne trebamo suosjećanje od svijeta, želimo jednakost. Ako se žele udruživati (s nama) tada (to predstavlja) obostrani dobitak, ako žele napredovati (s nama) tada (to predstavlja) pohod rame uz rame, a meni je to znak jedne vedrije budućnosti"

Između niza velikih postignu če, spomenut čemo i jedan važan aspekt. U vrijeme kada svjetska ekonomija ne izgleda tako dobro prosječni dnevni broj digitalnih transakcija putem UPI-ja premašio je impre-sivnih 500 milijuna transkacija prema podacima Nacionalne korporacije za plaćanje u Indiji. UPI je platforma utemelje-na 2016. godine koja omogubezgotovinsko/digitalno plačanje u raznim sektorima, od kupnje slatkiša do prekograod kupije statusa do prekogra-ničnih transakcija diljem svi-jeta. Ta platforma unijela je učinkovitost u sustav plaćanja i postala je važan čimbenik koji je osnažio gospodarstvo, olakšao trgovanje i ulaganja, ubr-zao financijsku povezanost te uključio urbane i ruralne regije zemlje i svijeta. Da je široko prihvaćen govori i činjenica kako UPI koriste u sedam zemalja

(uključujući Francusku, UAE i Singapur), a to je dokaz kako Indija postavlja globalne standarde u financijskoj tehnologi-ji. Plan je doseći milijardu transakcija u slijedećim mjesecima, a to su bilijuni indijskih rupija. Indija u međuvremenu slavi Kumbha Mela. To je jedinstve-ni duhovni događaj, Sveti dani ni duhovni događaj, Sveti dani kupanja na ušću rijeke Ganges koji se događa svake 144 godi-ne. Posljednji takav održan je 1882. godine, a slijedeći će biti 2169. godine. Vrijeme Kumb-ha Mela određeno je položa-jem Jupitera i Sunca. Kumbha Mela ove svdine održava se od Mela ove godine održava se od 13. siječnja do 26. veljače u Indijskom gradu Prayagraju u sa-veznoj državi Uttar Pradesh, kao najveće mirno okupljanje ljudi na planetu. Očekuje se da če taj duhovni događaj privući 400 milijuna hodočasnika/ sudionika, praćenih ritualima. Ljudi se okupljaju vjerujući kako na taj način mogu ispra-ti svoje grijehe, osloboditi se pohlepe i krivnje, slaveći prito-me snagu kolektivne vjere, je-dinstvo i prisutnost u ovom nadinstvo pristunost u vom na-šem kozmosu. Kineski putnik, učenjak, prevoditelji budistički redovnik Xuanzang, koji je po-sjetio Indiju u 7. stoljeću, opi-sao je Prayagraj kao područje neizmjerne i veličanstvene pri-codne ljenota i dubovnog znarodne ljepote i duhovnog zna-čaja. Potrebna su nam takva mjesta, kažu Indijci, jer zabrinutost za budućnost i frustracije koje danas vidimo nisu ograničene samo na jedan teritorij, jednu regiju, frustracija je raši-rena diljem svijeta.

#### RIJEČ VELEPOSLANIKA

Nakon obraćanja indijskoj zajednici u Hrvatskoj i prijate-ljima Indije, postavila sam pi-tanje veleposlaniku Indije Nj. Eksc. Arunu Goelu što je prio-ritet za naše dvije zemlje u ovoj godini?

- Došlo je do snažnog jačanja naših tradicionalnih prijatelj-skih veza, temeljenih na činje-nici da u Hrvatskoj radi 17.000 indijskih radnika u različi-tim oblavate. tim sektorima, infrastrukturi i uslugama. Kako bismo poboljšali bilateralne odnose, trebali bismo zaključiti Memoran-dum o razumijevanju, a zatim i dva sporazuma, o zapošljava-nju i socijalnoj sigurnosti ljudi iz Indije. Na temelju tih spo-razuma radnici bi se prije odlaska iz Indije mogli upoznati sa svojim budučim poslovima te prije dolaska u Hrvatsku početi učiti hrvatski jezik. Potreban je snažan sustav za zaštitu stranih radnika i njihovih plaća, zaključio je veleposlanik.

