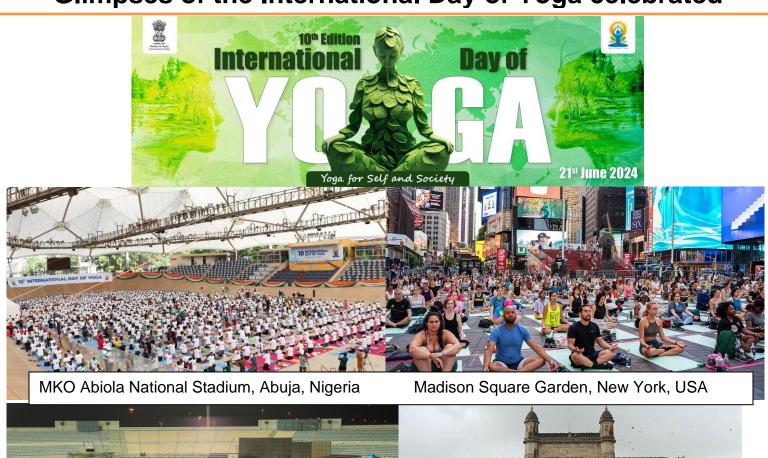


PM Shri Narendra Modi led a celebration of International Yoga Day on 21st June in Srinagar



## Glimpses of the International Day of Yoga celebrated





Asian Town Cricket Stadium, Doha, Qatar

Eastern India Gateway of India in Mumbai, India



## Shri Narendra Modi takes oath as Prime Minister for the third term





Congratulations to all those who have taken oath today. This team of Ministers is a great blend of youth and experience, and we will leave no stone unturned in improving the lives of people.



Congratulatory Message from the Prime Minister of Croatia, Andrej Plenković to Shri Narendra Modi on the occasion of taking the oath as Prime Minister for the third term

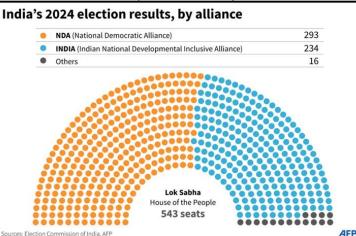


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# The Largest Democratic Festival on the Planet: 65.79% voter turnout recorded at polling stations in General Elections 2024

Overall, 65.79% voter turnout recorded in General Elections 2024 at the polling stations. Detailed statistical reports having the number of postal votes and Gross voter turnout will be made available on the ECI website after finalisation of details, as received from States/UTs in due course as per standard practice





Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar along with Election Commissioners Shri Gyanesh Kumar and Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, called on the Hon'ble President of India on June 6, 202). A copy of the notification issued by the Election Commission of India in terms of Section 73 of the Representative of People Act 1951, containing the names of elected members to the House of People, following General Elections to the 18th Lok Sabha was submitted by them to the Hon'ble President. Afterwards, Chief Election Commissioner, both the Election Commissioners and senior officers of the Commission went to Rajghat to seek blessings of the Father of the Nation after successful conduct of the General Elections 2024.





Source: LINK

Modi 3.0: Key initiatives for the first 100 days of the new Government



With a renewed mandate and a vision to lead India towards further growth and development, PM Modi's Government has created a unique 100-day Action Plan. Here are some of the key initiatives across various ministries:

**Agriculture**: The Agriculture Ministry aims to bolster the sector by ensuring farmers receive quality inputs to boost production and mitigate distress among farmers. The agenda also targets achieving self-sufficiency in agricultural products and enhancing export quality.

**Civil aviation**: Ministry of Civil Aviation has outlined plans to enhance the "ease of flying" experience for air travellers, focusing on affordability, convenience, and safety. The initiatives include a 100-day action plan to reduce air ticket prices and improve overall passenger comfort.

**Commerce**: The Commerce Ministry is focused on streamlining free trade agreement negotiations through standard operating procedures (SOPs) and launching e-commerce hubs. Key discussions involve FTAs with Oman and bilateral investment treaties, aiming to boost international trade and economic growth.

