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India's Vaccine Diplomacy: Combating Pandemic, the India Way

It was a shining moment of pride for over 1.3 billion people of India, and an emotional moment for Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he launched the world's largest vaccination drive on January 16. Broadcast live on the national television, the much-awaited vaccine roll-out has ignited optimism anew about a healthier and happier future. The vaccination drive has been tracked closely in the world as the "Made-in-India" vaccines promise deliverance from the lethal curse of the coronavirus pandemic that has killed millions around the world.

"It takes years to prepare vaccines. But in the shortest span of time, we have not only one but two India-made vaccines," PM Modi said while showering praise on Indian scientists who worked tirelessly to make what seemed impossible possible. The sheer scale of India's vaccination drive is staggering: by the second phase, India hopes to inoculate over 300 million people, which exceeds the population of Britain, France, Germany and Italy combined. "There are only three countries in the world with more than 30 crore population: India, the US and China. Hence, this is going to be the biggest vaccination drive," PM Modi said.



Covid Diplomacy

India's vaccination drive seeks to eliminate coronavirus not only from India, but to also assist the country's neighbours, partners and friends to overcome the pandemic. Under its newly-launched programme "Vaccine Maitri," India has already provided the first tranche of vaccines to neighbours, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Myanmar. This has been followed by sending vaccines to Mauritius and Seychelles, the strategically located Indian Ocean countries, which India sees as part of its extended neighborhood. On January 20, 150,000 doses of vaccines were supplied to Bhutan and 100,000 doses to Maldives as grant assistance, followed by supplies of 1 million doses to Nepal and 2 million doses to Bangladesh. On January 23, consignments of 1.5 million doses for Myanmar, 100,000 doses to Mauritius and 50,000 doses to Seychelles were sent.



In the spirit of “vasudhaiva kutumbakam” (the whole world is a family) ingrained in the Indian culture, India is supplying medicines to these countries as gifts as well as on a commercial basis. In terms of quantities and types of vaccines, the supplies abroad on G-to-G, G-to-B and B-to-B basis would be based on availability and regulatory approvals in the countries concerned.

The decision to send vaccines first to neighboring countries was taken consciously by the Indian government to showcase its unstinting commitment to Neighborhood First policy initiated by Prime Minister Modi. Contractual supplies are also being undertaken to Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Brazil, Morocco, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

“Keeping in view the domestic requirements of the phased rollout, India will continue to supply COVID-19 vaccines to partner countries over the coming weeks and months in a phased manner. It will be ensured that domestic manufacturers will have adequate stocks to meet domestic requirements while supplying abroad,” said India’s external affairs ministry in a statement.

The vaccination drive, preceded by supplies of HCQ to over 150 countries around the world at the height of the pandemic last year, has established India’s credentials as the world’s leading public health security provider and a net security provider to the region. India’s large-hearted pandemic-related assistance and its emergence as the first responder in crisis have won it rich accolades from the world. Terming India a “true friend” which is harnessing its pharmaceutical sector to help the global community, the US has lauded New Delhi for gifting COVID-19 vaccines to several countries. “India’s a true friend using its pharma to help the global community,” the US State Department said. The vaccine supply drive is set to strengthen India’s relations with countries in South Asia, which have reposed faith in India-made vaccines.

Leaders of neighboring countries have also expressed their thanks for New Delhi’s friendly gesture. “I thank Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji as well as the Government and people of India for the generous grant of one million doses of COVID-19 vaccine to Nepal at this critical time when India is rolling out vaccination for its own people,” Nepal’s Prime Minister K.P. Oli tweeted.

This phase of Vaccine Diplomacy has coincided with India’s tenure as a non-permanent member in the UN Security Council and underlines the global leadership of India in navigating not just the pandemic but a host of cross-cutting challenges that the world will face in 2021 and beyond.

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TOWARDS A HIGHER GROWTH TRAJECTORY**

Author: **Bibek Debroy**, renowned economist and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Economic Advisory Council chairman bibek debroy explains how India is on the right path to become a USD 5-trillion economy.



Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, arrives at the Parliament House to present the General Budget 2020-21, in New Delhi on February 1, 2020 with Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs. Photo: courtesy mea.gov.in via Consulate of India in New York

Over the past few years, India has often been tagged as one of the fastest growing world economies, a scenario that looks even brighter when pitted against the global economic slowdown. The Indian government has announced an aspirational target of making India a USD 5 trillion economy by 2024-25. While some have been calling this unachievable, most ignore the massive size of the Indian economy while making predictions. Even if it grows at a slower pace, India's contribution to the world economy will be larger due to its volumes. A GDP growth rate of eight per cent is required to meet the USD 5 trillion target and the government's initiatives of efficient public expenditure, efficient land, labour and capital markets and stimulating productivity and entrepreneurship are meant to trigger this. Needless to say that there is enough slack in Indian states to deliver an eight per cent growth.

Since 2014, and the policies of the second Narendra Modi government are a logical continuation of the first, the building blocks are being put in place to ensure precisely that. But first, the external environment is unkind, global uncertainty affects India's export and growth prospects too. Not too many countries are likely to grow at six per cent. Second, there is plenty of internal slack in the system and endogenous sources of growth. Historically, India's governance has been excessively centralized. Since 2014, there has been institutional change, making governance more decentralized. An example of this is the way GST (Goods and Services Tax) Council functions. Decentralized governance is more than mere fiscal devolution, though this too has occurred through recommendations of 14th Finance Commission.



WHAT THE EcoNOMIC SuRVEy SAyS AbOuT THE fuTuRE

The Finance Ministry's
flagship annual document
projects growth

projections

According to the Economic Survey 2019-20 prepared under Krishnamurthy Subramanian (Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India), India's GDP growth is expected to grow in the range of 6.0 to 6.5 per cent in 2020-21. The survey has projected India's growth at 6 per cent to 6.5 per cent in the next financial year starting April 1. The growth in 2020-21 compares to a projected 5 per cent expansion in 2019-20



GROWTH TO COME

Economic growth is expected to pick up and a strong rebound could be seen in FY21 on a low base.

Easing of monetary policy by the Reserve Bank of India and several measures announced by the government in the last year present green shoots for growth.



FUELLING THE HIKE

India's exports increased by 13.4 per cent for manufactured products and 10.9 per cent for total merchandise.

India gained 0.7 per cent increase in trade surplus per year for manufactured products and 2.3 per cent per year for total merchandise.



GREEN RESOLVE

India is also pushing towards sustainable economic growth.

Forest and tree cover increased and has reached 80.73 million hectares covering 25.56 per cent of the geographical area of the country.



SPACE FOR NEW

India ranks third in terms of number of new firms created.

According to the survey, from about 70,000 new firms created in 2014, the number has grown by about 80 per cent to about 1,24,000 new firms in 2018.

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This survey is used to identify beneficiaries, both for Union and state-level schemes, eliminating leakage and multiplicity. Subsidies are now channeled into bank accounts and linked to Aadhaar (Aadhaar is an identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India to every resident of the country). Productivity gains from such inclusion initiatives and empowerment cannot be immediately quantified in economic terms. But they are palpable (and confirmed anecdotally, such as in the switch from firewood to LPG, or provision of toilets, or Mudra loans) and will enable India to reap the demographic dividend contribution to growth. The ease of doing business initiative under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) or the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, has improved the business and investment climate in all states. Modernization of land records and cleaner titles is also work in progress. Investment figures (including FDI) show improvements.

Broadly, India is in the process of making land (and natural resources), labour and capital markets more competitive and efficient, with not just entry, but exit as well. Union government finances have been managed well, with no deviations from the goal of fiscal consolidation. Tax reform is a work in progress and the corporate tax rate has already been reduced. For both direct and indirect taxes, the agenda is simplification and elimination of exemptions, leading to lower compliance costs.

Thus, the broad message is that a five per cent GDP in 2019-20 shouldn't lead to gloom and doom; there is a higher growth trajectory in the offing.

* *Parts of the Analysis "Towards a higher growth trajectory"*

* *Source: courtesy mea.gov.in via Consulate of India in New York.*

News on India

1. Indian innovation got the award in Croatia: Indian innovation "Eco-Mitra" by Indian NGO Sukriti Social Foundation got the award at the 8th Innovation Saloon held on 02 Dec 2020 in Bjelovar. Eco-Mitra is a modular, ecological and energy self-sufficient public toilet system. India was the partner country of this exhibition which, apart from Croatian innovators, gathered 20 innovative start-ups from India. This is the result of long-term cooperation between Bjelovar County Chamber of Economy and Indian Embassy.

