

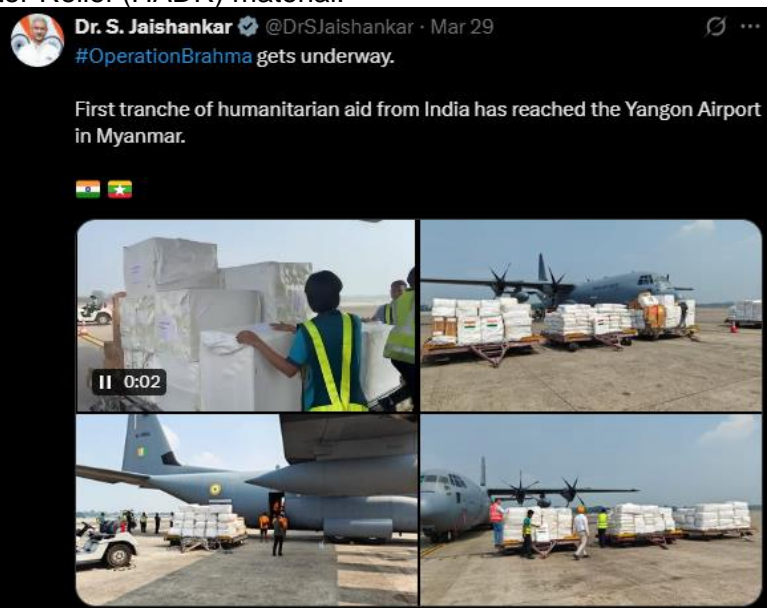
The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Lex Fridman in a podcast

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Lex Fridman in a podcast about various topics on the 16th March, 2025. In a candid conversation, when asked about why he fasts and how he manages, the Prime Minister expressed gratitude to Lex Fridman for his gesture of fasting as a mark of respect for the PM. "In India, religious traditions are deeply intertwined with daily life", said Shri Modi, adding that Hinduism is not merely about rituals but a philosophy guiding life, as interpreted by the Honorable Supreme Court of India. He emphasized that fasting is a tool for cultivating discipline and balancing the inner and outer self. The Prime Minister noted that fasting heightens the senses, making them more sensitive and aware. Watch the full podcast at the following [link](#).



India launched Operation Brahma following the devastating earthquake that struck Myanmar

India launched Operation Brahma to provide necessary support, including Search and Rescue (SAR), humanitarian aid, disaster relief and medical assistance, following the devastating earthquake that struck Myanmar on 28th March 2025. Being the First Responder in times of crisis in the Neighbourhood, Operation Brahma is a whole-of-government endeavour by India to respond to widespread destruction in Myanmar. So far, six aircraft and five Indian Naval ships have delivered 625 MT of Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) material.



India delivered the first tranche of HADR material to Myanmar, including 15 tonnes of supplies such as tents, blankets, essential medicines, and food – supplied by NDRF and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare - using a C-130J aircraft, which landed in Yangon at 7:30 AM IST on 29th March 2025.

The second tranche, aboard two IAF C-130J aircraft, included 80 NDRF Search and Rescue (SAR) specialists, equipment, and relief material. One aircraft carried 17 tonnes of personal protective equipment, search & communication equipment, and rescue equipment, and the other carried 5 tonnes of HADR materials such as gensets, hygiene kits, food packets, essential medicines, kitchen sets, blankets etc. These aircraft landed in Naypyitaw on 30th March 2025.

The third tranche, involving two IAF C-17 aircraft, transported a 118 member Indian Army Field Hospital Team with over 60 tons of supplies, rapidly deployable surgical and medical shelters, water sanitation and hygiene services and most importantly women and child care services. These aircrafts also landed in Naypyitaw on 30th March 2025. The 200 bedded field hospital in Mandalay is now operational, treating patients and performing surgeries.