**Health**: The Health Ministry's agenda features extending Ayushman Bharat coverage to all citizens above 70 years and digitising routine vaccinations through the U-WIN portal. Other key initiatives include launching the National Health Claims Exchange for faster insurance claim processing and leveraging drone technology for medical supply deliveries.

**Social Justice and Empowerment**: The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is set to expand Accessible India 2.0 and intensify the Nasha Mukt Bharat (Drugs Free India) campaign. The agenda includes organising disability camps across aspirational districts and ensuring robust implementation of disability-friendly infrastructure.

**Defence:** Key initiatives include establishing a new defence export promotion body, implementing new criminal laws, and engaging in crucial international summits. These efforts aim to bolster national security, promote strategic autonomy, and foster international partnerships.

#### **Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths**

#### World Bank: India remains world's fastest growing major economy

The World Bank predicted that India is set to remain the fastest-growing major economy globally, though its growth rate is expected to slow. The June 'Global Economic Prospects' report maintained the GDP growth forecast for India at 6.6 per cent for FY25. "This moderation is mainly due to a slowdown in investment from a high base. However, investment growth is still expected to be stronger than previously envisaged and remain robust over the forecast period, with strong public investment accompanied by private investment," the report said.



## Foreign firms surge in India's aviation, engineering, and construction sectors in FY24

Foreign businesses, particularly in aviation, engineering, and construction, have shown increased interest in starting operations in India during the FY24, according to a Livemint.com report. Data from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs reveals that 59 foreign companies registered in India in FY24, up from 50 the previous year. Sectors like education, IT consulting, and electronics also attract foreign entities. Notable new entrants include Italia Transporto Aereo S.P.A., Oman-based SalamAir, Swiss engineering firm Pini Group SA, and Japanese builder Dainichi Consultant Inc.



#### India's FDI steady at US\$ 70.9 billion in FY24

India has maintained a consistent inflow of foreign investment, receiving a total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of US\$ 70.9 billion in FY24. The highest FDI during this period was recorded in October 2023 at US\$ 6 billion, followed by US\$ 5.9 billion in January 2024. Mauritius emerged as the largest contributor to the country's FDI inflow with 25%, followed by Singapore with 24%. The USA accounted for 10%, the Netherlands 7%, and Japan 6% of the total FDI inflow during the same period. In FY24, Maharashtra was the major beneficiary of FDI inflows, receiving 30%, followed by Karnataka with 22%, Gujarat with 17%, Delhi with 14%, and Tamil Nadu with 5%.



#### TCS, Infosys, and Airtel ranked among top 100 global brands

TCS and Infosys, India's leading IT services companies, have been ranked among the Top 100 most valuable brands globally. Telecom giant Airtel has also made it to the list, led by technology giants Apple, Google, Microsoft, and Amazon. According to the Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Global Brands Report 2024, TCS holds the 46th spot, with Airtel and Infosys at 73rd and 74th, respectively.



#### Taj becomes world's strongest hotel brand on back of rapid revenue growth

Taj Hotels, the flagship brand of Indian Hotels Company (IHCL), has been recognized as the world's strongest hotel brand, driven by rapid revenue growth. According to the Brand Finance report titled "Hotels 50 2024," Taj has also emerged as the world's second-fastest-growing brand, following Sheraton's Four Points. "We are delighted that the iconic brand Taj is honoured as the World's Strongest Hotel Brand once again in its milestone 120th year. Receiving this recognition for four years, thrice as the number one in the world, is a testament to the brand's century-old legacy of pioneering destinations, setting global benchmarks, and showcasing Indian hospitality to the world," said Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IHCL Mr. Puneet Chhatwal.