2. Indian Railways issued draft National Rail Plan: In an endeavour to address the inadequacies of capacity constraints and improve its modal share in total freight eco system of the country, Indian Railways has come up with Draft National Rail Plan. A long-term strategic plan called the National Rail Plan has been developed to plan infrastructural capacity enhancement along with strategies to increase modal share of the Railways. The National Rail Plan will be a common platform for all future infrastructural, business and financial planning of the Railways. One of the objectives of the Plan is to select projects along with appropriate technology in both track work, signalling and rolling stock to mitigate infrastructural bottlenecks.

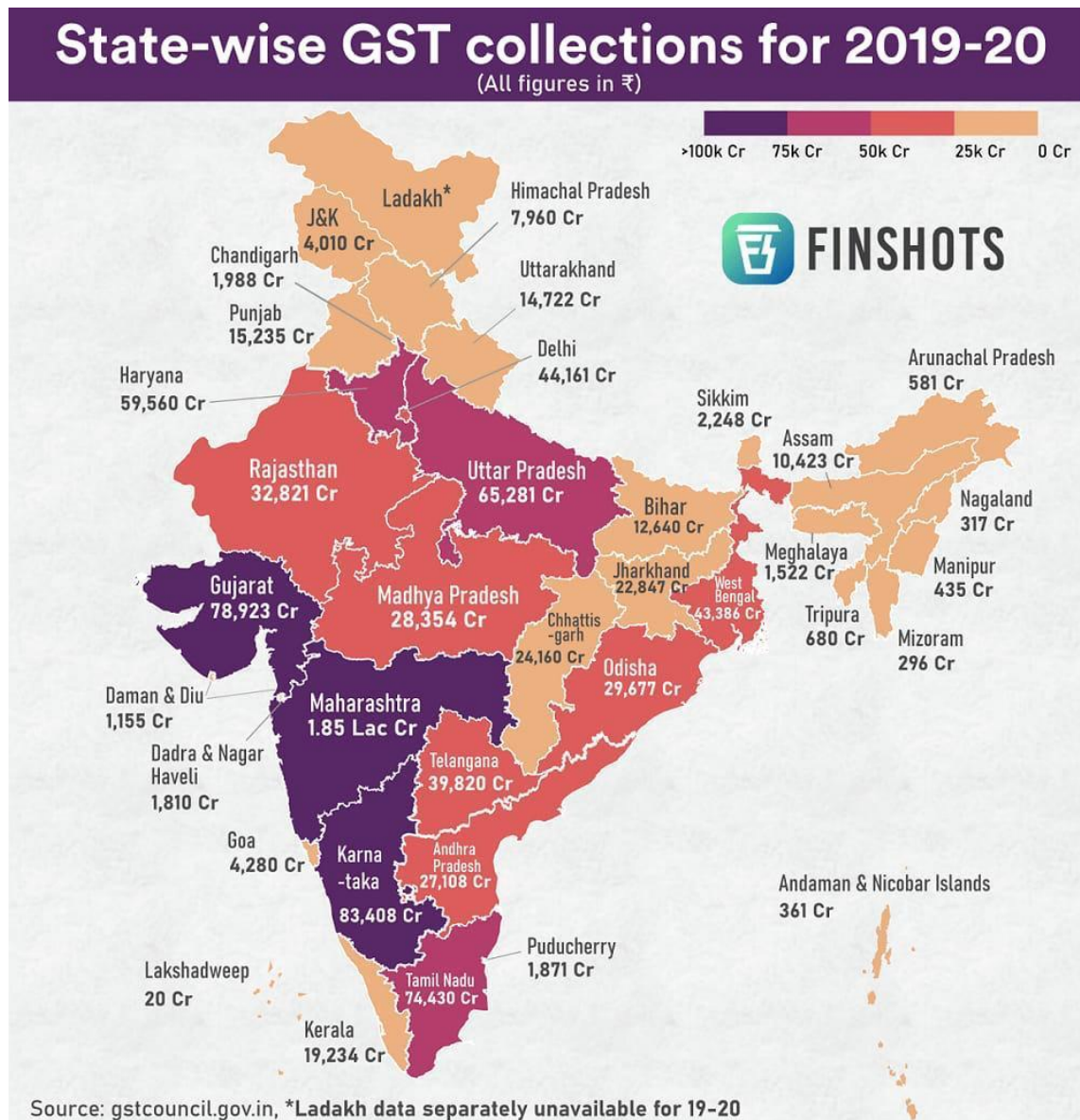
3. India leads the world in AI adoption amid the Covid-19 pandemic: The pandemic that hit the world disrupting the lives of both individuals and organisations produced a winner—high-tech adoption across the globe, with Indian organisations leading such changes. According to a global report by PwC India, the largest rise in the use of artificial intelligence (AI) during COVID-19 has been observed in India. 94% of the more than 200 chief executives surveyed in India said that they have either adopted or are preparing to introduce AI in the company. Compared to major economies such as Britain, Japan and the US, the study said India witnessed the highest rise in AI use, with over 70% of Indian organisations adopting AI in some functional areas in 2020 compared to about 62% last year.