Indian Naval ships Satpura and Savitri, from the Eastern Naval Command - sailed for Yangon on 29th March 2025 carrying 40 tonnes of HADR material. These were handed over to the Chief Minister of Yangon on 31 March 2025. Indian Navy Ships Karmuk and LCU 52 from the Andaman and Nicobar Command sailed for Yangon on 30 March 2025, carrying 30 tonnes of relief material including HADR pallets comprising essential clothing, drinking water, food, medicines, and emergency stores. These were handed over at Yangon Port on 1 April 2025.

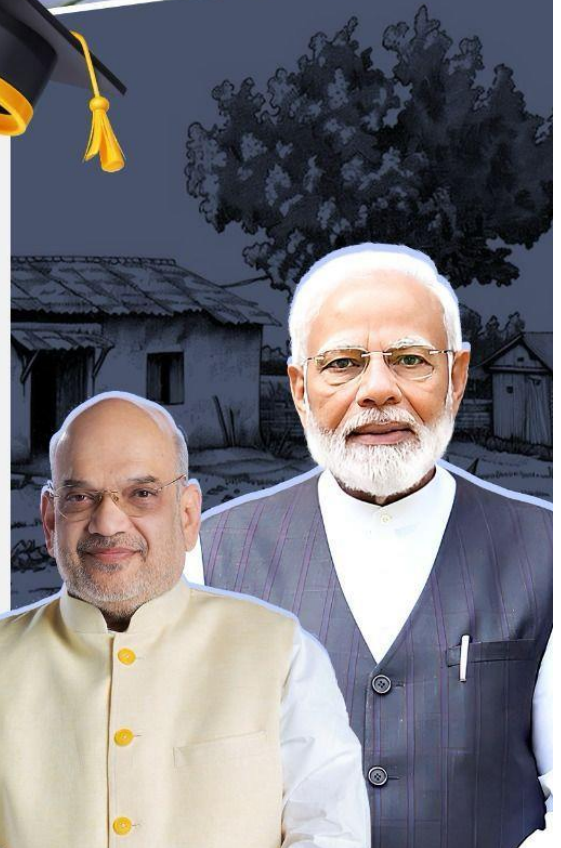
On 1 April 2025, in continuation of Operation Brahma, India dispatched further assistance including critical supplies to meet the immediate needs of the affected population. An IAF C-130J aircraft carrying approx. 16 tonnes of HADR material including vital supplies such as tents, gensets, drinking water, food, and emergency medicines, aimed at addressing the urgent needs of those affected by the disaster landed already in Mandalay. India stands ready to deploy more material assistance and resources to Myanmar depending on ground-level needs and requirements. India's ongoing efforts under Operation Brahma reflect its commitment to respond swiftly and in full measure to natural disasters in her Neighbourhood. As a First Responder, India stands with Myanmar, a key partner of our Neighbourhood First and Act East policy.

A Historic Initiative for Cooperatives

India's First National COOPERATIVE University



Under the leadership of
PM Shri Narendra Modi
and the vision of Union
**Home Minister and Minister of
Cooperation Shri Amit Shah,**
**Tribhuvan Cooperative
University** will transform
cooperative education, drive
rural development, and
strengthen self-reliance.



Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

India to remain fastest-growing major economy with 6.5% growth in FY26

India is set to retain its position as the fastest-growing major economy, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projecting a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 6.5% in 2025-26, driven by robust private investment and macroeconomic stability. The second advance estimate released by the Indian government also predicts 6.5% growth for 2024-25, with headline inflation expected to stabilize as food price shocks ease. The IMF's Article IV consultation highlighted that India's strong economic performance presents a key opportunity to implement structural reforms necessary to achieve its goal of becoming an advanced economy by 2047. The IMF emphasized the need for deeper structural reforms to boost private investment, job creation, and economic growth. Priorities include labour market reforms, strengthening human capital, and increasing women's workforce participation.

