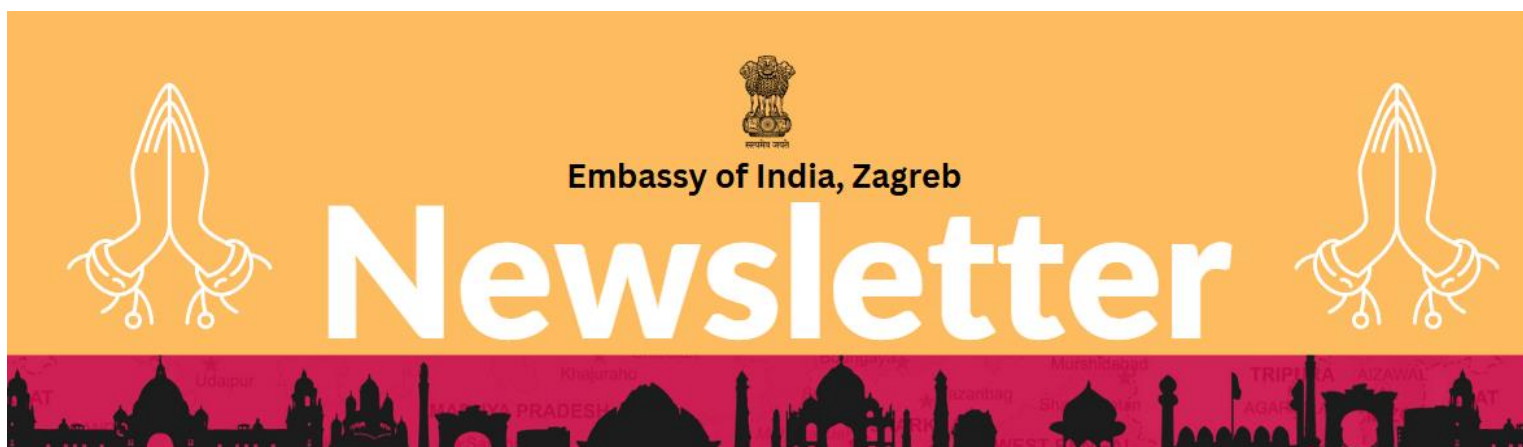




Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi marks 11 years of Digital India; says initiative has transformed governance, empowered citizens and strengthened the foundation of a Viksit Bharat

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, marked 11 years of the Digital India initiative on 1st July, 2026, highlighting its transformative impact on governance, public service delivery and citizens' lives. Shri Modi said that Digital India has redefined governance by making it more transparent, efficient and citizen-centric while accelerating all-round development across the country. He noted that the initiative has touched every aspect of life, from seamless digital payments and transparent Direct Benefit Transfers to the expansion of Digital Public Infrastructure, making technology a powerful instrument for enhancing the "Ease of Living." The Prime Minister observed that the widespread adoption of technology by over a billion Indians has brought about a transformative change, making Digital India a strong foundation for a developed and self-reliant India. Shri Modi further stated that Digital India has taken the wave of innovation to every part of the country, particularly villages and Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. He said that young entrepreneurs, startups and innovators from across India are developing solutions to address some of the world's most pressing challenges.



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Ambassador's visit to the City of Petrinja

Ambassador Arun Goel visited Petrinja on his inaugural visit, where he met Mayor Mrs. Magdalena Komes, Deputy Mayor, Ms. Tea Rambovsek Aleksić, and Tourist Board Director, Ms. Kristina Suppe on 2nd July, 2026. The discussions focused on strengthening ties between India and Petrinja, particularly in business, investment, technology, education, culture, and tourism. Mayor Komes highlighted the city's post-earthquake recovery and introduced the Drone-IN Petrinja innovation and AI project as a future hub for entrepreneurship and investment. Ambassador Goel welcomed the opportunity to learn about Petrinja's development and emphasized the importance of education, entrepreneurship, and closer cooperation between Indian and Croatian institutions and businesses. The visit also included a tour of Petrinja, where the Ambassador explored the city's reconstruction efforts and visited the studio of painter Davor Žilić, whose connections with India helped facilitate the visit. Davor Žilić attracted international attention last year during the 1st ever official visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Croatia on 18 June 2025, when he personally presented him with a portrait, thereby showcasing his artistic work to both the Indian and Croatian public.



Ambassador's visit to the Island of Brač

On 10 July 2026 H.E. Mr. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia, during his visit to the island of Brač, met with Mr. Ante Trutanić, Director of the Bol Tourist Board. The meeting provided an opportunity for a cordial exchange of views on the tourism potential of Brač and India, while exploring avenues for strengthening people-to-people ties and promoting cultural and tourism cooperation between the two countries (picture left).

