

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi shares glimpses of his address at the inauguration of Kaynes Semicon Plant at Sanand, Gujarat



The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi shared glimpses from the inauguration of the Kaynes Technology semiconductor plant in Sanand, Gujarat, marking the commencement of production at the facility. Noting that he was present in Sanand on February 28 for the start of production at the Micron plant and has returned exactly a month later for the Kaynes milestone, the Prime Minister underscored the momentum of India’s semiconductor journey. “This is not merely a coincidence; it is proof of the speed at which India’s semiconductor ecosystem is developing,” remarked Shri Modi.



India Day at the Faculty of Humanities, University of Pula

India Day was successfully held at the Faculty of Humanities, University of Pula, bringing together students, scholars, and guests to celebrate the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of India, as well as the growing friendship between India and Croatia. The event opened with welcoming remarks by the Dean, Assoc. Prof. Fabrizio Fioretti and H.E. Ambassador Arun Goel highlighted the importance of cultural exchange and mutual understanding in strengthening bilateral relations.



The program continued with the opening of the photography exhibition “India through the Lens: Maha Kumbh Mela – Inside the 45 Day City” by the photographer Petar Santini, offering a powerful visual insight into one of the world’s largest spiritual gatherings. Participants then had the opportunity to attend a workshop and lecture titled “Inner Victory: Living Indian Wisdom in Practice” by Dr. Eni Buljubašić (Mohanji Croatia), followed by an engaging lecture “India: From a Place on Earth to a State of Mind” by Assoc. Prof. Igor Grbić, ICCR alumnus. The event showcased India as a civilisation rooted in profound philosophy, spirituality, and cultural diversity. It also reflected the positive momentum in India–Croatia relations, supported by recent high-level engagements and a shared commitment to deeper cooperation in education, culture, and beyond.

India Day in Pula stands as a meaningful example of how cultural dialogue can bring people closer and build lasting bridges between nations.



ICCR Government of India Scholarship Program 2026/27

ICCR Government of India Scholarship Program 2026/27 offers full scholarships for undergraduate (3-4 years), graduate (2 years) and doctoral studies (3-5 years). For a shorter stay, check the "Short-term courses" section on the A2A portal. Applications are submitted through the A2A portal, and answers to the most frequently asked questions are available at the official link. Find more information at A2A Scholarships.

