

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi:

From 22nd September, the next-generation GST reforms will come into effect, marking the beginning of a GST Bachat Utsav

“
**NEXT GENERATION
GST REFORMS**
have been announced.
This means
LOWER TAXES
on many products,
**MAKING
LIFE EASIER**
for families.”

PM Modi at the launch of
development works in Mizoram,
13th September 2025

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**Next-Gen
GST
REFORMS**

GST reduced from 12% to 5%

- Essential medicines (some to 5%, some Nil)
Services for treatment or disposal of bio-medical waste, Job-work in pharmaceutical manufacturing
- Dry fruits, Diabetic foods, Prepared/preserved fish, Fruit pulp or juice-based drinks, Beverages containing milk
- Gyms and fitness centres
- Medical Devices & Equipments
- Spectacles, Spectacle lenses and Contact lenses

Read more at the following [link](#).

Highlights from PM addresses the International Conference on Gyan Bharatam in New Delhi

- PM launches the Gyan Bharatam Portal – a dedicated digital platform to accelerate manuscript digitisation, preservation, and public access
- Gyan Bharatam Mission is set to become the voice of India's culture, literature and consciousness
- Today, India has the world's largest collection of about one crore manuscripts: PM



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the International Conference on Gyan Bharatam in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the 12th September. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister remarked that Vigyan Bhawan is today witnessing the resurgence of India's golden past. He highlighted that only a few days ago, he had announced the Gyan Bharatam Mission and within such a short span, the Gyan Bharatam International Conference was being organized. Shri Modi informed that the portal associated with the mission has also been launched. Stating that this is not a government or academic event, the Prime Minister emphasised that the Gyan Bharatam Mission is set to become a proclamation of India's culture, literature, and consciousness. He reflected on the contemplative legacy of thousands of generations. He acknowledged the wisdom and research of India's great sages, acharyas, and scholars, underlining India's knowledge, traditions and scientific heritage. Shri Modi stated that through the Gyan Bharatam Mission, these legacies are being digitized. He extended congratulations to all citizens for this mission and conveyed his best wishes to the entire Gyan Bharatam team and the Ministry of Culture.

Read the full article at the following [link](#).

Viksit Bharat Run 2025 – Zagreb

The Embassy of India in Zagreb organised the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 on 28 September 2025 at Park Ribnjak, Zagreb, as part of the fortnight-long synchronised global initiative “Viksit Bharat Run”. The 3 km Community Marathon brought together members of the Indian diaspora and friends of India in Croatia to celebrate India’s developmental journey, promote awareness of Government initiatives for the diaspora, and highlight India’s soft power through cultural and community engagement. This initiative, led globally by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Ministry of External Affairs, spans 91 countries and aims to inspire collective action towards building a Viksit Bharat by 2047. A heartfelt thanks to all participants who joined us with great enthusiasm and community spirit.



Highlights of the programme:

Pledge for Viksit Bharat & Aatmanirbhar Bharat led by H.E. Mr. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia
3 km Community Run with enthusiastic participation.



T-shirts, participation certificates & refreshments for registered participants & Networking & cultural exchange after the run. Watch the glimpses of the Viksit Bharat 2025 run [here](#).



Open House Session in Zagreb

The Embassy of India in Zagreb, in collaboration with the Croatian Indian Society, organised an Open House Session on 24 September 2025 at HKD Napredak in Zagreb as one of the Thematic Activities for the Special period from 15 September to 2nd October, as well as under 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.



The session also featured valuable insights from distinguished Croatian experts:

- Ms. Lucija Koren, Croatian Law Centre
- Ms. Sunčica Brnardić, Executive Secretary for Labour Law and Labour Market, Union of Autonomous Trade Unions of Croatia, joined by Ms. Višnja Katalinić
- Margareta Gregurović, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Migration Research
- Ms. Željka Đurić, Senior Expert Associate, One-Stop-Shop, City of Zagreb

Discussions covered:

- Consular services provided by the Embassy
- Insight into Croatian Law on foreign workers
- Labour laws and employer–employee relations
- Societal integration and promotion of human rights



The open house concluded with a lively Q&A session and networking over refreshments. The Embassy of India reaffirms its commitment to serving the Indian community in Croatia and fostering stronger people-to-people ties between India and Croatia. Encouraged by this successful beginning, the Embassy will continue this series of open house sessions to remain closely engaged with the community.