## India in Croatia in July: Cultural activities with Indian flavours across Croatia

The India-Croatia partnerships are growing with enhanced people-people ties, please don't miss the presentation of Ramayana Theatre Group - Roopvani led by Vyomesh Shukla & KALALAYA - Indian School of Dance and Music at the International Folkloric Festival Karlovac from the 30th June to 7th July and Croatia Indian cuisine culture during the "World of flavours" from the 3rd-7th July. Find out more at: www.mff-karlovac.com.

The dance group of the Kalanjay Academy comes to us from the city of Mumbai, representedIndia at various international folk-dance festivals held in Italy, Austria, Germany, Greece, Turkey, Portugal, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Poland and South Korea..

We are happy to invite you to the summer festivity "FLAVORS OF THE WORLD 2024" in the city of Grad Karlovac, organized by Međunarodni festival folklora Karlovac on Friday, 5/7/2024, from 6 pm to 8 pm with a special DAY ON INDIA. The Indian folk tale "The Man Who Searched for Wisdom" takes us on a journey in search of happiness. In the creative workshop "Happy Rangoli" we make traditional Indian designs that bring happiness and prosperity. RANGOLI – An art form originating from the Indian subcontinent, in which patterns are created on the floor or table using materials such as powdered limestone, red ochre, dry rice flour, colored sand, quartz powder, flower petals and coloured rocks. They represent happiness, positivity and liveliness of the household, and are meant to welcome Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and happiness.

Find out more at: https://mff-karlovac.com/okusi-svijeta-2024/

The summer of India in Croatia is continuing with the performances of the RANG FOLKLORE FOUNDATION INDIA with a glorious history of more than four decades. Visitors may watch the performances at the following festivities:

- ↑ 58th edition of the Đakovo embroidery event from June 21 to July 07, City of Đakovo
- ¶ 3rd COFA (Contemporary Folklore Adventure) Festival, from July 7-12, City of Varaždin
- 17th International Folklore Festival "Iz Bakine Skrinje," City of Koprivnica

Find out more at: LINK





#### Strengthening People-to-People Ties between India & Croatia

Ambassador Srivastava's seventh presence at "Dobro jutro, Hrvatska" TV show on the Croatian National Television in past 42 months today covered the following five themes in less than 15 minutes.

- 1. Elections- Planet's largest democratic festival just concluded in IN
- 2. Chess- that originated in India is now witnessing multiple prodigies from India both in male & female categories dominating the world chess scene
- 3. Cricket India leading in all forms of world cricket today, can now be seen playing in Croatia too
- 4. Culture- multiple Indian cultural events can be seen this summer season in Croatia from Istria, Slavonija, to Dalmatia
- 5. Yoga- it is a mindset of Awareness, Action, & Abandonment. The 10th International Day of Yoga is being celebrated in 65 locations & events in Croatia between 1-22 June 2024. Watch the interview here.



Ambassador Srivastava and Mr. Anteo Milos, Mayor of the Clty of Novigrad, opened the 3-month-long celebration "Indian Summer in Istria" at the Muzej-Museo Lapidarium in the City of Novigrad on the 15th of June with the Art Exhibition "From Pain to Paint" along with Ms. Jerica Ziherl, Director of the Museum Lapidarium and Mr. Werner Dornik, Founder of the Bindu Art School in India. Ambassador recalled that From Art to Music, from Conversations to Literature, from Yoga to Classical dance and from Film to Theatre, it is clear that this summer in Istria would be Indian and moreover, it would contribute towards connecting the people of Croatia to India thereby strengthening India-Croatia bilateral partnership. He also thanked the city of Novigrad, the Ministarstvo kulture i medija Republike Hrvatske and other stakeholders for this noble project and appreciated the hard work and imagination of the curator of this project Ms Jerica Ziherl. Mayor Anteo Miloš welcomed increasing cultural connections between India & Croatia in general and with Novigrad in particular. The Ambassador also pointed out a special message for a special friend since Two decades long-serving Mayor Anteo Miloš has been instrumental in supporting the community in Novigrad & Istria in their pursuit of connecting with Indian thoughts, culture, spirituality, and people.