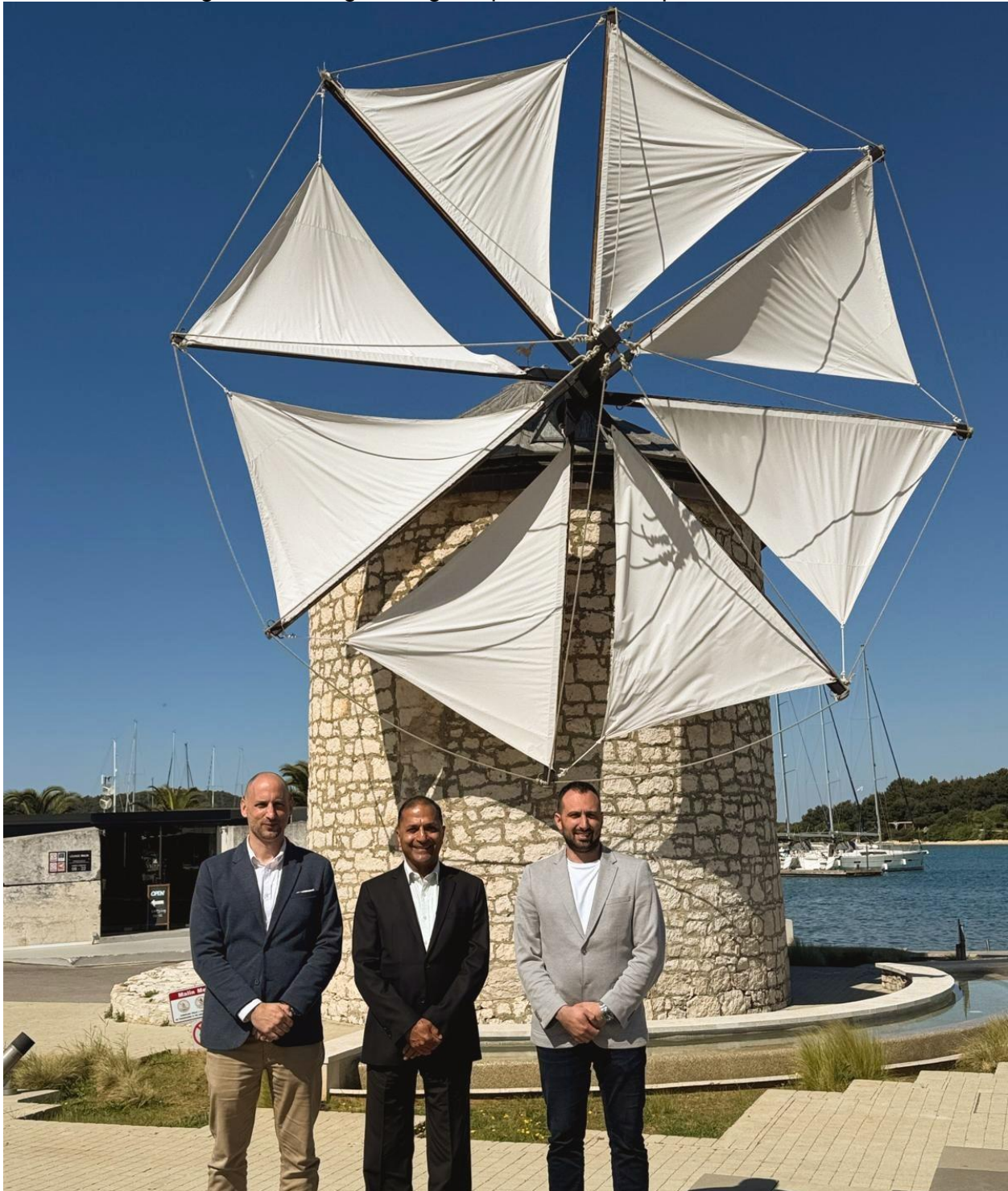
What it covers: This is a fully funded scholarship. It covers tuition, living allowance, accommodation (in a dormitory), and a return economy airfare.

Who can apply: Students from Croatia who are over 18 years old (as of July 1, 2026).

Application: Applications are made exclusively online through the A2A (Admission to Alumni) portal: <https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/>.

Ambassador of India interaction with Tourist Board of Medulin

On 23rd April 2026, Ambassador Arun Goel, visited the windmill and the Archaeological Park Vižula, accompanied by Mayor Ivan Kirac and the Director of the Medulin Tourist Board, Mihael Idžaković. During the visit, the Ambassador was introduced to the rich cultural and historical heritage of the area, with a particular focus on the significance of the windmill and the unique value of Vižula as an important archaeological site. The programme also included a meeting with local representatives, where discussions focused on IDY 2026 and potential avenues for future collaboration and joint initiatives. The Embassy looks forward to building on today's constructive exchange and strengthening cooperation in the period ahead.



Ambassador of India interaction with National Park Brijuni

On April 22, Ambassador Arun Goel had a productive meeting with Mrs. Nataša Stojkovski, Director of National Park Brijuni. The discussion highlighted opportunities for collaboration in nature conservation, sustainable tourism, and cultural exchange. A meaningful step toward deepening the partnership between our two countries through shared values of heritage and environmental stewardship.



Ambassador of India interaction with Croatian Cricket Association

The Ambassador of India, H.E. Mr. Arun Goel had a constructive interaction with the Executive Secretary of the Croatian Cricket Association, Mr. Vedran Žanko. Discussions focused on strengthening sports cooperation, promoting cricket in Croatia, and exploring opportunities for future joint initiatives. Such engagements further reinforce the friendly ties between India and Croatia.



