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## #VaccineMaitri: What the Croatian media is saying

LEADING MANUFACTURER

### India is starting to supply a vaccine against coronavirus to six neighboring countries

The vaccine comes as part of an aid program which means those countries will not have to pay for it

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India, one of the world's leading drug manufacturers, will start supplying the new coronavirus vaccine to six neighboring countries as of Wednesday.

The first stocks of vaccines under the grant program are arriving in Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and the Seychelles, the foreign ministry confirmed.

The vaccine comes as part of an aid program which means those countries will not have to pay for it.

Source: Jutarnji list

# India started mass vaccination

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With more than 10.5 million infected, India has the second largest number of covid-19 infected in the world, after the United States. The death toll from the virus in India is 151,918.

**India launched the world's largest vaccination campaign on Saturday, and a health worker at a government hospital in Delhi was the first to receive the vaccine in a country of 1.3 billion people.**

## → All about coronavirus

The government plans to vaccinate 300 million people by July - roughly corresponding to the total U.S. population. As the most populous country in the world after China, India also believes it may not need to vaccinate all of its 1.35 billion inhabitants to create herd immunity.

Source: Croatian National Television

### News on India

**1. India reached 14,3 million COVID19 vaccination mark by 28th February:** India's trajectory of leaping across landmarks in its fight against the global pandemic continues. In a significant achievement, India has become the fastest country in the world to reach first the the 4 million COVID19 vaccination mark beggining of February. As on 1st February 2021, India was among the top five countries in terms of number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered to people. India continues to undertake its vaccination drive at a fast pace. India's fight against Covid-19 is bringing daily successes on other fronts as well. With a high number of COVID patients recovering every day and the sustained fall in the mortality rate, India's steady trend of registering dipping active cases continues.

**2. E-commerce grew by 36% in last quarter in India:** According to the E-commerce Trend Report, jointly released by Unicommerce and Kearney, the volume of e-commerce orders In India increased by 36% in the last quarter of 2020, with the Personal Care, Beauty and Wellness (PCB&W) segment being the largest beneficiary. The volumes of the PCB&W and FMCG & Healthcare (F&H) categories increased by 95% and 46% YoY respectively from October to December 2020. The report evaluates the growth of e-commerce with a sector-wise review. As per the report, due to restricted movements imposed by COVID-19 lockdown, online sales growth accelerated, and the results of lockdown led to a major shift in consumer preferences with many new shoppers and sellers coming online.

**3. India launched 328 satellites from 33 different countries till date:** According to the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, US\$ 123.54 million was allocated to ISRO for financial year 2020-21 for developing capacity for launching of satellites. He stated that the Department of Space has been involved in launching satellites of foreign countries since long. Total number of satellites launched till date is 328 from 33 different countries and the revenue earned till date is US\$ 25 million and EUR 189 million. Moreover, Government of India has established NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a PSU under Department of Space to commercially launch satellites and become financially self-reliant. ISRO is striving towards achieving Aatmanirbhar in the field of capacity development in launching satellites; therefore, no policy is envisaged for seeking foreign cooperation in this direction.

**4. Indian IT industry to grow by 2.3% in FY21:** According to the NASSCOM report, despite the impact of Covid-19, the Indian technology sector rallied round to grow at 2.3% year on year in the financial year 2020-21 on the back of rapid acceleration in digital transformation and tech adoption. Indian IT industry revenues are estimated to increase to US\$ 194 billion and exports will increase to US\$ 150 billion. Indian tech contributed near 8% relative share to the national gross domestic product (GDP), with 52% relative share in services exports, and 50% share in total foreign direct investment (FDI) based on FDI inflows for the period April to September 2020.

**5. Telecom manufacturing to reach global scale in India:** The Union Cabinet, chaired by the PM Narendra Modi, approved Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Telecom and Networking Products. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme intends to promote manufacture of Telecom and Networking Products in India and proposes a financial incentive to boost domestic manufacturing and attract investments in the target segments of telecom and networking products in order to encourage Make in India. Support under the Scheme will be provided to companies/entities engaged in manufacturing of specified telecom and networking products in India. Globally Telecom and Networking Products exports represent an US\$100 billion market opportunity, which can be exploited by India. With support under the scheme, India will augment capacities by attracting large investments from global players and at the same time encourage promising domestic champion companies to seize the emerging opportunities and become big players in the export market. With this Scheme, India will be well positioned as a global hub for manufacturing of Telecom and Networking Products.