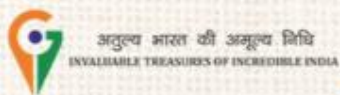
Unified Payments Interface (UPI) clocks new record in value and volume in March

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) recorded a new high in March, with transactions reaching 19.78 billion and a total value of Rs. 24,77,000 crore (US\$ 289.26 billion). This marks a 13% rise in value and a 14% increase in volume from February, primarily due to year-end financial transactions, according to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). For FY25, UPI transactions surged 30% in value to Rs. 2,60,56,000 crore (US\$ 3.04 trillion) from Rs. 1,99,96,000 crore (US\$ 2.33 trillion) in FY24, while transaction volume rose 42% to 185.85 billion from 131.14 billion. Daily UPI transactions averaged 590 million in March, up from 575 million in February.

India could become the world's biggest electric vehicle manufacturer in the next five years

Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, stated that India will become the world's largest electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer within five years. He emphasised that ongoing advancements in technology and Indigenous production of EVs will drive this growth. He further stressed that India's EV sector is witnessing substantial investment and innovation, positioning the country as a key player in the global automobile industry. He noted that cost reductions in lithium-ion batteries and increased local manufacturing will significantly enhance affordability and adoption. He also reaffirmed the government's commitment to promoting alternative fuels such as ethanol, hydrogen, and biofuels. With strong policy support and industry participation, India aims to lead the global transition towards sustainable mobility, reducing import dependency and enhancing energy security.

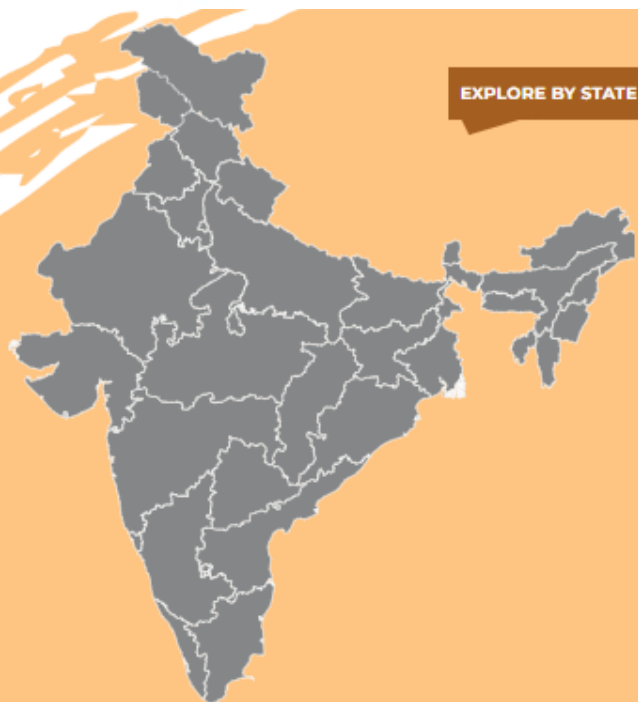




Preserving Tradition, Celebrating Excellence

India's Geographical Indication (GI) products highlight the nation's rich cultural heritage and regional diversity. Rooted in specific states, these products encompass a wide range of categories. They are recognised for their unique qualities and traditional craftsmanship.

EXPLORE BY STATE



LET'S TAKE YOU ON A
VIRTUAL TOUR TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE INVALUABLE
TREASURES OF
INCREDIBLE INDIA.

[DOWNLOAD E-BROCHURE](#)

Read more about India's Geographical Indication (GI) products at the following [link](#).

Certificate of appreciation to the Embassy of India, Zagreb



On Friday, February 21, a grand ceremony was held at the Rectorate of the University of Zagreb to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Filozofski fakultet). As part of the celebration, the Faculty presented certificates of appreciation to embassies, cultural societies, and institutes with which it has collaborated over the years. The Dean of the Faculty, Domagoj Tončinić, alongside Ivan Andrijanić, Head of the Department of Indology, awarded a certificate of appreciation to the Embassy of India. Dr. Meenu Krishna, visiting professor of the ICCR Chair for Hindi Language, accepted the recognition on behalf of the Embassy. Another certificate was presented to the Croatia-India Society, received by its president, Joginder Singh Nijjar. A heartfelt thank you to the Faculty for an excellently organized celebration and to all our esteemed collaborators and friends!