4. Tesla coming to India in 2021: According to the Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways and the Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Tesla, the US clean energy and electric vehicle company, will 'launch operations' in India in early 2021. Tesla would commence operations first with sales and then maybe look at assembly and manufacturing based on the response to the cars.



„One Nation One Tax“ The outcome speaks for itself

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in January 2021 was an all-time high at around ₹1.20 lakh crore, which exceeded the ₹1 lakh crore benchmark for the fourth consecutive month and posted positive growth for the fifth month in a row since September, indicating sustained business recovery. The tax collection in January 2021 beat the previous collection record of ₹1,15,174 crore in the last month, according to official data released late night on Sunday. (Source: Hindustan Times)



(100 INR = 86 HRK = 1.1 €)

Focus Sector – Railways



Indian Railways is among the world's largest rail network, and its route length network is spread over 1,23,236 kms, with 13,523 passenger trains and 9,146 freight trains, plying 23 million travellers and 3 million tonnes (MT) of freight daily from 7,349 stations. India's railway network is recognised as one of the largest railway systems in the world under single management. The railway network is also ideal for long-distance travel and movement of bulk commodities, apart from being an energy efficient and economic mode of conveyance and transport. Indian Railways is the preferred carrier of automobiles in the country. Government of India has focused on investing in railway infrastructure by making investor-friendly policies. It has moved quickly to enable Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in railways to improve infrastructure for freight and high-speed trains. At present, several domestic and foreign companies are also looking to invest in Indian rail projects. In October 2020, Indian Railways freight loading stood at 108.16 million tonnes, compared with 93.75 million tonnes in the same month last year. In November 2020, India Railways announced that 40% of dedicated freight corridor (DFC) will be opened for traffic by end-FY21, while the entire 2,800 km route will be completed by June 2022. Passenger traffic was valued at 7.25 billion and freight traffic at 1,208.34 million tonnes in FY20. India was among the top 20 exporters of railways globally as of 2017. India's export of railways has grown to US\$ 507.90 million. Indian Railway network is growing at a healthy rate. In the next five years, Indian railway market will be the third largest, accounting for 10% of the global market. Indian Railways, which is one of the country's biggest employers, can generate one million jobs. Indian Railways is targeting to increase its freight traffic to 3.3 billion tonnes by 2030 from 1.1 billion tonnes in 2017. Indian Railways plans to achieve 2,024 MT (metric tonne) loading in 2024 from the current 1,200-1,300 MT.

ALTPRO received the award for the most successful exporter to India

The Company started its way towards Indian market more than 10 years ago but first big projects started just recently after obtaining all the necessary approvals and test certificates. Indian market is the biggest in the world for the type of products made by ALTPRO and ALTPRO is the first company from SE Europe which managed to enter the big and demanding Indian signaling market. Indian embassy in Croatia also played an important role in the process and helped to make the process fluent as much as possible. Also, **Altpro**, has signed an HRK 40 million deal with its Indian partner Mr. Prateek Bhalotia, Managing Director and co-owner of Rail Systems Private Limited for its signaling equipment used in the Indian Railways.



Incredible India Gujarat (The Land of the Legends)

Gujarat is a State in north western India, on the border with Pakistan and Rajasthan in the north east, Madhya Pradesh in the east, and Maharashtra and the Union territories of Diu, Daman, Dadra and Nagar Haveli in the south. The Arabian Sea borders the State both to the west and the south west. The State took its name from the *Gujara*, the land of the *Gujjars*, who ruled the area during the 700's and 800's. The climate of Gujarat involves diverse conditions. The winters are mild and dry with average daytime temperatures around 29 °C. The summers are extremely hot and dry with daytime temperatures around 49 °C. Gujarat has achieved the distinction of being one of the most industrially developed States in India and contributes about a quarter to India's exports. There are 13 major industry groups that together account for around 82.05% of total factories, 95.85% of total fixed capital investment, 90.09% of the value of output and 93.21% of value addition in Gujarat's industrial economy. Gujarat is a leader in industrial sectors such as chemicals, petrochemicals, dairy, drugs and pharmaceuticals, cement and ceramics, gems and jewellery, tobacco, textiles and engineering.