Ambassador Arun Goel and Spouse met with Ms. Agnes Mutarello-Barna, organiser of the International Day of Yoga in Supetar. During the visit, the Ambassador acknowledge and commend Ms. Mutarello-Barna for her dedicated efforts in promoting yoga on the Island of Brač and for her longstanding commitment and yoga sessions for the local community.



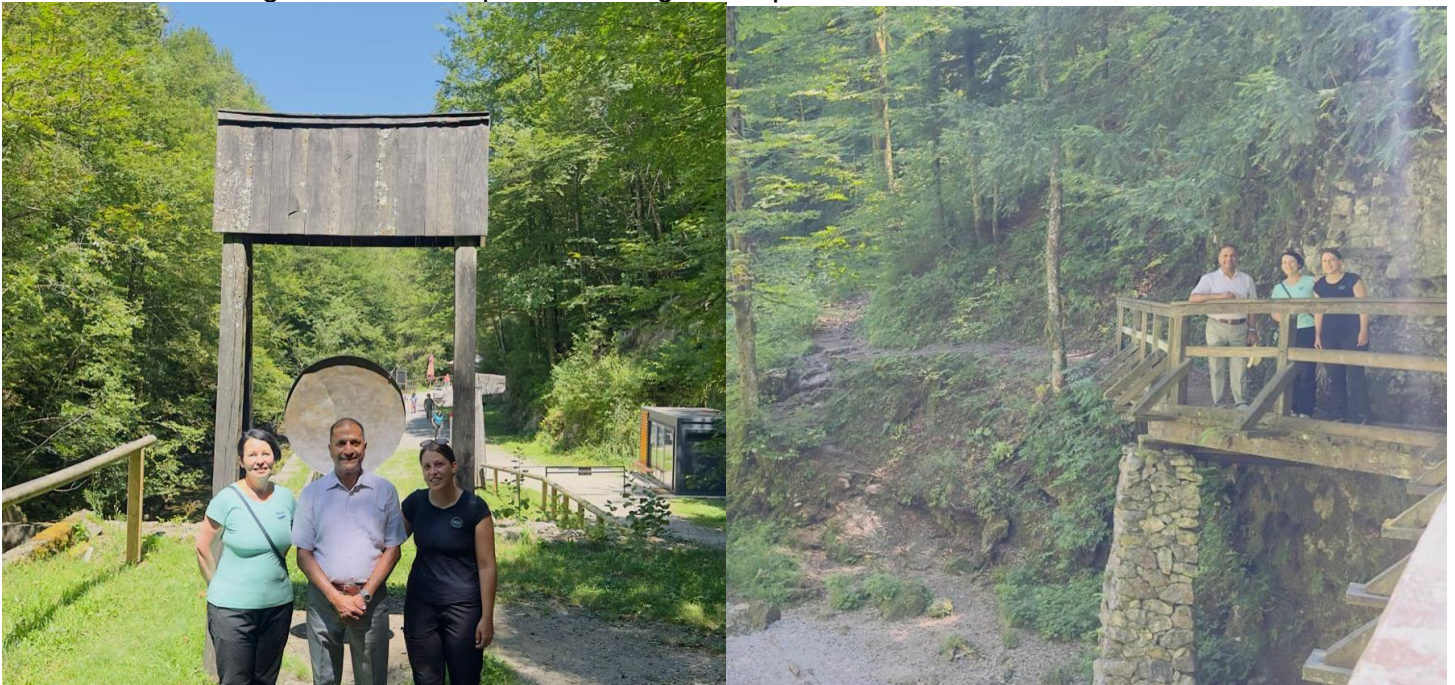
Ambassador's visit to the Island of Hvar

On July 10, 2026 H.E. Mr. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia, met with Mr. Vinko Vranjican , Mayor of Stari Grad, during his visit to the island of Hvar. Set against the backdrop of one of Europe's oldest towns and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the meeting highlighted the shared appreciation of India and Croatia for their rich cultural heritage. The discussion also explored opportunities to further strengthen cultural exchange, tourism, and the longstanding friendship between the two countries.



Ambassador's visit to Kamačnik

Ambassador visited on the 29th July the breathtaking Kamačnik Canyon, a natural gem known for its scenic boardwalks, emerald-green river, suspension bridge, and peaceful forest trails.