Read the full article at the following link: https://www.indianembassyzagreb.gov.in/event\_detail/?eventid=662

#### Ambassador Arun Goel was received by the Director of Croatia's Tourism Board

Ambassador Arun Goel was received Mr. Kristjan Staničić on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, Director of Croatia's Tourism Board and discussed the new positive developments in the India-Croatian Tourism sector.



The allure of Croatia is undeniable as the summer season in 2025 draws near, with a 5,000% increase in Indian searches in 2024, compared to 2021 for Croatia Schengen visas. This spike reflects the growing enthusiasm among Indian tourists to discover the splendors of Croatia. Those with definite travel plans are encouraged to secure their visas promptly to prevent any potential delays.

As the temperatures rise, the interest in Croatian holidays is soaring, evidenced by a 5,000% jump in Google Trends for Croatia Schengen visas from India, according to schengenvisainfo. This trend points to a burgeoning desire among Indian tourists to visit Croatia in the upcoming season.

Anticipated Surge in Visa Applications During Peak Season Travel professionals foresee a surge in visa applications starting in April, aligning with the spring travel season, and continuing into May and June as Indians solidify their summer vacation plans.

# Ambassador met with the Croatia-India Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group



The head of the Croatia-India Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group, Veljko Kajtazi, and members of the Group, Krešimir Čabaj and Zvonimir Troskot, held a meeting on on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January with Ambassador Arun Goel and HOC Mr. Chander Mohan at the Croatia Parliament premises. Group Leader and Croatian Member of Parliament Kajtazi informed the attendees about the work of the Inter-Parliamentary Group during the past mandate and highlighted events that solemnly marked important dates, such as the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Croatia and India, the 75th anniversary of India's independence, and the international conference "Roma as an Indian Diaspora - Unbreakable Bonds" on World Roma Day 2022. In addition to parliamentary cooperation, Croatia and India are deepening cooperation in the fields of culture, economy, and tourism. Regarding the economy, the leader Kajtazi emphasized that Croatia has export potential, and good references in shipbuilding, defense, food and ICT industries. He also announced several international activities connecting Croatia and India, which will be celebrated this year as well, such as: the Festival of Lights "Diwali" in October 2025 and International Yoga Day in June 2025.



Ambassador Goel stressed the importance of continuing good cooperation between the two countries and positively assessed the economic and business cooperation to date. As a possible joint centre of cooperation, the ambassador singled out aviation as an economic branch in which he called Croatia a transport hub between India and Europe. MP Krešimir Čabaj followed up on what was said and emphasized that Croatia continuously advocates for the use of seaports in Rijeka, Zadar, Ploče and Dubrovnik, and river ports in Vukovar and Slavonski Brod as access to European markets and free zones for distribution and logistics centres. In conclusion, MP Zvonimir Troskot highlighted excellent cooperation in the fields of culture, education, science, technology, and sports with the possibility of further expansion.

# Month of Indian Film and Culture in Karlovac





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With the support of the Embassy of the Republic of India, Kino Edison Karlovac is organizing in February the "Month of Indian Film and Culture". Along with film screenings, you can expect a yoga workshop and a lecture by our celebrated mountaineer Stipe Božić. See the program below:

TUESDAY, 4th February

19:00 Manu Marries Tana (2011) comedy, drama, romance; 113 min.

TUESDAY, 11th February

19: 00 Hawaa Hawaai (2014) drama, family, sports; 120 min.