Read the interview with Ambassador Srivastava published today in the newspaper Zadarski list on 4D's Democracy, Demography, Development and Diversity headlined "Croatia and India close to signing an agreement on migration and mobility". Read the full interview at the following link: <a href="https://zadarskilist.novilist.hr/.../interviu-s.../">https://zadarskilist.novilist.hr/.../interviu-s.../</a>



#### India in Zadar

Watch the glimpses of the June 26 concert held by Reshma Srivastava, an excellent Indian artist and musician, on the sitar instrument in the church of perfect acoustic space St. Donat, the most valuable monument of pre-Romanesque architecture of the early Middle Ages (9th century) in Croatia. The sitar player delighted the attendees with sublime melodies of the exotic, stringed, harmonic and dynamic instrument. The concert was organized by the Embassy of India, Zagreb, the Zadar Archaeological Museum and the Zadar Tourist Board with the attendance of Friend of India Mr. Mladen Antišin and Ambassador Srivastava.



During his visit to Grad Zadar, Ambassador Srivastava was received by Mr. Mladen Pešić, Director of the International Centre for Underwater Archaeology in Zadar and discussed several possible initiatives in the field of Maritime cooperation between India and Croatia. Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Ministarstvo kulture i medija Republike Hrvatske, Arheološki muzej Zadar, CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography Goa.



Ambassador Srivastava paid a visit to the University of Zadar where he was received by the rector of the University of Zadar, prof. Ph.D. Josip Faričić, vice-rector prof. Ph.D. Zvjezdan Penezić and head of the Department of Archeology Associate Professor Ph.D. Dario Vujević. "India's focus is on maritime development, so we have many points of contact with Croatia. Four years ago, when I came to Croatia, there were only 12 students, and now there are about fifty, which shows that the two countries are getting closer to each other. I believe that through a concrete project in the framework of underwater archeology we can deepen cooperation, and we are ready to help in this", said Ambassador Srivastava. Rector Faričić accepted the initiative and said that the University of Zadar is a leader in underwater archeology in Croatia, and Head Vujević proposed the inclusion of Indian scientists in some of the existing projects that are already being implemented as a first step. LINK.



#### The Central Celebration of IDY 2024 was held on June 20, at the Zagreb Fair

The International Day of Yoga is being celebrated in Croatia since 2015. The number of cities and locations which are marking the International Day of Yoga has increased in the following 10 years. The first IDY in Croatia in 2015 was celebrated during 01-21 June 2015 in 16 locations in Croatia, which increased to over 65 locations this year. In addition to civil society organizations, yoga workshops were organized with Tourist Boards and City Councils of several cities, students of the Monte Zaro Elementary School Pula, to promote the positive effects of traditional systems health like yoga that are effective for boosting immunity. The Central Celebration was held in the City of Zagreb at the Zagreb Fairgrounds on the 20th of June with around 100 Attendees and with the participation of Croatian Member of Parliament Mr. Veliko Kajtazi, Deputy Mayor of the City of Zagreb Mr. Luka Korlaet on behalf of the Mayor of the City Grad Zagreb, Mr Tomislav Tomašević, Mrs Renata Suša, Zagrebački Velesajam Director and Svibor Jančić, President of City District council Maksimir, City of Zagreb. Ambassador Srivastava said that Yoga is about developing the positive mindset of Awareness, Action, & Abandonment which would make the planet more sustainable & peaceful place for humanity which goes in line with this year's theme "Yoga for Self and Society". Ambassador thanked the Zagreb Fair and the City of Zagreb for supporting the IDY in the last 10 years. He also praised the efforts of the Croatia Civil Societies which are enhancing the strong India-Croatia people-to-people ties. Croatian Member of Parliament Mr. Veliko Kajtazi happily concluded that his 9th attendance to IDY during the last 10 years shows the positive impact of the EOI, Zagreb on society. Deputy Mayor of the City of Zagreb Mr. Luka Korlaet used this opportunity to thank the Embassy of India, Zagreb for organising the DY in Zagreb and Croatia during all these years. Deputy Mayor also highlighted that Zagreb has truly become a centre for a diverse range of sports activities including Yoga, as a physical activity, belongs to the realm of sports recreation and enriches it with its specificities and its impact on health. The event also saw a special musical "Intermezzo" by the famous Croatia singer, former Eurovision Song Contest participant &Friend of India, Goran Karan, who also launched the Croatian translation of the Book Mathura "Mahatmya". The central celebration was successfully concluded with a variety of Indian Vegetarian refreshments for the attendees.