Ambassador of the Republic of India Raj Kumar Srivastava and President of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce Luka Burilović; Source: HGK

The President of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce, Luka Burilović, met with the Ambassador Srivastava, and the main topic of discussion was the strengthening of economic relations between Croatia and India. "Our duty is to strengthen economic cooperation. Our numbers are currently modest, trade between our two countries in 2019 amounted to 150 million euros, of which 40 million are Croatian exports, and due to the influence of the COVID-19, economic relations have slowed further. In the first eight months of 2020, the exchange reached 91.6 million euros, but this pandemic also has a positive side, it showed us that we need to go in a new direction, gather entrepreneurs and introduce them to the specifics of the Indian and Croatian markets", pointed out Burilović. Srivastava agreed that economic relations must be encouraged from below, through B2B meetings, and then this should be followed by political cooperation. "Our mission is to reduce the information gap among potential partners on compatible industries. It is important to understand that Modi's new India offers great opportunities. After the COVID-19, relations will be greatly redefined, and therefore our past relations are not important. We are such a big market that everyone has a chance and there is no need to be afraid of competition," he stressed. Srivastava highlighted four sectors as key to cooperation: Healthcare, Digital technologies, Agriculture with an emphasis on the food processing and infrastructure. In addition to these industries, Burilović added renewable energy sources in which Croatia has extensive knowledge and experience. They also referred to the tourist relations, which are quite modest, since in 2019 we were visited by only 70 thousand tourists from the second most populous country in the world. Srivastava also praised visas for digital nomads, which could attract Indian startup entrepreneurs to Croatia.



Nikolina Trojić, President of ŽK Dubrovnik, and Raj Kumar Srivastava, Ambassador of the Republic of India to Croatia; Source: HGK

**Ambassador visited the Croatian Chamber of Commerce - Dubrovnik County Chamber and met with the president Mrs. Nikolina Trojić .** At the meeting in ŽK Dubrovnik, cooperation in the field of innovative technologies, support for startups and direct cooperation on the interests of of dozen of companies from both sides was agreed. Mrs. Trojic was particularly interested in the model of agricultural reform carried out by the Indian Prime Minister, in order to increase productivity and achieve greater added value in food production.

### SMART CORNER

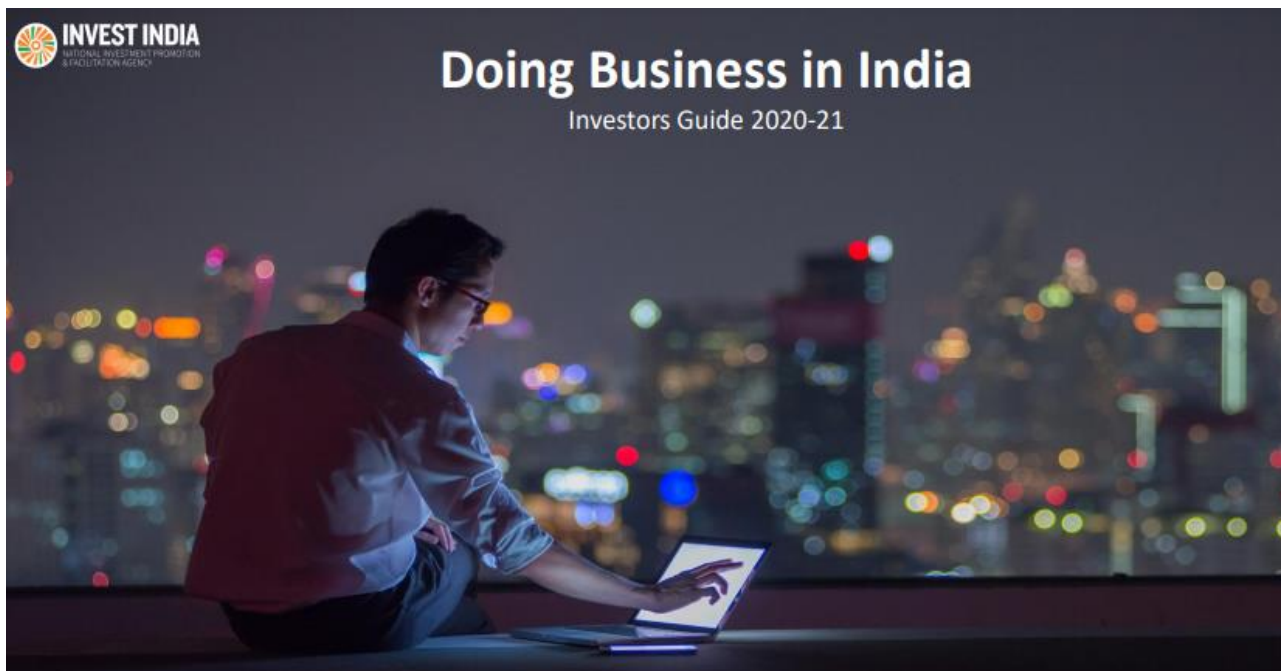
**Ambassador Srivastava visited Končar**, whose products & projects are exported in more than 100 countries including to India. He met with Mr. Kolak, CEO & discussed about strengthening cooperation with Indian counterparts in the fields of Infrastructure, Renewable Energy, R&D and for Digital Automation. There exists potential for Končar to also create a joint venture with a right Indian partner to not only explore Indian and European markets but also work together in third markets as well based on the complementary strengths of two partners. Some progress is already seen in this context.