IDY 2026 celebrated at the iconic Fortica Fortress, Hvar

On 10 July 2026 a memorable celebration of the International Day of Yoga was held at the magnificent Fortica Fortress in Hvar, under this year's global theme, "Yoga for Healthy and Active Ageing." The Embassy of India in Croatia was honoured to be a part of this special event in the presence of H.E. Mr. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia, bringing together yoga practitioners, local residents, and visitors for an inspiring evening dedicated to wellness, harmony, and mindfulness against the breathtaking backdrop of Hvar. We are especially proud that this marks the second consecutive year that the International Day of Yoga has been celebrated at the historic Fortica Fortress, further strengthening the cultural ties and friendship between India and Croatia. The Embassy extends its sincere appreciation to the Hvar Tourist Board and the Public Institution in Culture HVAR 1612 for their valuable cooperation.



Ambassador's visit to Korčula & IDY session



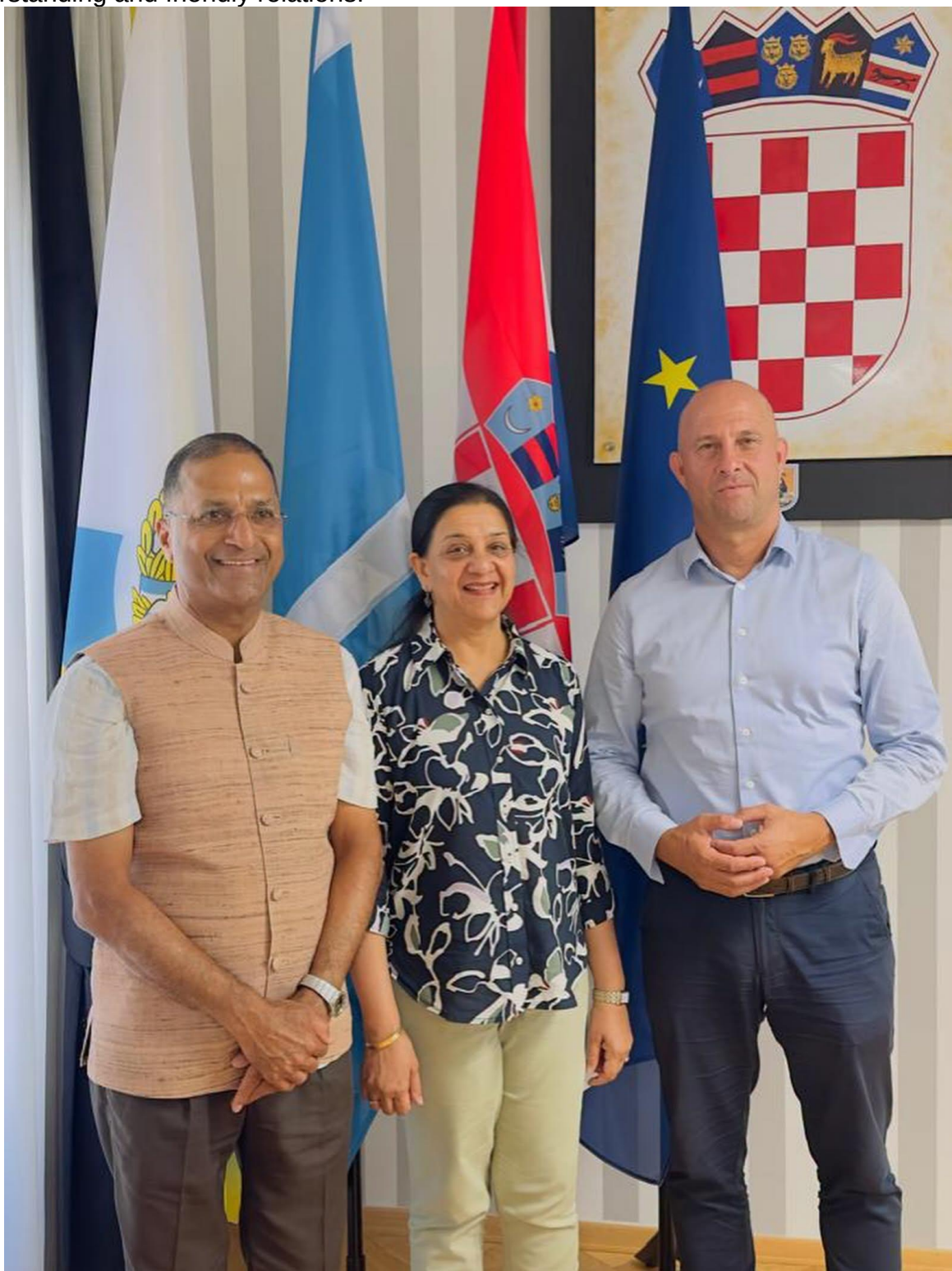
On 11th July, Ambassador had the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Milijan Borojević, Director of the Korčula Tourist Board, Mrs. Ivanov Fabris, President of the City Council. The discussion focused on Korčula's remarkable cultural and historical heritage, the importance of preserving its unique identity, and the role of sustainable tourism in safeguarding this exceptional destination for future generations. The meeting also explored opportunities to strengthen cultural ties between Korčula and India.