The industrial sector comprises of over 800 large industries and 453,339 micro, small and medium enterprises.

During 2016-17, the State produced 4.61 million tonnes of petroleum (crude). It accounts for around 72% of the world's share of processed diamonds and more than 80% of diamonds processed in India.

The three main sources of growth in Gujarat's agriculture are cotton production, the rapid growth of high-value foods such as livestock, and fruits and vegetables. There are 4 agricultural universities in the State, which promote research in agricultural efficiency and sustainability.

Gujarat is also the main producer of tobacco, cotton, and groundnuts in India. Gujarat has vibrant cultural diversity. Dating back to history with the Harappan civilization, the state became a confluence of many religions – Hinduism, Islam, Jainism and Buddhism.



Tobacco Farm in Gujarat

The Gujarati culture blends in arts, beliefs, customs, traditions, institutions, inventions, language, technology and values. Gujarat has a special significance in Indian Political History as it is the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi and the main influence to the people of Gujarat with his system of non-violence movement. Blessed with rich performing arts, dance forms in Gujarat are popular throughout the world.

Gujarat offers various entertainment and informative tours to its visitors such as: business tourism, cultural tourism, wildlife tourism, religious tourism,

medical tourism, etc.



International Kite Festival in Gujarat

It was visited by 44.8 million domestic and international tourists in FY17. The State has many national parks including Sanctuaries at Gir National Park, Marine National Park, Gulf of Kutch, Vansda National Park, Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, Kutch Bustard Sanctuary, Purna Wildlife Sanctuary and Blackbuck National Park, Velavadar. One of the tourism attractions is *The Royal Orient Train*, an Indian luxury tourism train that runs between Gujarat and Rajasthan, covering important tourist locations in the two states. World heritage sites like Lothal, Dholavira and Champaner are also located in the State.

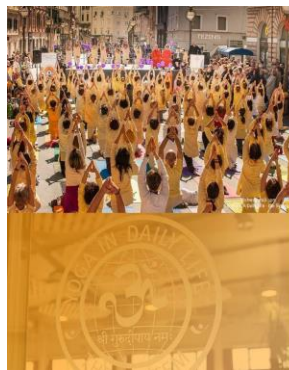


CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Ambassador of Embassy of India, H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava met with Mr. Mladen Zlamalik from India-Croatia Friendship Society. The main discussion of the meeting was about the wonderful project of presenting Bhagvad Gita's millennial wisdom in a modern artistic way for the youth.



The international Cultural Program India: Indus Valley & Beyond has continued on 22th January with the Online Lecture "Yoga & Health". Ambassador participated and stressed out that it is heartening to see such a high level of popularity and knowledge about Yoga in Croatia.



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Joga i zdravlje

Predavanje u sklopu međunarodnog kulturnog programa

Indija: dolinom Inda i dalje

u organizaciji Arheološkog muzeja u Zagrebu,
Udruge Joga u svakodnevnom životu Rijeka,
Veleposlanstva Indije u Hrvatskoj
i uz suradnju Sveučilišta u Rijeci

Rijeka, 22. siječanj 2021.
Medicinski fakultet Sveučilišta u Rijeci

MEDIA OUTREACH

Ambassador New Year congratulation & several other topics about India- Croatia ties on the National Television Good morning show". Full show: <https://bit.ly/3o2GmDp>

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Article published in Poslovni.hr by Shri Brajendra Navnit, on TRIPS waiver proposal from India and other members for rapid scaling-up of manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

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Komentari & analize

Intelektualno vlasništvo ne smije ograničiti povećanje proizvodnje cjepiva za Covid-19

Dostupnost Kako stvari stoje, čak ni najoptimističniji scenariji ne mogu sve do kraja 2021. osigurati pristup cjepivima za koronavirus većini stanovništva, kako u bogatim, tako i u siromašnim zemljama



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tak veći od 6 milijuna dolara globalnog BDP-a. Čak će i poboljšanje globalnog BDP-a od 1% u odnosu na osnovni scenarij dodatni vješt od 800 milijardi dolara u rješenju globalne proizvodnje, nadoknađujući gubitak brzo u gospodarskim aktivnostima.