**Ambassador Srivastava had a interaction at the BIRD Incubator with Mr. Drazen Oreščanin** about possible connections with Indian innovation ecosystem that would contribute towards building India-Croatia Digital Partnership. Ambassador explained about the Digital revolution that has taken place in India with the support of Startup India and NASSCOM 10000+ Startups initiatives. There was felt need to connect the Croatian startup and innovation ecosystem to the vibrant India counterparts. Future skills that our Digital world needs are to be created in focused manner. BIRD incubator can play an important role in that context in Croatia with partnership with Indian institutions, companies and startups.







## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India

### Category 1 : 100% FDI permitted through Automatic route\*

Check for FDI routing procedures in India

<b>Agriculture &amp; Animal Husbandry**</b>	<b>Plantation</b> (FDI is allowed only in Tea, Coffee, Rubber, Cardamom, Palm oil tree, Olive oil tree and not in any other plantation activity)	<b>Mining &amp; Exploration of metals &amp; non-metals</b> (excluding titanium bearing minerals and its ores)	<b>Coal &amp; Lignite</b> (mining in respect of eligible activities (including captive consumption)**)	<b>Single Brand Retail Trading, Duty Free Shops</b>	<b>Railway Infrastructure</b> (defined under Para 5.2.3.8 of the Consolidated FDI Policy)
<b>Construction Development projects****</b>	<b>Transport services*****</b>	<b>Civil Aviation – Greenfield &amp; Brownfield</b>	<b>Cash &amp; Carry Wholesale Trading</b>	<b>Broadcasting Carriage Services</b>	<b>Other Services at Airport *****</b>
<b>Exploration of Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas</b> (including marketing of petroleum products & natural gas)	<b>Asset Reconstruction &amp; Credit Information Companies</b>	<b>Market Place E-commerce Activities*****</b>	<b>Up-link of non-'News &amp; Current Affairs' TV Channels, Down Linking of TV channel</b>	<b>Other Financial Services (Engineered/regulated entity)*****</b>	<b>Industrial Park</b>
<b>Pharmaceuticals – Greenfield Sector and Medical device manufacturing</b>	<b>White Label ATM Operations*****</b>	<b>Manufacturing*****</b>	<b>Insurance Intermediaries *****</b>		

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## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India

### Category 2 : 100% FDI permitted through Government Route

Check for FDI routing procedures in India

<b>Mining and minerals separation of titanium bearing minerals &amp; ores and its value addition &amp; integrated activities</b>	<b>Retail Trading</b> (including through e-commerce in respect of food products manufactured and/ or produced in India)	<b>Publishing/ printing of scientific and technical magazines/specialty journals/ periodicals</b>
<b>Publication of facsimile edition of foreign newspapers</b>	<b>Government Route</b> (Approval from various Administrative Ministries/ Government Department)*	<b>Satellites-establishment and operations</b>

Foreign investment in core investment companies (CIC) and other investing companies, engaged in the activity of investing in the capital of other company/ies/LLP, is permitted under Govt. approval route. CIC will additionally have to follow RBI regulatory framework

## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India

### Category 4 : Up to 100% FDI permitted through Government/ Automatic route

Check for FDI routing procedures in India

<b>Automatic route</b>	<b>Insurance Company</b> <b>49%</b>	<b>Petroleum Refining by PSUs*</b> <b>49%</b>	<b>Infrastructure Companies in Securities Markets</b> <b>49%</b>	<b>Power Exchanges</b> <b>49%</b>	<b>Pension Sector</b> <b>49%</b>
<b>Government route</b>	<b>Up-linking of 'News &amp; Current Affairs' TV Channels</b> <b>49%</b>	<b>Terrestrial Broadcasting FM (FM Radio)</b> <b>49%</b>	<b>Multi-Brand Retail Trading**</b> <b>51%</b>	<b>Banking Public Sector</b> <b>20%</b>	<b>Print Media-Publishing ***</b> <b>26%</b>
				<b>Digital Media****</b> <b>Up to 26%</b>	