The Embassy of India in Zagreb hosted ITEC Day 2025

The Embassy of India in Zagreb hosted ITEC Day 2025 on March 12, 2024, at Taste of India, bringing together diplomats, government officials, and professionals to celebrate the strong partnership between India and Croatia under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation - ITEC program.



The event was honoured by the presence of H.E. Mr. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India, as well as H.E. Mr. Zvonimir Troskot and H.E. Mr. Krešimir Čabaj, Members of the Croatian Parliament. Also in attendance was Ms. Dunja Sičaja, Director for Eurasia and Oceania at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, emphasizing Croatia's commitment to deepening bilateral relations with India. The evening commenced with a welcome address and introduction to ITEC by the Head of Chancery, Mr. Chander Mohan, who highlighted the significance of the program in strengthening global partnerships through knowledge-sharing and training.

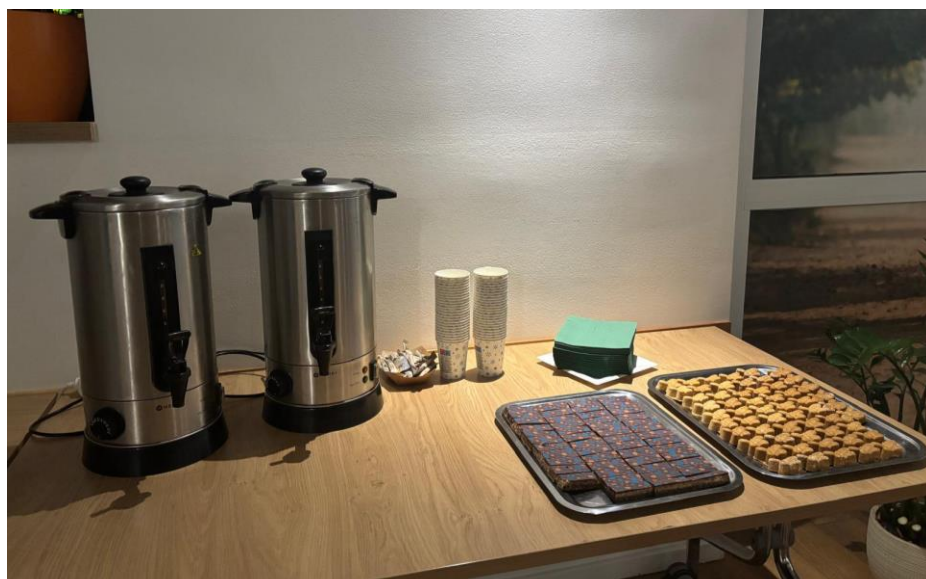


The event also featured inspiring speeches from ITEC alumni, who shared their experiences and the impact of their training in India: Ms. Vesna Lipavić, Auditor at the Croatian State Audit Office, spoke about her participation in the "Use of Data Analytics and Emerging Technologies in Audit" course at the International Centre for Information Systems and Audit, from February 5 to February 28, 2025. Ms. Jelena Hodak, also an Auditor at the Croatian State Audit Office, shared her insights from the same course, highlighting how the training enriched her professional expertise. Mr. Stjepan Mandić, Director at Concepto d.o.o., Consultant at the World Bank, and Expert at the European Commission, reflected on his experience in the "Project and Risk Management for Public Works" course at the Indian Institute of Public Administration, held from February 12 to February 25, 2025. The event concluded with engaging discussions, cultural exchanges, and a delightful selection of Indian cuisine, reinforcing the spirit of friendship and cooperation between India and Croatia. The Embassy of India in Zagreb extends its sincere gratitude to all the distinguished guests and participants who contributed to making ITEC Day 2025 a success. The event reaffirmed the commitment to continued collaboration and capacity-building opportunities between the two nations.



AYUSH Cell of the Embassy of India, Zagreb: Yoga and Ayurveda workshops in Croatia for citizens during February and March

As part of the promotion of the AYUSH Cell in Croatia, a lecture was held “The Wisdom of Ayurveda for the Modern Age - Tools for Disease Prevention” by Sri Sri Ayurveda Croatia in collaboration with the Embassy of India, Zagreb on the 5th March in Zagreb about: Basic principles of Ayurveda - how to understand your body according to Ayurvedic principles; How to prevent diseases through daily rituals; How to combine the ancient system of Ayurveda with a modern lifestyle; Practical tips that you can apply immediately for better health and vitality.