Peticija nacionalizma

Povremeno se na pristupačan način odigraju cjepiva i lijekove postat će kao veliki potez

nih kapaciteta za cjepiva i terapije kako bi se zadovoljile velike globalne potrebe. Prijedlogom za odricanje od TRIPS-a nastoji se ispuniti ta potreba. Postojeće fleksibilnosti prema TRIPS sporazumu nisu odgovarajuće jer nisu omogućile da se provedu tijekom razdoblja pandemije. Lijekovi se izdaju od zemlje do zemlje, od službe do službe i od proizvođača do proizvođača, gdje bi svako tijelo

Dobrovoljne donacije, čak i tamo gdje postoje, obavljen su tajnom. Nijedni uvjeti te odredbe nisu transponirani. Nijedni je opseg ograničen na određene iznove, ali se ograničeni podjaci zemalja, čine se potpuno nezadovoljavajućima, a ne intenzivno međunarodna suradnja.

Vrijeme je da djeluju članice WTO-a

Sada je vrijeme da članice WTO-a djeluju i odlože se intelektualno vlasništvo na cjepivo kako bi spasile živote i pomogle brzom povratku gospodarstva

be članica D. Maraketić spozna koji je uspostavljen WTO. Navedeni sporazum može po-

Ambassador visited the Styria Media Group, leading media group in Croatia & discussed with Chief Editor Mr. Nišević from Poslovni dnevnik about Indian Healthcare & Vaccine Development; Future Oriented Cooperation Potential in 3Es fields (Economy, Education & Energy).



Science has delivered, will the WTO deliver?

TRIPS waiver proposal from India, South Africa and other members

By Brajendra Navnit, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to WTO

The TRIPS waiver proposal is a targeted and proportionate response to the exceptional public health emergency that the world faces today.

72nd REPUBLIC DAY

On the occasion of 72nd Republic Day of India, the National Flag was unfurled by Ambassador of India to Croatia H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava at the Chancery premises amidst a gathering of Indian nationals and friends of India.



Media outreach: Interview published in Croatian media Net.hr on the occasion of 72nd Republic Day of India. Full interview: <https://bit.ly/3j48Gng>



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at India's 72nd Republic Day celebration, in Mumbai on June 26th

Photo: Profimedia



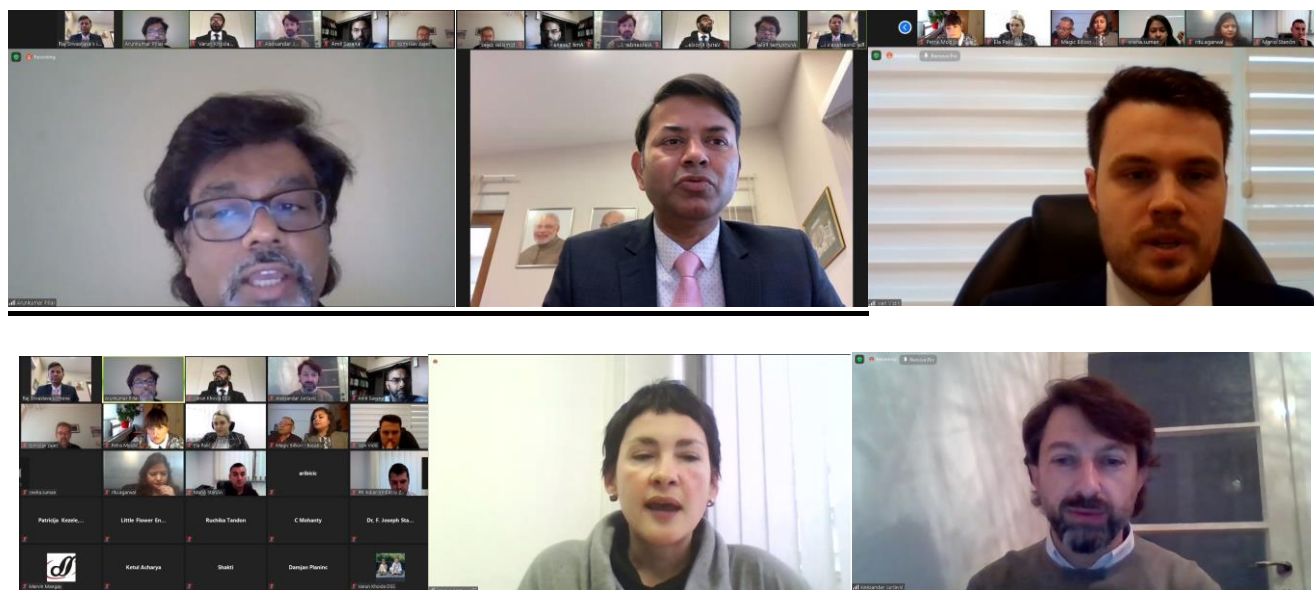
"Tri područja koja su postala najistaknutija u ovoj trenutnoj pandemiji su – zdravstvo, poljoprivreda i prerada hrane i digitalna transformacija. Zemlje koje silno razmišljaju poput Indije i Hrvatske morale bi nadograditi razinu suradnje u ova tri ključna područja u korist građana naših dviju zemalja" kaže u intervjuu za Net.hr indijski veleposlanik Raj Kumar Srivastava