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## Focus Sector – Defence Industry

The Indian defence manufacturing industry is a significant sector for the economy given the fact that it has the second-largest standing army in the world. The Indian defence market covers all aspects of the military vehicle, armament, and other equipment procurements, as well as the upgrade and modernization plans. Despite of having its own vast defence industrial base, India depends heavily upon foreign imports to meet the requirements of its armed forces for weapon systems and platforms. In 2019, India ranked 19th in the list of top defence exporters in the world by exporting defence products to 42 countries and it was among the top five countries with the highest military spending in 2019.

Investment opportunities in Indian Defence Sector, are in the following areas:

- Supply chain sourcing opportunity
- Modernization of armed forces
- Infrastructure development
- Research and Development

### **Union budget 2021**

On 01 February 2021 the Union Budget was laid down by the Finance Minister. With almost 19% increase in capital outlay for defence expenditure, which is the highest ever increase in capital outlay for defence in the last 15 years, the Government of India has reiterated its focus towards defence modernization.

Defence has been characterized as one of the strategic sectors under the Disinvestment Policy of Government of India to minimize the presence of Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSEs) and create further investment opportunities for private players in the sector.

### **Key amendments of the Union budget 2021 impacting the defence sector**

- Total defence budget (excluding defence pensions) in 2021-22 amounts to US\$ 49.6 billion. Government's budget allocation has increased by 7.34% compared to the Budget Estimate of 2020-21 and 0.7% compared to Revised Estimates of 2020-21
- To increase investment from the private sector and minimize the presence of CPSEs, defence has been classified as one of the strategic sectors for disinvestment
- Tax incentives introduced to promote domestic aircraft leasing market
- Basic Custom Duty on import of components or parts, including engines by public sector units (under Ministry of Defence) has been reduced from 2.5% to nil for manufacturing of aircrafts or parts



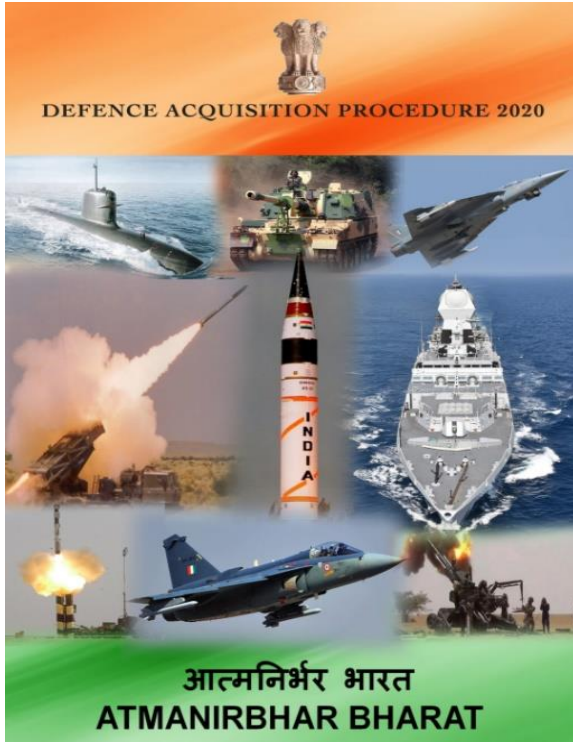
PM Narendra Modi: India's defence sector is moving ahead with transparency, predictability and ease of doing business  
Prime Minister Modi said that India has made a list of 100 important items related to defence, which can be manufactured indigenously with the help of country's local industries. He said a timeline has been set so that our industries can plan to meet these requirements.

