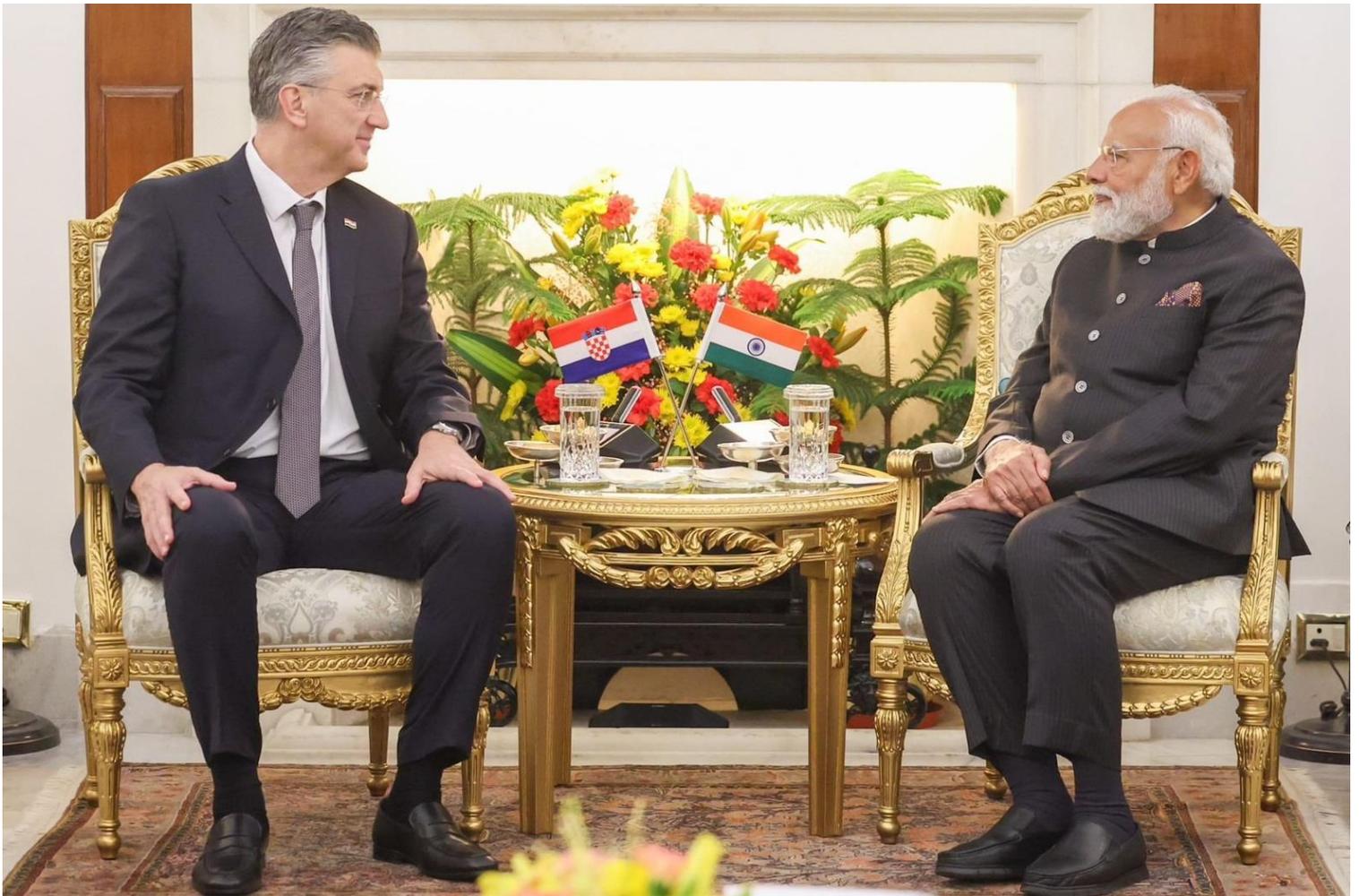


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Visit of Prime Minister of Croatia H.E. Andrej Plenković to India (18-21 February 2026)



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2. At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, H.E. Andrej Plenkovic is visiting India for participating in AI Impact Summit from 18-21 February 2026 which is the first ever visit by any Croatian Prime Minister to India. The two leaders discussed ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation across a wide spectrum of areas including trade and investment, science and technology, connectivity, cultural exchanges and people-to-people ties. Recalling the conclusion of the historic India-EU FTA, they urged for an early implementation of the agreement to boost bilateral trade. Views were also exchanged on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

3. Both sides emphasized on harnessing Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies to prepare for a brighter future for the people of both countries.

4. Prime Minister Modi deeply appreciated Croatia's interest and belief in India's wellness tradition of Yoga and Ayurveda.

