

Viksit Bharat Run- 2025
Organised by Embassy of India in Croatia
and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India

The Embassy of India in Zagreb, jointly with MY Bharat, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, successfully organised the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 on 28 September 2025. Held simultaneously across over 150 international locations, the event became a truly global celebration of service, fitness, and sustainability. The run in Zagreb drew enthusiastic participation from the Indian diaspora, students, professionals, and friends of India.

The run was held as part of Seva Pakhwada (17 September - 2 October), and reflected the transformative progress India has achieved in areas such as infrastructure, healthcare, technology, education, and sustainability under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The community in Zagreb reaffirmed its commitment to the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat, a developed India, by joining the run.

Under the theme "Run to Serve the Nation," participants from Zagreb came together for community run of 3 kilometres, turning the event into a powerful statement of collectiveness. More than a fitness activity, the event celebrated the ideals of Seva Bhav (spirit of service) and echoed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. It also embodied India's Swadeshi ethos, highlighting the collective call for self-reliance, inclusivity, and environmental responsibility.

The turnout was remarkable, with 91 runners, 10 volunteers joining hands to make the event a grand success.

Pledge for a Viksit Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Bharat

A key moment of the event was the collective recitation of the Viksit Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Bharat Pledge, where participants committed to contributing towards India's journey of becoming a developed nation by 2047. This gesture brought Zagreb closer to Indians across the globe, aligning with the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat and reinforcing a shared aspiration for growth, innovation, and global leadership.

Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam: A Green Commitment

In addition to the run, under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative, the Embassy in collaboration with the Academy Of Fine Arts, University of Zagreb conducted a *Crape Myrtle* tree planting ceremony at the Academy premises symbolising care for the environment in creating a greener and healthier plant. The event was attended by Prof. Alen Novoselec, Dean of the Academy of Fine Arts, and Faculty staff. The ceremony included a guided walk around the campus and the planting of the tree, celebrating environmental sustainability, cultural exchange, and friendship between India and Croatia.

Diaspora Engagement and Global Partnerships

The Viksit Bharat Run became a platform for diaspora engagement and youth mobilisation, with Indian Missions partnering community groups, cultural bodies, and local organisations worldwide. It reinforced the spirit of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* – “the world is one family.”

From London and Paris to New York, Moscow, and Sydney, Indian communities ran together, taking pride in their heritage and reaffirming their role in India's journey towards a Viksit Bharat.

In Zagreb, [insert names of notable dignitaries, community leaders, and local organisations] graced the event, underscoring the importance of connecting India's development story with the world.

Open House Session:

The Embassy of India in Zagreb, in collaboration with the Croatian Indian Society, organised an Open House Session during the fortnight-long synchronised initiatives "Viksit Bharat Run" covering "Diaspora empowerment". Ambassador Arun Goel, along with Embassy officials, engaged in an interactive dialogue with the Indian community, addressing consular matters and key issues concerning Indian citizens in Croatia. Experts from Croatian Law, trade unions, immigration research shared their insight knowledge with the Indian Diaspora.

A Landmark Global Celebration

The Viksit Bharat Run 2025 emerged as one of India's largest global outreach initiatives. It carried a strong message of unity, resilience, and shared responsibility, while also showcasing India's cultural and developmental strides. The run sowed seeds of hope and service for a stronger, more inclusive India.

Together, let us continue the journey towards a Viksit Bharat - a developed, self-reliant India rooted in service and global leadership.

Zagreb, (Croatia) Sunday the 28 September 2025