## KEY PLAYERS IN THE DEFENCE MANUFACTURING

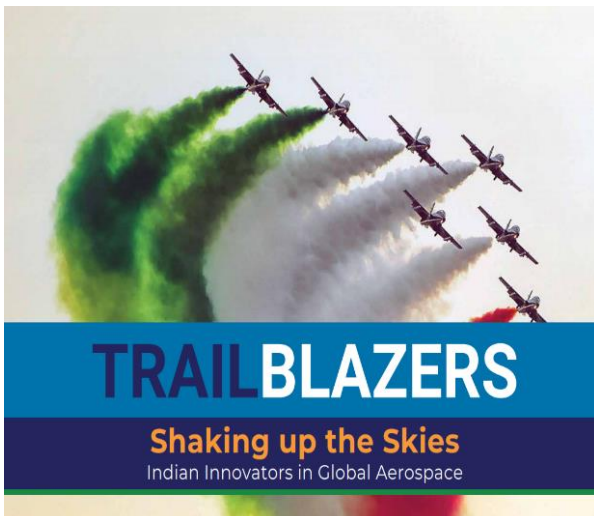
Key Products/Projects	Revenue (2019-20)	Research and Development Activities
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Su-30 MKI Aircraft</li> <li>LCA Tejas Aircraft</li> <li>Dhruv - Advance Light Helicopter (ALH)</li> </ul>	Rs. 21,218 crore (US\$ 3.0 billion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The company incurred a total expenditure of Rs. 1,232 Crore (US\$ 0.2 billion) in 2019-20, which is 6% of the total turnover</li> <li>The key success has been in Advanced Light Helicopter (both utility and weaponised versions).</li> <li>The company designed and developed a real-time operating system with the highest design assurance level to support both safety critical and mission critical systems (RTOS is in use at the Indira Gandhi 32 Atomic Research Centre, Kalpakum on their hardware platform)</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radars</li> <li>Communication &amp; C4I systems</li> <li>Electro-Optic</li> </ul>	Rs. 12,608 crore (US\$ 1.8 billion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company made a 3-year R&amp;D plan identifying future programmes &amp; various technologies, knowledge management portal, etc. On an average 10 new products are introduced annually. BEL spends ~9% annual turnover on R&amp;D</li> <li>Two production grade systems manufactured by BEL have been installed and trial evaluated on-board INS Gomati and INS Ganga. The Indian Navy has awarded BEL a contract for Maareech systems</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armored Recovery and Repair Vehicle</li> <li>Heavy, Medium and Light Recovery Vehicles</li> <li>Aircraft Towing Tractor</li> <li>Military Rail Coaches and Military Wagons</li> <li>Aircraft Weapon Loading Trolley</li> </ul>	Rs. 3,025 crore (US\$ 0.4 billion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In July 2020, the company received a contract from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to supply 1,512 Track Width Mine Plough (TWMP) for T-90 S/SK Tanks; this boosts the 'Make in India' initiatives</li> <li>In 2018-19, the company designed and developed high technology products/aggregates and upgraded existing products such as 155mm Mounted Gun System, 180T Hydraulic Excavator, 860 HP Bulldozer, Arjun Armored Repair &amp; Recovery Vehicle</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four missile destroyers under Project P15B</li> <li>Four stealth frigates under Project P17A</li> <li>Six Scorpene submarines under Project P75</li> </ul>	Rs. 4,977 crore (US\$ 0.7 billion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The company has a dedicated indigenisation department and 'Make in India' webpage linked to MoD's website. Many items of Ships &amp; Scorpene Submarine are taken up for indigenisation to achieve self-reliance</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The company has an order book for construction of 15 warships of the Indian navy, pertaining to 03 Projects, Stealth Frigates (P17A), Survey Vessel (Large) and ASW Shallow Watercraft (ASW-SWC) over the next 6-7 years (2027-2028)</li> </ul>	Rs. 1,433.3 crore (US\$ 0.2 billion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The company introduced state-of-the-art 'Virtual Reality Lab' that added to its design capabilities</li> <li>It has achieved the capacity of building 20 warships concurrently, post phase II modernisation of facilities at its main unit</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The company received Akash SAM order for supply of Akash Missiles, along with associated spares and first Heavy Weight Torpedo (Varunastra), from the production order of Indian Navy during 'Bandhan' Programme in Feb. 20</li> </ul>	Rs. 3,095.2 crore (US\$ 0.4 billion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The company identified various products to meet requirements of the Indian Armed Forces and currently its research and development is focussing on the following missions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amogha-III: Prototypes of all the sub-assemblies of the missile are being developed as per in-house designs</li> <li>CMD5 Mk-II with AI feature to provide self-protection to the aircraft against previously known missile threat at designated way points</li> <li>Dispenser for AN-32 aircraft for dispensing flares and chaffs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



