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The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Nation on the 79th Independence Day from the ramparts of the Red Fort, Delhi today. The address to the nation by Shri Modi was the longest and most decisive address from the Red Fort, lasting 103 minutes, charting a bold roadmap for a Viksit Bharat by 2047. Prime Minister's address focussed on self-reliance, innovation, and citizen empowerment, highlighting India's journey from a nation dependent on others to a globally confident, technologically advanced, and economically resilient country.

Shri Modi outlined the vision for a Viksit Bharat 2047, emphasizing that India's progress is built on self-reliance, innovation, and citizen empowerment. He stated that across sectors ranging from strategic defence to semiconductors, clean energy to agriculture, and digital sovereignty to youth empowerment, the roadmap seeks to transform India into a \$10 trillion economy by 2047, making it globally competitive, socially inclusive, and strategically autonomous. Watch the recap at the following link.

## Highlights from the PM's address on the 79th Independence Day



Today, everyone has started acknowledging the power of women in India. Our women are the beneficiaries of the growing economy, but our women have also contributed a lot in accelerating the growing economy, our mother power has contributed, our women power has contributed.



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Every citizen of the country is seeing the wonders of the space sector and is filled with pride. And our Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla has returned from the space station. He is also coming to India in a few days. We are also preparing for Aatmanirbhar Bharat Gaganyaan on our own in space.



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In the field of nuclear energy, 10 new reactors are progressing rapidly.

By 2047, when the nation will complete 100 years of independence—the year we have set as the target for achieving the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat'—we are moving forward with the resolve to increase our nuclear energy capacity more than tenfold.



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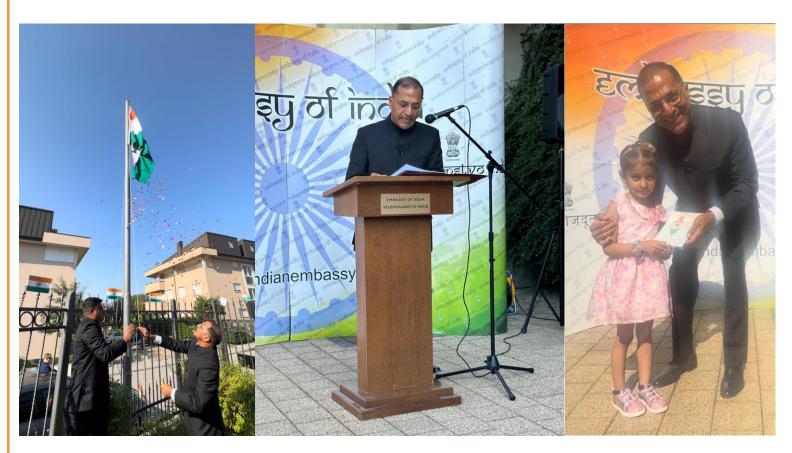
Taking forward our Samudra Manthan, we want to work in a mission mode towards finding oil reserves, gas reserves under the sea and hence, India is going to start the National Deep Water Exploration Mission. This is our important announcement to become energy independent.



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On 19th August, the Embassy of India in Croatia hosted a Reception in Zagreb to celebrate the 79th Independence Day of India. The event was attended by nearly 200 distinguished guests, including dignitaries from the Croatian Parliament, Ministries, and Institutions, members of the Diplomatic Corps, representatives of Croatia—India Friendship Societies, and members of the vibrant Indian community in Croatia. In his opening address, H.E. Mr. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia, reflected on India's journey since independence and highlighted the recently concluded visit of Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, to Croatia, which has further strengthened the close bonds between the two nations. He also emphasised the opportunities for deepening cooperation across diverse sectors, underscoring the growing partnership between India and Croatia.



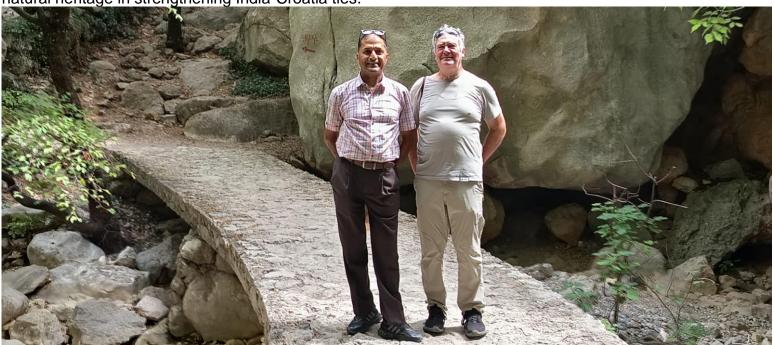
The Embassy was honoured to welcome H.E. Mr. David Vlajčić, Deputy Prime Minister of Croatia and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he stated that he was deputed by the Prime Minister of Croatia and conveyed greetings of H.E. Mr. Andrej Plenković on India's 79th Independence Day. He also reaffirmed the enduring friendship and growing partnership between India and Croatia. The evening featured a rich cultural program showcasing India's spiritual and artistic heritage. Guests were mesmerised by the Veda chanting of the Veda Union, the graceful Kathak performances by Ivana Surya and the Ana Jug troupe, a Kuchipudi dance by Ramya Reddy Karajula, and soulful music by "Shakti & The Vibe Tribe", all of which created a vibrant atmosphere celebrating the harmony of Indian and Croatian cultures.