5. Prime Minister Modi had paid a historic visit to Croatia in June 2025, the first by an Indian Prime Minister.

„Bridging Continents: Croatia and India in a Connected World”



At the University of Delhi, PM Andrej Plenković delivered a lecture to students entitled “Bridging Continents: Croatia and India in a Connected World:

“Although geographically distant, Croatia and India share a profound mutual respect for each other’s history, traditions, and core values, as well as a common openness to innovation and progress.

Our bilateral relationship is marked by regular high-level dialogue with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reflecting our shared commitment to democracy, pluralism, and equality.

The new European geopolitical approach must be based on strategic connectivity. In this framework, Croatia plays a unique role as the Mediterranean gateway to Central Europe – with modern ports, trans-European transport corridors, and strong infrastructure connectivity. In doing so, Croatia links the European Union and India, bridging the Three Seas region with the India–Middle East–Europe Corridor (IMEC). By strengthening ties with IMEC and other emerging transport and economic routes, the Three Seas region can become a bridge between Europe, Asia and the Middle East. In this context, the Port of Rijeka in Croatia is undergoing major modernisation and expansion, with the aim of becoming the leading port in the northern Adriatic and the primary gateway for Indian goods destined for Central Europe.

From a European perspective, India is not only a regional power but a truly global partner – particularly in technology, digital transformation, and sustainable development. Our economic ties will deepen further with the conclusion of the European Union–India Free Trade Agreement. India and Europe need each other. More importantly, the world needs what we can build together”. (Source: PM Andrej Plenković X account)

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serve humanity,
not replace it.**

PM Modi's interview on AI



Hindi Day at the University of Zagreb



The Hindi Day at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences brought the vibrant spirit of the Hindi language, culture, and inspiring encounters. The programme was marked by speeches from H.E. Arun Goel, Ambassador of the Republic of India, Prof. Ivan Andrijić from the Indology Department, & Dean Domagoj Tončinić, who highlighted the importance of intercultural dialogue and strengthening cooperation between Croatia and India. Alongside student and faculty presentations, an Indian dance workshop, mehndi workshop and the announcement of the exhibition “India Through the Lens” by photographer Petar Santini, we experienced a piece of India together, in the heart of Zagreb.





Ambassador visited the Klovićevi Dvori Gallery in Zagreb and the exhibition “1100 Years of the Kingdom of Croatia“



Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia, visited the Klovićevi Dvori Gallery in Zagreb and the exhibition “1100 Years of the Kingdom of Croatia,” which presents Croatia’s rich history, cultural heritage, and statehood tradition. The visit offered an opportunity to explore key historical moments and remarkable works of art that reflect the identity and legacy of the Croatian people.



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Podcast: India x Croatia Dialogues: Croatia, India and a New Phase of Strategic Cooperation

India x Croatia: Dialogues



In this episode, we focus on relations between Croatia and India at a time when cooperation is entering a more ambitious phase, driven by the new trade agreement between the European Union and India. Our guest is a Member of Parliament from the Most party and a member of the Croatia–India Parliamentary Friendship Group.

We discuss political & economic cooperation, investment, infrastructure & the future of bilateral relations.



Watch the episode of Podcast: India x Croatia Dialogues [here](#).

Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

India Steps Up Efforts to Become Global Hub for Medical Value Travel

The Indian Government is intensifying efforts to position India as a preferred global destination for medical value travel. Addressing the 8th Advantage Healthcare India summit in New Delhi, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda said that India offers highly qualified medical professionals and modern infrastructure, delivering advanced care in cardiology, oncology, organ transplants, orthopedics, and neurosciences. The government views medical value travel as both a healthcare opportunity and a platform to showcase the country's clinical excellence and patient care standards globally. Minister of State for Health Prataprao Jadhav noted that digital health innovations, a strong pharmaceutical base, and expanding institutional infrastructure are strengthening the sector. Officials said these combined efforts are enhancing India's reputation as a reliable, affordable, and high-quality healthcare destination worldwide.



World's First Bamboo-Based Ethanol Facility opened in Assam

India's biofuel mission has received a major boost with the inauguration of the world's first second-generation bamboo-based ethanol plant in Assam. Developed by Assam Bio Ethanol Private Limited, the 43-acre facility in Golaghat is a US\$ 543.71 million venture currently in the stabilization phase and set to begin production soon. The facility is expected to integrate over 30,000 farmers into its supply chain within three years, promoting bamboo cultivation across northeastern India. It will require around five lakh metric tonnes of bamboo annually and produce co-products such as furfural, acetic acid, liquid carbon dioxide, and green power. More than 4,200 farmers have already been enlisted, receiving Rs. 2.4 crore to encourage cultivation within a 300-kilometre radius. The project is projected to inject nearly US\$ 22.06 million into the local economy while advancing India's ethanol blending and carbon-neutral goals.