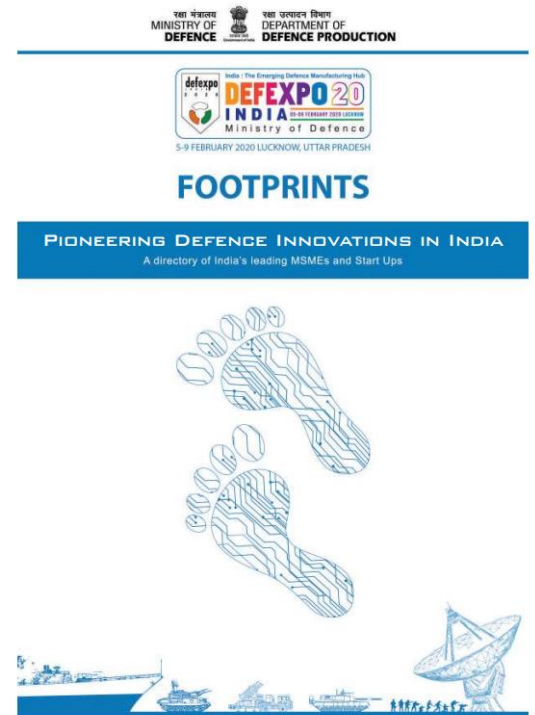
Important Publications on Defence Industry in India



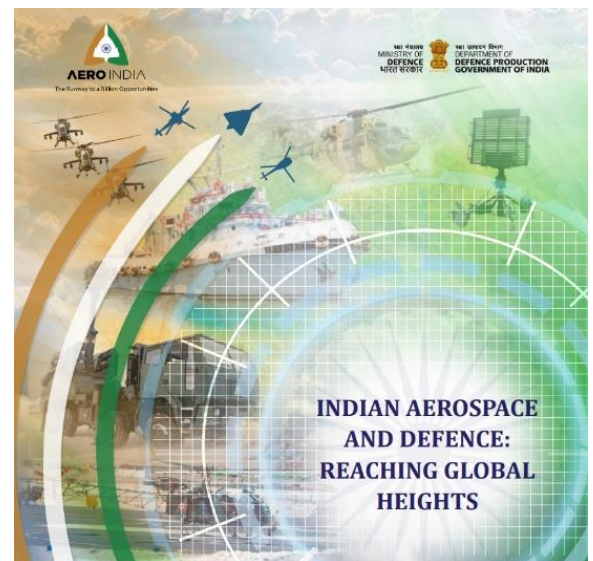
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## **Courtesy call on Croatian Minister of Defence**



Minister of Defence Mario Banožić met on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at the Ministry of Defence with the Ambassador. During the meeting, Minister Banožić and Ambassador expressed their desire to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries, for which a framework agreement is ready for signing between the two countries. The main area with great potential for cooperation is the defence manufacturing and joint R&D and technology development. Croatian high tech defence sector companies have great opportunity to participate in welcoming and fast expanding defence market, where increasingly European companies are getting visible.

Training of armed forces for UN Peace Keeping operations, countering terrorism, cyber security as well as for mitigating the challenges emanating from Natural Disasters would also be an area of potential cooperation between the two countries. Ambassador briefed the Minister about the recent developments in India in these fields which could be very useful for Croatia to benefit from. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was created in India 15 years ago, since when, with its 12 battalions, NDRF has contributed immensely in saving lives and properties in many extreme natural disaster situations.

Indian Defence sector has also increasingly becoming a export focused sector where also there is potential for Indian companies to export to Croatia. There are recent successful examples in this field to make us believe that with information sharing we can expand India Croatia Defence partnership in coming years.

At the meeting they also discussed cooperation in the field of cyber security and counter-terrorism, and exchanged experiences in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic, where both sides expressed hope and desire to deal with the consequences as successfully as possible.

Read more about the meeting:

<https://www.morh.hr/ministar-banozic-s-veleposlanikom-republike-indije-kumar-srivastavom/>



## KARNATAKA - STATE OF GLOBAL TECH HUBS

### Geography

Karnataka is a state in south-western region of India. Karnataka is bordered by the Arabian Sea and the Laccadive Sea to the west, Goa to the northwest, Maharashtra to the north, Telangana to the northeast, Andhra Pradesh to the east, Tamil Nadu to the southeast, and Kerala to the southwest. It is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest Indian state, covering 5.83% of total geographical area. Karnataka is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest state by population, comprising 30 districts. Kannada is the most widely spoken language of the state.