Ambassador's visit to island of Dugi Otok and Vransko Jezero Nature Park

On 20th September 2025, Ambassador Arun Goel visited the Vransko Lake Natural Park and interacted with an Indian diaspora family whose child is attending an elementary school in Croatia for the first time ever. This special interaction, was an opportunity to connect, share experiences, and strengthen the bonds between the Embassy and the vibrant Indian diaspora in Croatia.



On 22nd September 2025, Ambassador Goel met with Mr. Zoran Morović, Mayor of Sali, who graciously invited His Excellency for an official meeting. The interaction highlighted opportunities for local development and collaboration, further deepening the bonds of friendship between India and Croatia.



India Maritime Week (IMW) 2025

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India is organising the India Maritime Week (IMW) 2025, scheduled to be held from 27th to 31st October 2025 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. This flagship initiative is envisioned as a premier global platform to showcase India's maritime capabilities, foster international collaboration, and catalyse strategic investments across the maritime ecosystem. This biennial mega event will spotlight India's growing leadership in the global maritime ecosystem, drive strategic dialogues, and unlock transformative investment opportunities worth over USD 82 billion across the sector. More information: <https://imw.org.in/>



Record shipments, powered by PLI: Smartphone exports cross ₹1 trn in 5 mths

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Breaking all records, and despite tariff dispute with the United States, India's smartphone sector, seen exports cross ₹1 trillion in the first 5 months of FY26, led by Apple makers Tata and Foxconn, as PLI scheme drives scale and component ecosystem growth. This figure is 55% higher than the ₹64,500 crore for the corresponding five-month period in previous FY.

Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

India poised to become world's third-largest economy soon

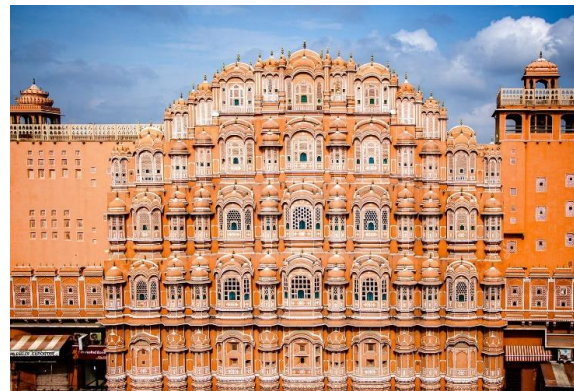
Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that India, guided by the mantra of 'reform, perform, and transform,' is well-positioned to help lift the world out of slow growth. Speaking at a media event in New Delhi, he emphasised that India will soon become the world's third-largest major economy and is on track to achieve developed nation status by 2047. The Prime Minister stressed that India is the fastest-growing major economy, with experts projecting its contribution to global growth to soon reach 20 per cent. He said this performance is underpinned by macroeconomic stability achieved over the past decade, with the fiscal deficit expected to fall to 4.4%. He pointed to strong capital market inflows, healthier banks, low inflation, and controlled interest rates as signs of stability.

Fitch raises India GDP forecast to 6.9%

Credit rating agency Fitch has revised upward its forecast for India's GDP growth in fiscal 2025-26 to 6.9% from its earlier estimate of 6.5%, citing structural reforms, particularly changes to the Goods & Services Tax (GST), that are expected to help revive domestic consumption. The revised forecast reflects Fitch's belief that GST reform will not only stimulate consumer spending but also counterbalance pressures from declining export demand, especially as higher U.S. tariffs loom. The agency notes that these reforms are likely to reduce some risk to India's economic growth outlook.

Services sector sees fastest growth in 15 years

India's service activity raced to a 15-year high of 62.9 in August, from 60.5 in July, as robust demand spurred a rush of new orders, according to a private survey released on September 4. The services sector, which accounts for over half of India's GDP, has been a key driver of the country's recent economic expansion. India's GDP grew by 7.8% in Q1FY26, the fastest pace in five quarters. This follows a 6.5% expansion in FY25, and a 9.2% expansion in FY24, which was ahead of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) projection. The RBI expects GDP growth to remain at 6.5% in FY26, supported by rural demand, public investment, and resilient services exports.



Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' Shramdaan!

In observance of Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 campaign, Mission organised a cleanliness drive and carried out a shramdaan activity at the Chancery premises. Embassy officials actively participated, reinforcing the spirit of Swachh Bharat and collective responsibility towards cleanliness.