50 new airports to be built in India over 5 years

Civil Aviation Minister Mr. K. Rammohan Naidu said that the Government of India has committed to building 50 new airports within the next five years, which will greatly improve regional connectivity and boost economic activity, according to The Economic Times. Building more airports will help develop India's aviation infrastructure, allow people to travel by air more easily, and support the growth of tourism, commerce, and business travel throughout different regions. Increased connectivity will also improve logistics and create balanced development between regions. The development of new airports will also improve the allied sectors such as construction, infrastructure, hospitality, and retail. With ongoing investments from India into developing infrastructure, such as expanding airports, these types of efforts should contribute dramatically to India's ability to continue growing economically, improving transportation, and facilitating economic growth over the long term.



India's real GDP to grow 6.4% in FY27: Moody's

Moody's outlook for the Indian economy shows that it is projected to continue to be one of the top growing economies in the world through at least 2026-27, with real GDP growth projected at 6.4% for 2026-27, making it the fastest growing economy of G-20 countries. Factors contributing to this growth include support from domestic demand, increasing levels of investment activity, and overall macroeconomic strength. Structural reforms such as the rationalisation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and income tax cuts will provide additional support to domestic consumption, while a stable monetary policy will keep financial conditions supportive.





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The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi interacted with students in continuation of 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2026. The Prime Minister had an informal interaction with Exam Warriors from Coimbatore, Raipur, Devmogra and Guwahati during the second episode of PPC 2026. Welcoming students to the special edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha', Shri Modi noted that this time the programme was held across different parts of the country. Starting off the Coimbatore edition, PM remarked that the energy and curiosity of Tamil Nadu's students had deeply impressed him. Greeting them with "Vanakkam," he engaged in light conversation. Students expressed their excitement, saying they couldn't believe their eyes when they saw him, expecting a dramatic entry but finding him simple, humble, and down to earth. One student shared that his arrival gave them goosebumps.

On the issue of stage fear and confidence, the Prime Minister explained that self-confidence comes from the two words "atma" and "vishwas," meaning faith in oneself. He remarked that those who trust themselves never fear, and they study situations carefully before acting. He recalled Swami Vivekananda's famous Chicago speech, noting that Vivekananda initially felt nervous but prayed to Maa Saraswati for strength, and when he began with "Sisters and Brothers of America," the audience applauded for minutes, which became a turning point. He emphasized that even great speakers and players face setbacks, citing Sachin Tendulkar's dismissals at zero, but they never lose confidence. He urged students to observe situations, accept challenges, and rely on their inner strength.

Concluding, the Prime Minister remarked that Pariksha Pe Charcha included not only exam discussions but also local music and Assam's tea, making it a memorable experience. He emphasized that exams are an opportunity, and healthy competition enhances preparation. He noted that while locations, students, and experiences varied, the purpose of every discussion remained the same—to listen, to understand, and to learn together—and extended his best wishes to all students.

Watch the special Pariksha Pe Charcha episode at the following [link](#)



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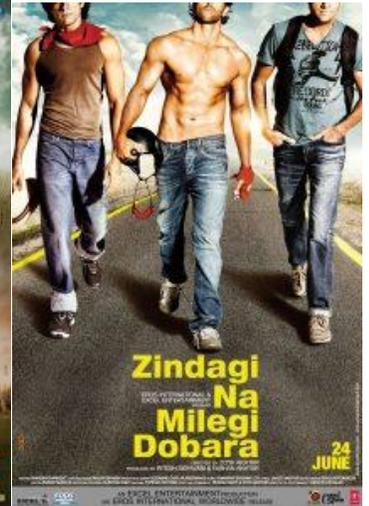
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Month of Indian Film and Culture at Kino Edison Karlovac

The start of the Month of Indian Film and Culture at Kino Edison Karlovac with the devotional sounds of traditional music and an exhibition by artist Fela Marić Holjevac. As part of the film program, attendees watched the documentary 'From Dubrovnik to Goa', and it's a delightful coincidence that February 3rd is St. Blaise's Day in Dubrovnik — a celebration also observed in Goa.



Month of Indian Film & Culture at Kino Edison!

On the occasion of the screening of the Indian film Hellaro at Kino Edison Karlovac, travel writer Saša Pjanić took the attendees on a gastronomic journey through India on 18th February. He highlighted some of the country's most famous dishes, weaving them into stories from his own travels across India. And once we had worked up an appetite from the many stories and photos of food, the attendees enjoyed Indian delicacies prepared by Namaste, an Indian restaurant with two locations in Zagreb.



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CHEMEXPO INDIA 2026

- **Date:** 29-30 April 2026
- **Venue:** Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai
- **Website:** www.chemexpoindia.com

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BHARAT TEX 2026

- **Date:** 14 – 17 July 2026
- **Venue:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- **Website:** www.bharat-tex.com

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