### Economy

Karnataka is one of the most industrially advanced states in India, driven by its entrepreneurial spirit, innovative outlook and a stable Government. These attributes have made it the fastest growing state in India. Nearly 56% of the workforce in Karnataka is engaged in agriculture and related activities. 12.31 million hectares of land, or 64.6% of the state's total area, are cultivated. Blessed with 10 Agro-climatic zones, Karnataka is a leader in horticulture productions and exports. It is the largest producer of Coffee, Silk, Areca nut, Pomegranate and Gherkins. The state also accounts for 75% of India's florist, an

upcoming industry which supplies flowers and ornamental plants worldwide.



*Coffee Plantation, Kodagu District*

Since the 1980s, Karnataka has emerged as the pan-Indian leader in IT. The software industry in Karnataka state has become one of the main pillars of economy. Karnataka stands first among all the states of India in terms of revenue generated from software exports, 3500 companies and 750 multinational companies offer direct employment to 1 million people. Many of them, including two of India's biggest software firms, Infosys and Wipro, have their headquarters in the state. Exports from these firms account nearly 38% of all IT exports from India. Bengaluru, also referred to as the Silicon Valley of India, houses several research and development centres for many international firms such as ABB, Bosch, GE, GM, Google, Microsoft, Mercedes-Benz, Nokia, Oracle, Philips, Shell and Toyota. Besides international firms, the headquarters of several public sector undertakings such as Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI) and HMT (formerly Hindustan Machine Tools) are also in Bengaluru. Bengaluru's IT industry is divided into three main clusters—Software Technology Parks of India (STPI); International Tech Park, Bengaluru (ITPB); and Electronics City.





*Alexandria Knowledge Park, Bengaluru*

Karnataka also leads the nation in biotechnology and aerospace. It is home to India's largest bio cluster, with 158 of the country's 320 biotechnology firms based here. The highly skilled workforce and top-notch Aerospace majors and research centers like Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Indian



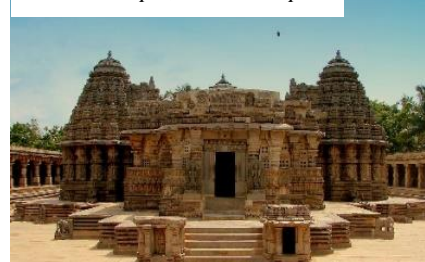
*Satellite Launch by ISRO*

Space Research Organization (ISRO), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Boeing Research and Technology Centre (BRTC) and Airbus Engineering Centre (AEC) make Karnataka an aerospace hub. Aerospace industry in Karnataka contributes to 65% of exports of all aerospace related products from India. Every year Karnataka hosts "Aero India", the International Show on Aerospace, Defence, Civil Aviation and Defence Engineering, in Bengaluru.

### ***Tourism***

Because of its varied geography and long history, Karnataka hosts many spots of interest for tourists. There is an array of ancient sculptured temples, modern cities, scenic hill ranges and endless beaches. Karnataka has the second highest number of nationally protected monuments in India, second only to Uttar Pradesh, besides 752 monuments protected by the State Directorate of Archaeology and Museums. The districts of the Western Ghats and the southern districts of the state have popular eco-tourism locations including Kudremukh, Madikeri and Agumbe. Karnataka has 25 wildlife sanctuaries and five national parks. Popular among them are Bandipur National Park, Bannerghatta National Park and Nagarhole National Park. The ruins of the Vijayanagara Empire at Hampi and the monuments of Pattadakal are on the list of UNESCO's World Heritage sites. The cave temples at Badami and the rock-cut temples at Aihole, representing the Badami Chalukyan style of architecture, are also popular tourist destinations. The Hoysala temples at Belur and Halebidu, which were built with chloritic schist (soapstone) are proposed UNESCO World Heritage sites.

*Keshava Temple, Somanathapura*



## AYUSH CELL CROATIA

**Embassy scheduled the 2nd AYUSH Cell meeting in 2021 on the 18th Feb. at the Ayurveda Balance premises, Zagreb** Focus of the meeting was the sharing of ideas which would be beneficial for the 1st Yoga & Ayurveda International Conference, which is set in June 2021.



At the meeting were praised the efforts of various centers & experts, introduced were latest R&D and publications from the Ministry of Ayush.

-> <https://main.ayush.gov.in/ministry-ayush>.