Gift of Indian literary classics to the Academy of Fine Arts, University of Zagreb

As part of one of the thematic activities under the ongoing cultural initiative, Ms. Pallavi Kararha, Head of Chancery at the Embassy of India in Zagreb, presented a collection of Indian literary classics to the Academy of Fine Arts, University of Zagreb. Among the gifted works was also Mahabharata, one of the most important epics of Indian civilization. This initiative builds on the existing cooperation between the Embassy and the Academy of Fine Arts, where students engage with Indian art as part of their academic curriculum. It also continues the partnership established through the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Lalit Kala Akademi, India's National Academy of Fine Arts.



Tree Planting at the Academy of Fine Arts, University of Zagreb

As part of the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” initiative, Ms. Pallavi Kararha, Head of Chancery, Embassy of India, Zagreb, in collaboration with the Academy Of Fine Arts, University of Zagreb conducted a Crape Myrtle tree planting ceremony on the 22nd September at the Academy of Fine Arts 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.



Yoga Session at Park Zrinjevac, Zagreb

As part of the Swachh Bharat thematic activities and in celebration of European Mobility Week 2025, the Embassy of India, with the kind support of City of Zagreb, successfully organized a special yoga session on 22 September 2025 at the Park Zrinjevac. The session, led by renowned Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec, brought together participants of all ages to experience the harmony of movement, breath, and inner balance. The serene setting of Zrinjevac, coupled with the positive spirit of the participants, created an atmosphere of unity and well-being.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE



Embassy of India, Zagreb

**156th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi will be celebrated
on Thursday, 2nd October, 2025 at the Mahatma Gandhi bust, Park Bundek**

**All Indians and Friends of India living in Croatia are invited to attend the celebrations,
as per the following programme :**

1000 Hrs (am). : Assembling of all guests.

1010 Hrs. : Floral Tributes by Ambassador and other guests

1015 – 1025 Hrs. : Address by Ambassador of India and Guest of Honour

1025 – 1100 Hrs. : Refreshments.

RSVP at pr.zagreb@mea.gov.in.

About the International Day of Non-Violence:

On October 2, the world honours the birth of Mahatma Gandhi. In India, the day is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti, while across the globe it is observed as the International Day of Non- Violence, following a 2007 United Nations resolution that received support from over 140 countries. This dual observance gives the day a unique significance that is rooted in India's national memory yet shared as a universal message for humanity.

At the UN, the day is observed with statements from the Secretary-General and events that connect Gandhi's philosophy to today's realities. In recent years these messages have pointed to the conflicts across the globe and have reminded nations that Gandhi's belief in truth and non-violence is "more powerful than any weapon." In India, the observance takes the form of tributes at Raj Ghat, cultural and educational programmes, and public campaigns that highlight Gandhi's ideals.

Over the years, these commemorations have gone beyond ceremonial gestures to inspire national missions — from the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan that promotes cleanliness, to the revival of Khadi and rural industries symbolising self-reliance.

Discover India: Upcoming Trade Fairs, Conferences & Business Events 2026

Explore Opportunities Across Diverse Indian States

Bharat Buildcon 2026

Date and Venue: 29 April – 02 May 2026, Yashobhoomi, New Delhi

Website: www.bharatbuildcon.com

Building on the strong foundation of the inaugural expo, the second edition is scheduled from 29th April to 2nd May 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. This global exhibition is organized in association with the support from CAPEXIL and the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. The expo will feature over 350 exhibitors from across India and attract overseas delegates from more than 100 countries. Bharat Buildcon is the largest and most significant building material expo ever in India and a vibrant platform for industry leaders, innovators, and enthusiasts to convene and impact the future of construction. Visitors can explore the latest advancement in sustainable materials, cutting-edge technology, and architectural solutions at this conference, which serves as a vital and complementary resource for all segments of the industry, with hundreds of business opportunities available throughout the exhibition.



Indiasoft 2026

Date and Venue: 23-25 March 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Website: www.indiasoft.org

Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC), an organization supported by the Government of India with the mandate to promote trade and cooperation in the Electronics, Information Technology (IT) and IT Services will be organising the 26th edition of its annual flagship Global Exhibition – Indiasoft 2026: International IT Exhibition & Conference during March 23-25, 2026 in New Delhi. At the 26th edition, the participation of 1,500 technology companies showcasing innovations in AI, Machine Learning, Robotics, Cyber Security, Big Data, Fintech, Blockchain, IoT, Health Tech, Metaverse, Cloud Computing, Drones, Smart Manufacturing, Industry 4.0, and much more, is expected. With over 1,500 innovative exhibitors, 200 start-ups, 50,000+ visitors, and 700+ overseas buyers from 80+ countries, INDIASOFT 2026 is a must-attend event for the global electronics and IT fraternity.



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