SriSri
TATTVA

Embassy
of India
Zagreb

Mudrost Ayurvede za moderno doba - alati za prevenciju bolesti

Besplatno predavanje sa
izvornom ayurvedskom
savjetnicom iz Indije


DR. ARUNIMA SINGH

ZAGREB
05.03. U 18:00H
OAZA JOYFUL KITCHEN



Raspored za ožujak 2025.



Ponedjeljak	Utorak	Srijeda	Četvrtak	Petak	Subota	Nedjelja
					*Pranayama sat 7:45-8:30h Irlas Kids	
Jutarnja Vinyasa 09:00-10:30			Jutarnja Vinyasa 09:00-10:30		09:00-10:30	
				Yoga na stolicama 16:00-17:15		
Vinyasa III 17:30-18:45	Vinyasa I/II 17:30-18:45	Vinyasa I 17:30-18:45	Vinyasa III 17:30-18:45	Vinyasa I 17:30-18:45	Događanja u Ayani 15.03. Yoga sa štapom sa Olgom iz Ananda yoge (Križevci) 22.03. Predavanje: Opis duhovnog svijeta, Kakudmi das 29.03. Radionica izrade narukvica sa Ivanom Č.	
Vinyasa II 19:00-20:30	Yoga na stolicama 19:00-20:15	Yoga na stolicama 19:00-20:15	Vinyasa II 19:00-20:30	*Yoga Nidra 19:00-20:00		
Thai bodywork						
- informacije i dogovor termina na 091 267 6658 ili tryikrobot@gmail.com -						

*Yoga nidra i pranayama sat se održavaju prema dogovoru (ovisno o broju prijavljenih), na principu su dobrovoljnih donacija i otvoreni za sve (i za one koji nisu članovi Ayana Yoge).

Ayana Yoga, Frankopanska 8, Ludbreg
Kontakt: ayana.yoga.ludbreg@gmail.com
Ivana K: 091 267 6658 / Ivana Č: 099 694 21 96



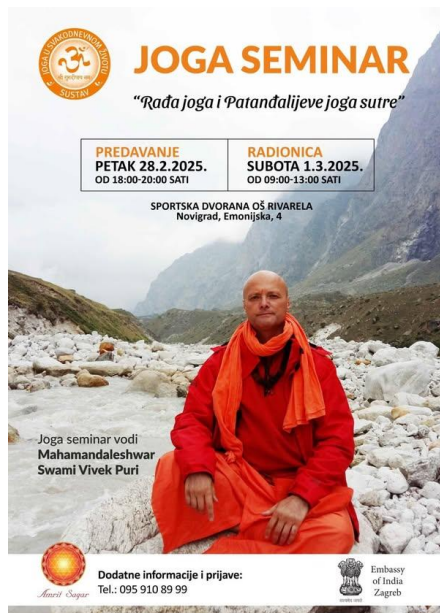
The Embassy of India, Zagreb is pleased to support the project "Promoting Yoga and Ayurveda in Croatia", implemented by the Association Ayana Yoga Ludbreg. As part of this initiative, free Chair Yoga sessions and a well-received Yoga & Ayurveda workshop were offered to the public. We are delighted to share that, following these activities, a dedicated group has formed for regular Chair Yoga classes, is starting in March. We appreciate the efforts of Yoga Ayana Ludbreg in spreading the benefits of Yoga and Ayurveda, and we look forward to future collaborations.

AYUSH Cell of the Embassy of India, Zagreb: Yoga and Ayurveda workshops in the City of Osijek



The recent programs by the end of March held in Osijek, supported by the Indian Embassy in Zagreb, were a resounding success, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants. The sessions covered key aspects of the human system—how it functions and its fundamental components that can be actively worked with. Additionally, attendees were introduced to the cultural and philosophical landscape of India, highlighting the deep integration of Yogic science into Indian society. Over 80 attendees took part, and engagement continues with ongoing discussions and feedback on social media. This successful event marks a step forward in fostering cross-cultural exchange and deeper awareness of Yogic wisdom.