The Ambassador was delighted to participate in the celebration of the International Day of Yoga on the beautiful terrace of Hotel Liburna in Korčula on 11th July. The event brought together residents and visitors for an evening of wellbeing, mindfulness, and community, set against the stunning backdrop of the Adriatic. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the universal values of harmony, health, and inner peace that yoga inspires. The Embassy extends its sincere thanks to the Korčula Tourist Board, Aminess Hotels & Resorts, and the local yoga partners, Yoga Korčula Balanca and Korkyra Lente, for organising such a welcoming and memorable event.

Ambassador's visit to island of Rab

On 27 July 2026, during his visit to Rab, H.E. Mr. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India, held a meeting with the Mayor of Rab, Mr. Nikola Grgurić. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on strengthening cooperation, fostering cultural ties, and exploring new avenues for collaboration between India and Rab, particularly in the areas of tourism, culture, and people-to-people connections. H.E. Ambassador Goel appreciated the warm hospitality extended during his visit and highlighted the importance of further enhancing mutual understanding and friendly relations.



Ambassador's visit to island of Krk



On 28 July 2026, H.E. Mr. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia, met with Mrs. Ivana Topić, Director of the Baška Tourist Board, during his visit to the island of Krk. The meeting focused on promoting tourism, preserving cultural heritage, and exploring opportunities to strengthen cooperation and people-to-people ties between India and Croatia. The Ambassador also visited the Church of St. Lucy in Jurandvor, home to the renowned Baška Tablet.



Economy news

India's First Hydrogen Fuel Cell Train Set to Redefine Sustainable Rail Mobility with Capacity of Around 2,600 Passengers

The India's first Hydrogen Train was flagged off between Jind and Sonipat on 17th July, 2026 near Delhi area. The project is an indigenous effort led by Indian Railways. The 10-coach train has two Hydrogen Driving Power Cars deliver 2,400 kW total power, supported by lithium iron phosphate batteries and hydrogen cylinders. With this, India joined a select group of countries exploring hydrogen-powered rail transportation. These include Germany, Japan, China and the United States.



India's Renewable Energy Installed Capacity Surges Nearly Fourfold to 288.58 GW Since 2014

Renewable energy installed capacity in India has increased from 76.38 GW in 2014 to 288.58 GW. Of the total installed capacity, solar power accounts for 162.15 GW, making it the largest contributor, followed by wind power with 57.44 GW, hydropower with 57.24 GW, and bio power with 11.75 GW. In addition to this substantial capacity expansion, the renewable energy sector has attracted approximately USD 45.72 billion in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) between FY 2014 and FY 2026, reflecting sustained investor confidence and the sector's strong growth trajectory.



India's Services Exports Reach US\$ 421 Billion in FY26

India's services exports continued their strong growth trajectory, reaching US\$ 421.3 billion in FY26, driven primarily by telecommunications, computer and information services and business services. According to data released by the Reserve Bank of India, telecommunications, computer and information services contributed US\$ 206.6 billion, accounting for 49.03% of total services exports, while business services contributed US\$ 124.2 billion, representing 29.5% of total exports.



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19.8. – Petrinja
21.8. – Vodnjan
22.8. – Vodnjan
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Embassy of India Joins Celebration of Nikola Tesla's 170th Birth Anniversary in Zagreb

Embassy of India in Croatia was pleased to participate on 10th July in the three-day Tesla & Friends celebration marking the 170th anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth. A young member of the Indian diaspora in Croatia paid tribute to Tesla by delivering a birthday greeting in Hindi at his monument in central Zagreb. The moment highlighted the enduring cultural ties between India and Croatia and recalled Tesla's well-known interest in Indian philosophy, particularly the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. The event celebrated innovation, cultural exchange, and the shared legacy that continues to connect India and Croatia.