SATURDAY, 15th February

17:00 - 18:30 Workshop YOGA FOR VITALITY WITH SOUND BATH

The workshop will be held in the Kina Edison Multifunctional Space, on the 2nd floor. Registration required at <a href="mailto:info@verbasana.com">info@verbasana.com</a>

TUESDAY, 18th February

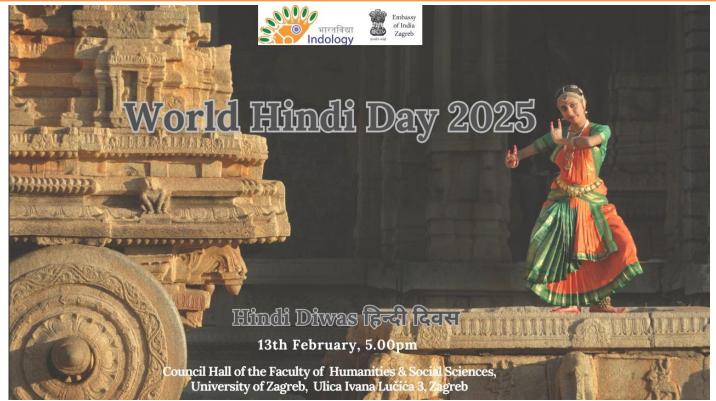
17:30 Lecture by Stipe Božić HIMALAYAS – THE HABITAT OF THE GODS. The lecture will be held in the Great Hall.

19:00 Jolly LLB (2013) comedy, drama; 135 min.

TUESDAY, 25th February

19:00 Mary Kom (2014) action, biographical, drama; 122 min.

# World Hindi Day 2025



The Department of Indology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, in collaboration with the Embassy of India in Zagreb, proudly announces the celebration of World Hindi Day 2025 which will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, starting at 5 p.m.

The celebration will be held in the Council Chamber of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, at Ulica Ivana Lučića 3. All students of the University of Zagreb are cordially invited to join this special occasion. After the official program, Indian Refreshments will be provided for attendees.

#### **About World Hindi Day:**

World Hindi Day is observed to raise awareness about the Hindi language and promote its status as a global means of communication.

Vishwa Hindi Divas, or World Hindi Day, is celebrated every year. World Hindi Day commemorates the historic moment in 1949 when Hindi was first spoken in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), followed by the first World Hindi Conference inaugurated in 1975. Since then, various conferences have been held globally to further Hindi's reach, culminating in the official designation of January 10, 2006, as World Hindi Day by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

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#### Indusfood 2025

Date & Venue: India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, 8-10 Jan. 2025 Website: https://indusfood.co.in/

Indusfood offers an exclusive platform for global businesses to connect with India's dynamic food economy, widely recognized as the food economy of the future. With over 1,800 exhibitors, 180+ international exhibitors, and 20+ country pavilions, Indusfood addresses the underutilized potential of India's processed food exports. The event spans over 80,000 square meters, attracting more than 5,000 global buyers and 100+ supermarket chains and e-retailers. Indusfood aims to bridge gaps by offering an international stage for companies to connect with global buyers, explore new markets, and expand their reach. It not only highlights India's unique food offerings but also facilitates cross-border partnerships and investment opportunities.



#### Printpack India

Date and Venue: India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, 1-5 Feb. 2025 Website: www.printpackipama.com

The 16th edition of PRINTPACK INDIA is set to be a landmark event in the printing and packaging industry, hosted by the Indian Printing Packaging & Allied Machinery Manufacturers' Association (IPAMA). As one of Asia's largest expositions in this sector, the event will bring together industry decision-makers and enthusiasts from around the globe. Attendees can expect to see a comprehensive showcase of products, including in-press, post-press, finishing, converting, digital and signage, packaging machines, packaging materials, printing and publishing solutions, paper products, logistics, and transportation industries.



#### **Bharat Tex 2025**

Date & Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, 14-17 February 2025

Website: www.bharat-tex.com

BHARAT TEX 2025 is positioned as a global scale textile trade fair and knowledge platform. Over 5,000 Exhibitors, 6,000 international buyers from over 110 countries and over 120,000 visitors are expected to participate in the event. Building on the success of Bharat Tex's first edition, Bharat Tex-2025 aims to establish itself as a premier international industry platform. The event will feature exhibitions, knowledge sessions, thematic discussions, G2G meetings, B2B networks, MoUs, product launches, and interactive pavilions.



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