29th January - INDIA-CROATIA SKILLS WEBINAR

The Webinar was held about the prospects of skilled Human Resources, with the participation of institutions and companies such as:

- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- Embassy of India, Zagreb
- Croatian Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy
- Croatian Employer's Association (HUP)
- Brodosplit Shipyard
- Croatian Bureau of Employment (HZZ)
- Viktor Lenac Shipyard
- DOK-ING company
- M+ Group.

NSDC presented its initiatives to enhance the Indian youth's international mobility, and the 'way forward' to meet Croatian employers' demand. At the webinar were expressed strengths and expertise of India's Training Partners which would be benefiting for Croatian Human Skills needs. This would add the fourth T (Talent) into India and Croatia partnership after the other 3 Ts (Trade, Tourism & Technology).



SMART CORNER

On the 27-30 January - Global Entrepreneurs Association Resurgence @TiEDelhi was held with the participation of Embassy of India, Zagreb, including the announcement about the Croatian Startup ecosystem by Ambassador Srivastava & 5 Croatian Startups:

1) Crop Shepherd (Zagreb)

Uses Artificial Intelligence and Computer Vision to differentiate weeds from the planted crop then uses a powerful laser to destroy them.

2) RoMB Technologies (Zagreb)

Their goal is to increase reliability and reduce the operating costs of automated guided vehicles by applying state-of-the-art localization and navigation software.

3) Makabi Agritech (Zagreb)

Developing 3-in-1 encapsulation technology (for plant protection and nutrition and controlled release of bioactive components) as an innovation of green chemistry for sustainable agricultural production.

4) Orqa (Osijek)

First Person View (FPV) and advanced Remote Reality (RR) applications by developing & enabling technology for next-generation vision systems.

5) Dreamtale Entertainment (Zagreb)

The small team of three at 'Dreamtale Entertainment' is developing the video game which they have called 'The Uncharted Roads of Marco Polo'.



AYUSH CELL CROATIA

1st Ayush Cell meeting in 2021 was held at the Embassy of India, Zagreb on the 12th January with participation of distinguished Croatian experts in the field of Ayurveda and Yoga at which they have discussed activities which will increase awareness about Croatian traditional medicine system among Croats. Focus of the meeting was the sharing of ideas which would be beneficial for the 1st Yoga & Ayurveda International Conference, which is set at the 4-6 June 2021. Participants of the meeting:

- H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Croatia
- Mr. Manohar Lal, Head of Chancery at Embassy of India
- Mr. Ivan Delić, Information and Cultural Assistant at EOI
- Mr. Jadranko Miklec, Croatian Yoga association
- Mr. Mak Avdić, Sanyasi Ayurveda
- Mrs. Zorica Maštrović, AKRAM association
- Mr. Nebojša Rađenović, Antiage.



1st Yoga Online Session focused on the topic "Benefits of Yoga Practice for Reducing the Risks of Sedentary Lifestyle" with remarks of Ambassador of India to Croatia and Mrs. Morana Mandić, Yoga teacher.