India emerges as world's 2nd-largest solar market, green energy momentum accelerates: Experts

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India's rapid progress in clean energy has positioned it as the world's second-largest solar market, underscoring the country's growing leadership in the global green transition, experts said. Flagship initiatives such as the PM-KUSUM scheme and the PM Surya Ghar scheme are progressing rapidly, strengthening the country's renewable energy ecosystem, as India added nearly 50 GW of new solar capacity in 2025.

iPhone exports hit record ₹2 trillion in final year of smartphone PLI

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India's iPhone exports surged to a record ₹2 trillion in FY26, making Apple the country's largest branded export and highlighting the success of the PLI-led electronics manufacturing push. The milestone reflects India's rapid emergence as a global smartphone production hub and strengthening role in high-value electronics exports under the Make in India initiative.

Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

India Recognizes Record 55,200 Startups in FY 2025–26

The Government of India has recognized more than 55,200 startups during Financial Year 2025-26, marking the highest number of startups recognized in a single year since the launch of the Startup India initiative. The Startup India initiative was launched on 16th January 2016 with an Action Plan comprising schemes and incentives aimed at creating a robust ecosystem for nurturing innovation, encouraging private investments, and supporting startups across the country. Various programmes are being implemented to recognize, develop and empower startups. Since inception, the number of recognized startups has crossed 2.23 lakh as on 31st March 2026, generating more than 23.36 lakh direct jobs. The number of startups recognized increased by 51.6% year-on-year in FY 2025-26 compared to FY 2024-25, while direct jobs created rose by 36.1% during the same period.



India's Seafood Exports Hit All-Time High of ₹72,000 Crore

India's seafood exports rose to a record ₹72,325.82 crore (US\$ 8.28 billion) in FY 2025–26, with volumes reaching 19.32 lakh metric tonnes, according to provisional data released by MPEDA. Frozen shrimp remained the primary growth driver, contributing ₹47,973.13 crore (US\$ 5.51 billion), accounting for over two-thirds of total export earnings. Shipments of shrimp grew 4.6% in volume and 6.35% in value, reinforcing its dominance in India's marine products export basket. The United States retained its position as the largest export destination, with imports totalling US\$2.32 billion. However, shipments to the US declined by 19.8% in volume and 14.5% in value, reflecting primarily the impact of reciprocal tariffs. This decline was offset by robust growth in alternative markets such as China, EU and Southeast Asian countries.



India's Bio-Economy Could Hit \$1 Trillion by 2047: Dr. Jitendra Singh

Union Minister Jitendra Singh said India's bio-economy is on track to reach \$1 trillion by 2047, positioning the country as a global leader in biotechnology-driven growth. He highlighted that the sector has expanded from \$10 billion in 2014 to over \$165 billion today, growing at an annual rate of nearly 18%, with a target of \$300 billion by 2030. The number of biotech startups has also surged dramatically, rising from about 50 to more than 11,000. The minister credited the government's policy push, including the BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) approved in 2024, as a key driver of this growth, emphasizing its focus on bio-manufacturing, sustainability, and job creation. Looking ahead, Union Minister Singh outlined milestones for 2030 through 2047, including expansion of the bio-economy, scaling up startups, progress in marine biotechnology and carbon-neutral technologies, and the operationalisation of the Bharatiya Antariksha Station. He added that India aims to rank among the world's top three bio-economies by 2047.





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Indian professionals, students



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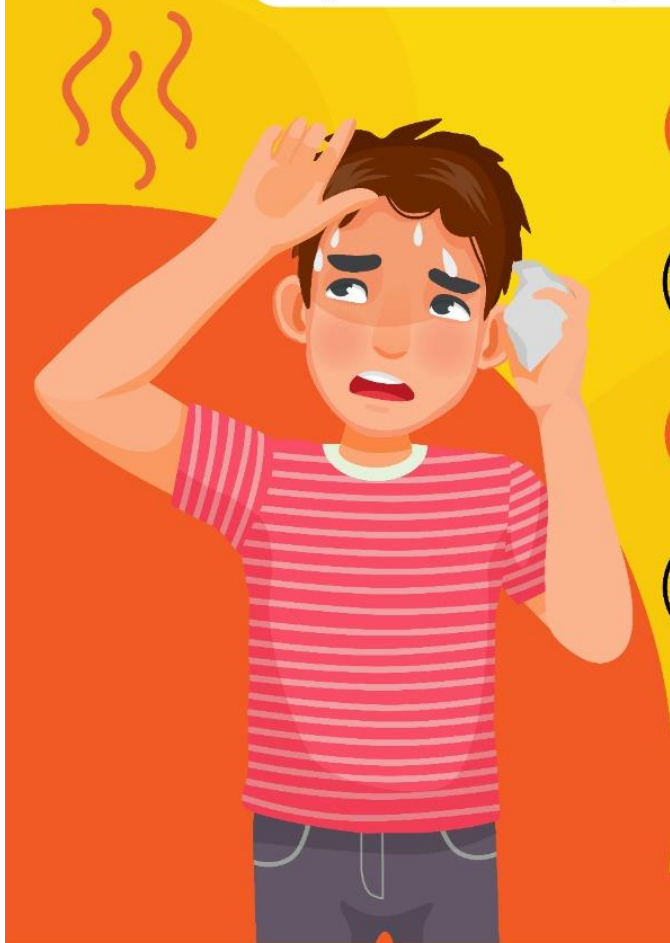