## Ambassador's visit to island of Pag and Rab

During his visit to the islands of Pag and Rab, Ambassador Arun Goel also explored Nacionalni park Paklenica on the 24th August, enjoying the breathtaking landscapes and highlighting the importance of cultural and

natural heritage in strengthening India-Croatia ties.



On 24 August, Ambassador Arun Goel met with Ms. Bogdana Vukasović, the organiser of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) in Rab. They discussed ongoing and future activities in the field of Yoga and the promotion of AYUSH in Croatia. Ambassador Goel was updated on the latest initiatives and expressed his appreciation for Ms. Vukasović's valuable efforts in spreading awareness and strengthening cultural ties





On 25 August, Ambassador Arun Goel met with Mr. Nikola Grgurić, Mayor of Rab, and Mr. Ivana Matušan, Director of the Rab Tourism Board. They held fruitful discussions on strengthening cooperation in the fields of tourism, culture, and wellness, as well as the potential for greater promotion of Yoga and AYUSH initiatives in Rab. Ambassador Goel expressed appreciation for the warm welcome and the strong support extended by the City of Rab and its Tourism Board in fostering closer people-to-people ties between India and Croatia. The meeting highlighted the shared commitment to building bridges of friendship and collaboration.







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Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) — National Mission for Financial Inclusion — completes 11 years of transformative impact. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), a national financial inclusion mission, has marked its 11th year, having a transformative effect on India's financial landscape. According to the Union Minister of Finance, Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, the initiative has successfully brought millions of underprivileged individuals into the formal financial sector. Over the past 11 years, more than 56 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened, with a total deposit balance of Rs. 2.68 lakh crore (US\$ 30.59 billion). Of these accounts, 67% were opened in rural or semi-urban areas, and women hold 56%. A total of over 38 crore free-of-cost RuPay cards have also been issued, which have helped to facilitate digital transactions and come with an accident insurance cover of Rs. 2 lakh (US\$ 2,284). The Jan-Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile (JAM) trinity has also proven to be an effective mechanism for delivering subsidies without diversion. In FY25, Rs. 6.9 lakh crore (US\$ 78.76 billion) was credited to bank accounts through various Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes.

## India's wind energy capacity set to reach 107 GW by 2030, says Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)

India's wind energy capacity is projected to more than double from the current 51 GW to 107 GW by 2030, surpassing the government's target of 100 GW, according to a Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) report 'Wind at the Core: Driving India's Green Ambitions and International Influence'. The report highlights that this growth aligns with state-level Resource Adequacy Plans and is critical for India's least-cost energy transition pathway. While agencies like NREL, IEA, WRI, and Lawrence Berkeley suggest even higher potential of 121-164 GW by 2030, the report stresses the need to address grid concerns, strengthen Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) compliance, and align bidding processes with state demand. Currently, about 30 GW of projects are under development, with 6-7 GW expected to be added this year.

## E-Commerce, technology start-ups lead fresher hiring with 88% intent in H2 2025

India's fresher hiring outlook for July-December 2025 shows a mixed trend, with e-commerce and technology start-ups leading recruitment at 88% intent, followed closely by retail at 87% and manufacturing at 82%, according to TeamLease EdTech's Career Outlook Report (H2 2025). Sectors such as Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) (77%) and Information Technology, Travel & Hospitality (75%) continue to maintain strong demand for entry-level talent, ensuring a resilient job landscape. The report highlights city-level dynamics, with Bengaluru leading at 81% intent to hire, followed by Mumbai (67%), Chennai (59%), Hyderabad (54%), and Delhi (48%). Freshers with specialised skills in emerging domains are set to gain an edge, with cyber security, artificial intelligence (AI) & machine learning, business analytics, Internet of Things (IoT), and prompt engineering ranking among the top in-demand skill sets.