## Opening of the IDY 2024

On June 5, in front of the "Yoga in Daily Life" Culture Hall in Rijeka, World Environment Day was celebrated with the symbolic planting of a (Cherry) tree, with the attendance of Ambassador Srivastava, the Mayor of Rijeka, Mr Marko Filipović, Manager of Rijeka Forestry, Ms Lidija Crnković and President of the Hindu Religious Society of Croatia, Swami Vivekpuri. World Environment Day, which is celebrated every year on June 5, gathers millions of people all over the world, celebrating activities that propagate the awareness to protect and restore planet Earth. This year India has celebrated the day of planting trees for Mother Earth Plant4Mother एक\_पेड़\_माँ\_के\_नाम. The event also provided an opportunity to launch the celebrations of the 10th International Day of Yoga with 65 events in Croatia.







## Yoga events in Zagreb and surrounding area (2nd-22nd June)

## ZAGREB, Branko Radoslavljevic







ZAGREB, park Maksimir, **Bhakti Marga** 



**ZAGREB**, Institute of Yoga and Ayurveda "SUNCE"



Karlovac, YIDL



Zagreb, Padma Yoga



**ZAGREB**, Croatian Yoga federation & VERBASANA



ZAGREB, Namaste Yoga Zagreb



**ZAGREB Park Maksimir**, Yoga in Daily Life Zagreb



## Yoga events in Dalmatia (9th-22st June)

SPLIT, YIDL Split





DUBROVNIK, TM Centar Dubrovnik, OKEY Yoga, Buddha's Cat Studio, Udruga Umijeće življenja







SPLIT, Bhakti Marga





**ŠIBENIK**, DSR DIVINE YOGA **STUDIO** 



Yoga events in Međimurje, Zagorje, Podravina & Slavonia (9th-22th June)

VARAŽDIN, Bhakti Marga



Čakovec, Niyalana Studio



SLATINA, Udruga AUM



Čakovec, AOL



Beli Manastir, Shakti Yoga



LUDBREG, AYANA YOGA



**BJELOVAR,** Mandala joga studio



**DARUVAR**, Anima Mundi



Hrvatska Kostajnica, Bhakti Marga



## Yoga events in Kvarner (4th- 22nd June)

KRK, Lotus Resort



KRK, KRK, Yoga otok Krk Surya Yoga



CRIKVENICA, Crikvenica Tourist Board, KUŠAC ASSOCIATION



RIJEKA, YIDL Rijeka



PUNAT, Krk



Baška, Tourist Board Baška







## Yoga events in Istria (1st – 22nd June)

VODNJAN, Tourist Board & City Council of Vodnjan



PULA, Elementary school Monte Zaro, Mohanji



PAZIN, "SAMSARA" Body & Mind



Novigrad, Amrit Sagar



POREČ, "Vitasana", Yoga Poreč



UMAG, YIDL Labin



ROVINJ, YIDL Labin







# The Indian Team won the T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the 2nd time since 2007



The way India won this World Cup, shows that hard work pays off. The perseverance, focus, team spirit, self confidence, & talent all defined Team India's performance. This wasn't "Cricket by chance" at all, it was "Cricket by class". This is NewIndia. Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, and Rahul Dravid on India's T20 World Cup victory. After the T20 World Cup Cricket victory the two legends of the game announced their retirement- End of an Era.



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