Glimpses of the Yoga Workshop and lecture organized by Amri Sagar in Novigrad, on the 28th and 29th February 2025



Ambassador Arun Goel visited DOK-ING headquarters



Ambassador Arun Goel visited DOK-ING headquarters on the 24th of March and met with company representatives, who introduced him to the company's work and its connections to India. DOK-ING, a Croatian company established in 1992, specializes in unmanned multi-purpose vehicles, electric vehicles, and robotic systems. Headquartered in Zagreb, Croatia, it also has offices in Europe, North America, Africa, and Asia.

India's Defence Exports Reach Record High of €2.53 Billion in FY 2024-25

Defence exports have surged to a record high of €2.53 billion (Rs 23,622 crore) in the Financial Year (FY) 2024-25. This marks a growth of €272 million (Rs 2,539 crore) or 12.04% compared to the defence export figures of FY 2023-24, which stood at €2.26 billion (Rs 21,083 crore). The Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) recorded a remarkable 42.85% increase in exports in FY 2024-25, highlighting the rising global acceptance of Indian defence products and the industry's integration into the international supply chain. In 2024-25, defence exports from the private sector amounted to €1.63 billion (Rs 15,233 crore), while DPSUs contributed €897 million (Rs 8,389 crore). The corresponding figures for FY 2023-24 were €1.63 billion (Rs 15,209 crore) and €631 million (Rs 5,874 crore), respectively. Through a post on X, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh congratulated all stakeholders on this achievement. He emphasized that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India is progressing towards its ambitious goal of increasing defence exports to €5.36 billion (Rs 50,000 crore) by 2029.



Rajnath Singh 
@rajnathsingh · [Follow](#)



India's defence exports have surged to a record high of Rs 23,622 crore in the FY 2024-25. An impressive growth of Rs 2,539 crore or 12.04% has been registered in the just-concluded FY over the defence exports figures of FY 2023-24, which were Rs 21,083 crore.

India – A Gateway to Spirituality, Culture, and Wellness:

India Showcases Its Rich Tourism and Wellness Heritage at Place2Go Fair in Croatia

India took center stage at Croatia's largest international tourism fair, **Place2Go 2025** in **Zagreb, Croatia – March 28-30, 2025** with an engaging and vibrant presence at the India – Bharat stall. The event saw high-profile visits, including **Ambassador of India to Croatia, Arun Goel**, who explored opportunities to strengthen tourism ties between the two nations. He engaged with key stakeholders in Croatia's tourism sector and the country's representative of **Patanjali**, discussing India's immense potential as a travel destination. Adding to the significance of the event, **Mayor of Zagreb, Tomislav Tomašević**, accompanied by **Director of Zagreb Fair, Renata Suša**, visited the India stall. They were introduced to India's diverse tourism offerings, enjoyed **authentic Indian tea**, and learned about the deep-rooted traditions of **Yoga and Ayurveda**, integral aspects of India's holistic wellness culture.