BEAT THE HEAT

Preventing Heat-related Illnesses Is Possible!

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May 02, 2026

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International Day of Yoga

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50

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Ranga Reddy Dist., Telangana

International Day of Yoga 2026 in Croatia



International Day of Yoga (IDY), will take place from May to June 21, 2026, culminating in the central celebration in Zagreb. The Embassy of India, Zagreb plans to mark this occasion by organizing around 50-60 events across Croatia, offering free yoga sessions for citizens. To enable your community/organization to participate in this celebration, we kindly ask you to complete the form at the following link no later than 1st May: <https://forms.gle/BWAGa89UFGWPQr4WA>

IDY and Yoga in Croatia

Mission has been organising International Day of Yoga since its inception in 2015. In IDY-2025, a total around 60 yoga events were held all over Croatia between 1-21 June, 2025. And for the first time ever, in partnership with the City of Zagreb, free yoga sessions were offered in Jarun park every Tuesday and Thursday. Hundreds of people took part – embracing yoga not just as an exercise, but as a doorway into Indian culture and philosophy.

At the 2nd WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine held from 17-19 December 2025 in New Delhi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi conferred the Prime Minister's Yoga Award upon Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec of Croatia for his outstanding contribution to the promotion and development of Yoga. The award recognises Yogacharya Miklec's decades-long dedication to spreading the principles and practice of Yoga, fostering physical well-being, mental balance, and inner harmony across communities. His work has played a significant role in strengthening people-to-people ties between India and Croatia, while advancing Yoga's universal message of health and holistic living. This global recognition reflects Yoga's enduring relevance in today's fast-paced world and highlights Croatia's meaningful contribution to the worldwide Yoga movement.

Discover India: Upcoming Trade Fairs, Conferences & Business Events 2026/2027 *Explore Opportunities Across Diverse Indian States*

WOFX – World Furniture Expo India

Date: 8-10 December 2026

Venue: Bombay Exhibition Center, Mumbai

Website: www.wofxworldexpo.com

WOFX is a professional B2B trade show dedicated exclusively to the furniture + design industry in India. It is a show where all categories of furniture and décor come together on one industry platform. Over the years, WOFX has evolved from a trade show into a complete business ecosystem - uniting manufacturers, brands, buyers, distributors, architects, designers, hospitality groups, project developers and sourcing decision-makers from India and across the world.



SOMS 2026 (Soluble & Organic Fertilizers, Micronutrients & Stimulants)

Date: 03-04 July 2026

Venue: Helipad Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Website: <https://sfia.co.in/soms-exhibition-enquiry/>

The Soluble Fertilizer Industry Association (SFIA) is organizing 4th edition of "SOMS 2026" an international exhibition & conference (Soluble & Organic Fertilizers, Micronutrients & Stimulants) which will be held from July 3-4, 2026, at the Helipad Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. SOMS 2026 aims to empower Indian MSMEs, foster global collaborations, and address India's reliance on fertilizer imports. With India depending on imports for nearly 70-80% of its soluble fertilizer needs, this event provides a critical platform to address supply chain challenges and encourage sustainable solutions. It offers international companies an unparalleled opportunity to connect directly with Indian MSMEs, buyers, distributors, and policymakers, facilitating meaningful trade partnerships and market expansion.



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