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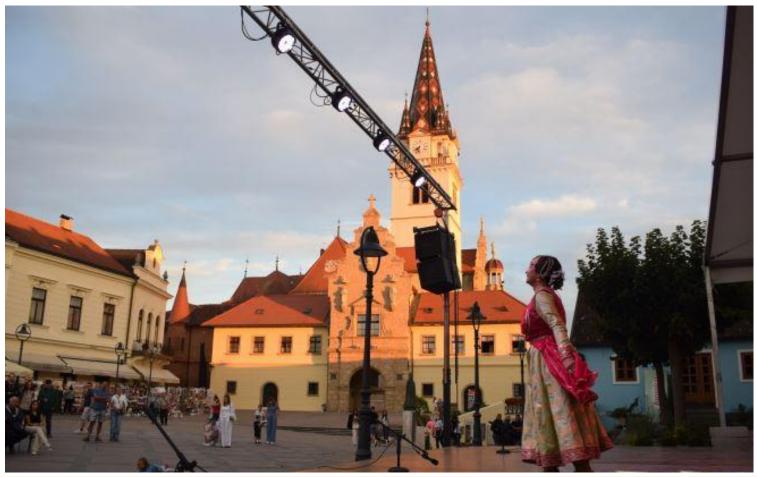
The Kathak Dance Group, led by the renowned Renu Pahari Bassi, brought the grace of Indian classical dance to the heart of Split. On 19th August, the group performed at the International Folklore festival Split, captivating audiences with their art. Earlier in the day, the dancers joined the reception at the Mayor's office, where Mayor Tomislav Šuta and County Prefect Blaženko Boban warmly welcomed participants of the 4th International Folklore Festival (19–23 August). The presence of the Kathak group at the Promenade in the city center added a touch of India's rich cultural heritage to this vibrant international celebration of traditions.



#### ICCR 6-member Kathak Dance Troupe, led by Renu Pahari, performance in Marija Bistrica 2025

In the spirit of friendship and culture, the ICCR 6-member Kathak Dance Troupe, led by Renu Pahari, held a performance in Marija Bistrica on the 24th August, 2025. This special event highlighted a remarkable cultural exchange that further strengthens the friendship and cooperation between Croatia and India.





## ICCR 6-member Kathak Dance Troupe, led by Renu Pahari, performance in Ludbreg and Špancirfest

The ICCR-sponsored 6-member Kathak dance troupe from India, led by renowned artist Renu Pahari (Bassi), brought a touch of India to Ludbreg on August 24. On the stage of the Centre for Culture and Information, the dancers presented the enchanting beauty of Indian dance and, through Kathak, conveyed a part of India's tradition. The audience enjoyed the extraordinary performance and rewarded the dancers with prolonged

applause.



Glimps of the ICCR 6-member Kathak Dance Troupe, led by Renu Pahari, performing at the

Špancirfest in the city of Varaždin on the 26th August, 2025.



## ICCR 6-member Kathak Dance Troupe, led by Renu Pahari, performance in Osijek

On Thursday, August 28th, the Franjo Krežma Hall came alive with the magic of India! The audience had the unique opportunity to experience the mesmerising classical Indian dance Kathak, performed by the ensemble under the artistic direction of the internationally acclaimed dancer Renu Pahari (Bassi). Kathak captivated everyone with its intricate footwork, expressive gestures, graceful body movements, and storytelling that brings centuries-old traditions to life. The performance offered a beautiful glimpse into India's rich cultural heritage and emotional depth. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to this remarkable cultural experience. Special appreciation goes to the Indian Council For Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the support of the City of Osijek, for making this unforgettable event possible.



## Yoga Sessions at Jarun

Under the flagship event "Sport for All – Zagreb", the City of Zagreb and the Embassy of India, Zagreb, successfully kicked off the summer series of open-air yoga sessions at the beautiful Jarun Lake. The first session brought together yoga enthusiasts of all ages, enjoying the serene sunset, fresh air, and the timeless practice of yoga in the spirit of friendship and cultural exchange between India and Croatia. These sessions promote health, well-being, and community spirit, with the support of the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India and Croatian yoga partners.

#### When & Where?

- Every Tuesday & Thursday until 15th September at 7:00 PM (just before sunset)
- Jarun RŠC Jarun, green area by the Small Lake
- Free participation



Find out more at: <a href="https://sportzasve-zagreb.hr/ljetni-program-2025/">https://sportzasve-zagreb.hr/ljetni-program-2025/</a>

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The 52nd Year of ChemTECH World Expo 2026, India's Biggest Exhibition for Chemicals, Bio Pharma, Refining & Petrochemicals & Process Industry, will take place from 3rd-6th February 2026, Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, Mumbai, India. The event is also supported by DECHEMA & VDMA. The World Meet of the Chemicals & Specialty Chemicals, Petrochemicals, BioPharma & Process Industry in India will bring the stakeholders of Chemicals, Process Plant Equipment & Technology, Refining Petrochemicals, BioPharma, Industry Automation & Process Control, Water & Environment Services, Surface Engineering & Corrosion Control, Lab Analytics, and allied sectors to engage on a common platform.



### 60th Edition IHGF DELHI FAIR (AUTUMN) 2025

Date and Venue: 13-17 October 2025, India Expo Centre & Mart,

Greater Noida, Delhi NCR Website: www.ihgfdelhifair.in

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