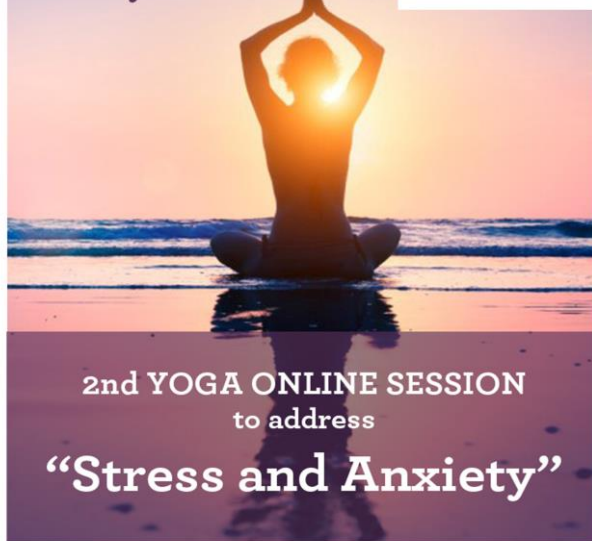


Join us for the next Yoga Online Session:

February 9th
2:30 PM
Tuesday



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Speakers:

Izabela Marić, Tamara Grdić, Tena Matolić, Nina Fabris Talenta,
certified yoga teachers in Svyasa Yoga University, India

Hindi Day 2020 celebrated at University of Zagreb, 17th December

Prof. Dr. Jyoti Sharma

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17 दिसम्बर 2020 को ज़ाग्रेब विश्वविद्यालय के मानविकी और समाजविज्ञान संकाय स्थित भारतविद्या विभाग में आई. सी. सी. आर. की हिंदी पीठ के सक्रिय निर्देशन से माननीय राजदूत महोदय श्री राजकुमार श्रीवास्तव जी के नेतृत्व में हिंदी दिवस 2020 का सफल आयोजन सम्पन्न हुआ। पिछले वर्ष यह कार्यक्रम संकाय परिसर में आयोजित हुआ था, जिसमें १०० से अधिक लोग शामिल हुए थे। इस वर्ष आयोजन को कोविड 19 के कारण ऑनलाइन रूप से आयोजित किया गया। जिसमें विविध एप पर और संकाय के वेब पेज पर कुल लगभग १०० प्रतिभागी शामिल हुए। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता माननीय राजदूत महोदय ने की। आई. सी. सी. आर. की हिंदी पीठ पर नियुक्त डॉ. ज्योति शर्मा के प्रयासों से विद्यार्थियों ने हिंदी में वर्चुअल नाट्य प्रस्तुति, हिंदी गीतों का गायन, हिंदी में पावर पॉइंट पर प्रस्तुति, हिंदी टॉक शो - 'चर्चा में' सहित हिंदी गानों पर नृत्य आदि की रंगारंग प्रस्तुतियाँ सभी के सम्मुख प्रस्तुत कीं। कार्यक्रम में भारतविद्या विभाग के विभागाध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर ईवान सहित विभाग के वरिष्ठ प्राध्यापक प्रोफेसर मिस्लाव येचीच जी और सभी अन्य प्राध्यापक भी उपस्थित रहे। पुला विश्वविद्यालय, क्रोएशिया से प्रोफेसर ईगोर ने भी कार्यक्रम में भाग लिया। सभी उपस्थित प्रबुद्ध जनों ने कार्यक्रम की भूरी भूरी प्रशंसा की। माननीय राजदूत महोदय ने कार्यक्रम की सफलता पर हिंदी पीठ, सभी विद्यार्थियों और पूरे विभाग को बधाई दी। निश्चित रूप से विद्यार्थियों ने भारतीय भोजन को याद किया, लेकिन उनके द्वारा तैयार और प्रस्तुत किये हिंदी दिवस २०२० के आयोजन में उत्साह और जोश की कोई कमी नहीं थी। यह एक सफल और नई तकनीक के साथ आयोजित और प्रस्तुत हुआ अपने प्रकार का पहला हिंदी दिवस रहा, जिसमें वर्चुअली १०० से अधिक प्रतिभागियों की अंत तक बनी रही उपस्थिति कार्यक्रम के साथ उनके अंतरंग जुड़ाव की परिचायक और कार्यक्रम की कामयाबी रही।





India is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Independence on 15th August 2022. To mark the celebration, Embassy of India, Zagreb would begin with the organization of various events from March 2021. Further updates on **INDIA@75** will be announced on the Mission Social media channels.

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