Advancing Agricultural Innovation: Croatian Researcher to Attend ITEC Programme at ICRISAT

Mrs. Pallavi Kararha, Head of Chancery, Embassy of India, Zagreb, received Mr. Tomica Marković, Research Assistant at the Faculty of Agriculture, who will attend the ITEC course “Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Agriculture for Sustainable Development.” The programme will be conducted by the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in Hyderabad, India, from 6–17 July 2026. The Embassy wishes Mr. Marković a productive and enriching learning experience and looks forward to continued cooperation in the field of agriculture and sustainable development.



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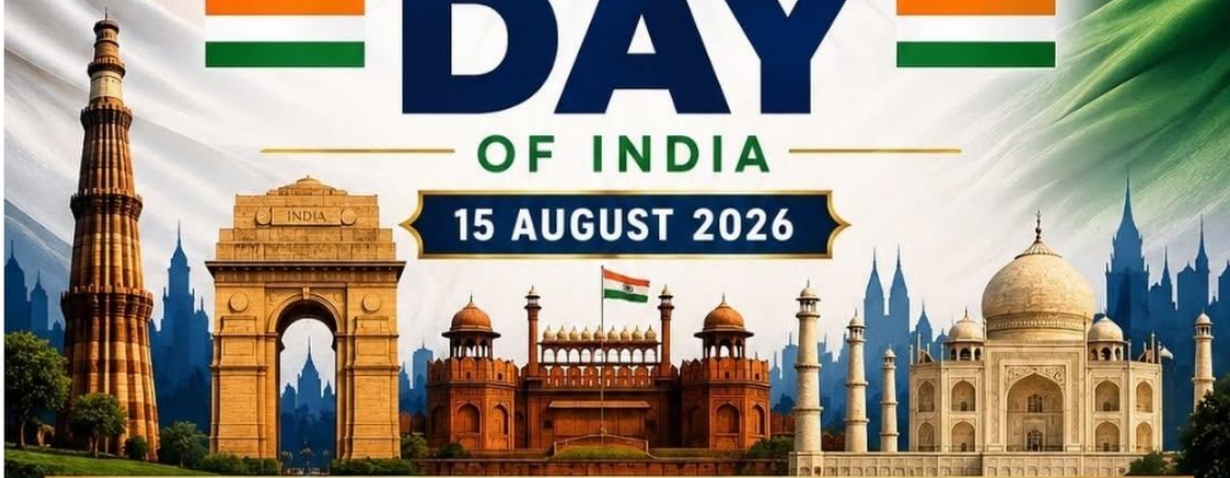
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India Electronics Expo (INDELXPO 2027)

Date: 23-25 March 2027

Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Website: www.indiaelectronicsexpo.com

India Electronics Expo has emerged as India's premier international exhibition dedicated to electronics manufacturing, electronic components, telecom equipment, embedded systems, semiconductors, EMS, consumer electronics, security systems, medical electronics, drones, IoT solutions, renewable energy electronics and other emerging technologies. The exhibition provides an ideal platform for overseas buyers to identify reliable Indian suppliers, explore sourcing opportunities, establish joint ventures and strengthen long-term business partnerships. The previous edition of India Electronics Expo was a resounding success. Exhibitors reported receiving a staggering 8718 business inquiries. The event witnessed the negotiation of 1418 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and the signing of 437 MoUs. With over 6000+ B2B meetings organized between exhibitors and foreign delegates, the expo truly proved its value as a catalyst for fruitful business partnerships.



BSX Bengaluru Space Expo

Date: 07-09 September 2026

Venue: BIEC, Bengaluru

Website: www.bsxindia.com

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in partnership with the ISRO has been organising its biennial flagship event- Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX), an international conference and exhibition since 2008. The 9th Edition of BSX 2026, which will be organised in association with ISRO, IN-SPACE and NSIL, is scheduled from 7th to 9th September 2026 at BIEC, Bengaluru, India. The three-day International Conference on Space will be organised, presenting key initiatives of the Government of India, ISRO, IN-SPACE and NSIL aimed at empowering start-ups, academia and industry to advance India's space ecosystem. Deliberations at technical sessions will focus on strengthening the space value chain; enabling India's space policy, regulatory, and commercial frameworks; fostering innovation; enhancing industry-academia collaboration; expanding demand for space applications; sustainable access to space, advancing the role of emerging technologies; strengthening human spaceflight capabilities; and exploring opportunities for international cooperation. In addition to an exclusive ISRO-INSPACE-NSIL Pavilion, the exhibition will feature country pavilions, a dedicated pavilions of private space companies & start-ups from India and abroad.



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