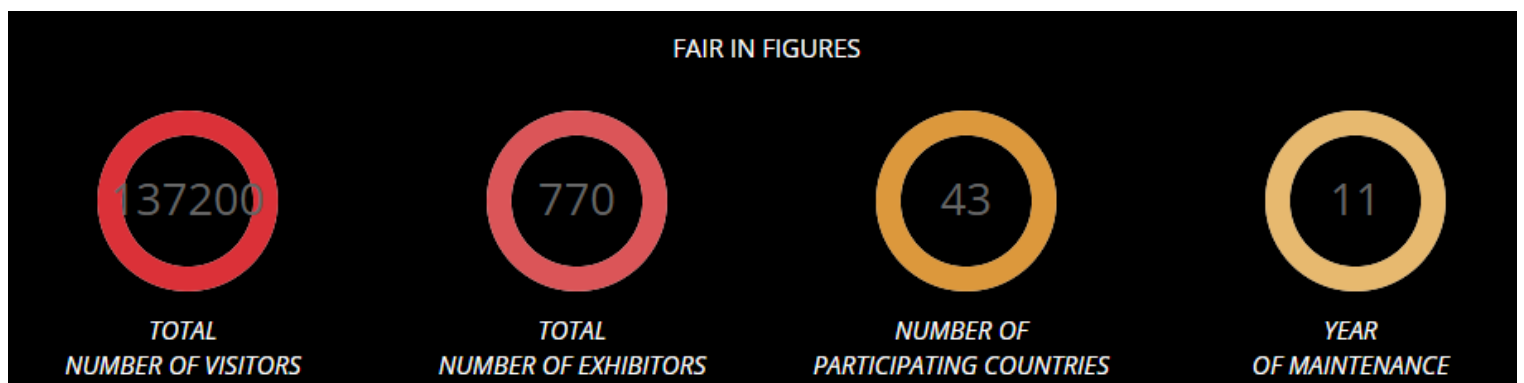
Visitors to the India – Bharat stand experienced:

Indian Tea Tasting – A sensory journey through India's world-famous tea varieties.

Yoga & Ayurveda Insights – Understanding India's ancient wellness sciences.

Exciting Prizes & Interactive Sessions – Engaging activities showcasing Indian culture.

With over **200 exhibitors from various countries**, Place2Go has become Croatia's premier platform for global travel promotion. Over the years, the fair has attracted **more than 137,000 visitors** and **hosted over 720 exhibitors from 39 countries**, solidifying its reputation as a key event for business and leisure tourism.



India's participation at **Place2Go 2025** reinforced its appeal as a must-visit destination for Croatian travelers, offering a unique blend of **heritage, adventure, wellness, and spirituality**.

Yoga, Harmony & Community at Yoga Fest Zagreb 2025!



Zagreb, March 8, 2025 – The serene Tango Garden in Zagreb transformed into a hub of wellness and mindfulness as it hosted Yoga Fest Zagreb 2025—a vibrant celebration of yoga, health, and inner harmony. With around 50 participants, the event created a space for shared practice, inspiration, and a deep sense of community. Supported by the Indian Embassy, this meaningful gathering highlighted the universal appeal of yoga as a bridge between cultures, fostering well-being and spiritual growth. The festival featured engaging workshops, guided sessions, and an uplifting atmosphere, making it a truly special experience for all.



Discover India: Upcoming Trade Fairs, Conferences & Business Events 2025

Explore Opportunities Across Diverse Indian States

22nd International Crop Science Conference & Exhibition (ICSCE 2025 Delhi)

Date and Venue: Hotel Pullman New Delhi Aerocity, New Delhi, 10-11 June 2025

Website: www.pmfaiicsce.org

India is 4th largest producer of Agrochemicals/Pesticides and the second largest exporter of Agrochemicals/Pesticides to global markets, with US\$ 5.5 billion worth of annual exports to over 140 countries. ICSCE is India's biggest Agri Inputs Trade Show with concurrent exhibitions driving Business Opportunities for all Agrochemicals and Agri Biological sectors. ICSCE Delhi 2025 will showcase opportunities for the growth of the Agrochemical & Allied chemical industry of India, providing a multilateral trade platform for domestic and international companies to interact, thereby providing immense potential for the exchange of businesses and knowledge, entering into contract manufacturing or R&D, in a mutually beneficial way.



World Food India 2025

Date and Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 25-28 September 2025

Website: www.worldfoodindia.gov.in

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is organizing the 4th edition of World Food India 2025. The flagship event has been scheduled to take place from 25th to 28th September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. To introduce the world to rich Indian food culture as well as promoting investments in the diverse food processing sector of the country, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries launched the first edition of World Food India in 2017.



Compiled by
Embassy of India, Zagreb

**If you do not wish to continue to receive our newsletters, you can unsubscribe by replying "unsubscribe" to this email.*



Embassy of India
Veleposlanstvo Indije