Ambassador pointed out the Traditional systems of healthcare which are benefiting for a stronger partnership between Croatian and India



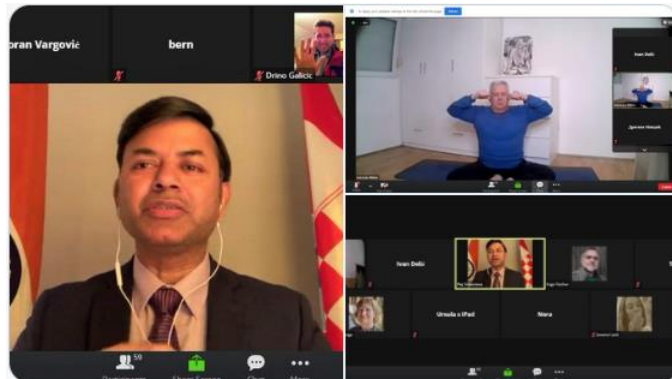
**2nd Online Yoga Session with Croatian ITEC students** offered practices for eliminating stress & anxiety with controlled breathing, which stimulates the parasympathetic system & brings the mind & body to a relaxed state.



WEBINAR was held about the practical application of plants in Ayurveda with Mr. Nebojša Radjenović, Dr. Biju Madhavan.



Free Online Yoga session addressing the topic "Yoga as preventive strategy for Coronavirus Disease", by Yogacharya Mr. Jadranko Miklec & with remarks of Ambassador Srivastava.



Hindi Chair, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
University of Zagreb - Poems in Hindi

अंतुन ब्रांको शिमिच - कवि : अनुवादक - दानियेला तुर्काल्य

कवि दुनिया में आश्चर्य हैं।

वे देश में चलते हैं, और उनकी आँखें,  
बड़ी और चुपचाप बढ़ती हैं, चीजों के आसपास।

कान झुकाकर,  
चुप्पी पर जो उन्हें घेरती और पीड़ा देती हैं,  
कवि अनंत टिमटिमाहट से भरे हैं।

द्रगुतिन तादियानोविच : मेरी कविताएँ

अनुवादक : दानियाला तुर्काल्य

कई लोग मुझसे पहले,  
कविताएँ लिखते थे।  
क्या यह आवश्यक है  
कि मैं भी लिखूँ?

क्या यह अधिक सुन्दर  
नहीं होगा  
कि मैं देखूँ  
चेरियों का फूलना  
और बादलों की यात्रा?



दानियेला तुर्काल्य ने भारतविद्या विभाग से स्नातकोत्तर स्तर की उपाधि प्राप्त की है। इन्होंने हिंदी भाषा और उसका अभ्यास, भारत के साहित्य का इतिहास, संस्कृत भाषा, धर्म, दर्शन और रोमानी भाषा उसके साहित्य व इतिहास का अध्ययन किया है। दानियाला जी भारतविद्या विभाग की प्रबुद्ध और होनहार विद्यार्थी हैं



## AMBASSADORS OUTREACHES

Ambassador Srivastava made a courtesy call on MP Mr. Pedja Grbin & President of SDP Croatia.



**Croatian National Television visited India house and Talked** with Ambassador & Mrs. Srivastava about Indian Cuisine, Philosophy, Geographical Diversity of Croatia and India & their Cultural Heritage incl the biggest Movie Industry in the world - Bollywood. Watch it here - <https://bit.ly/3sl3ezO>



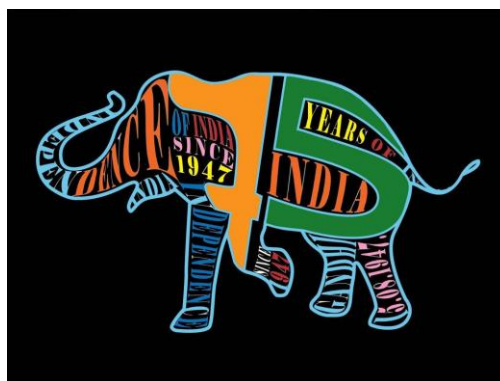
**Ambassador of India to Croatia, H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava met with Croatian MP H.E. Mr. Veljko Kajtazi at the Kali Sera Association.** Ambassador witnessed great civilizational connection between Roma community & India was visible in the library, pictures of Mahatma Gandhi & Dr. Ambedkar, and documents showing earliest Romas coming to Dalmatian coast from India in 1362.



Ambassador visited at the Meštrović Pavillion in Zagreb an Exhibition - **Croatia to the World: Greats of Croatian origin**. The exhibition is dedicated to prominent scientists, inventors, writers, artists and researchers of Croatian origin who have bequeathed to the world their inventions, books, works of art, inventions and knowledge, and are the pride of Croatia. Ambassador visited together the exhibition with Mr. Danko Friscic, Vice-Dean for International and Inter-University Cooperation, University of Zagreb, Academy of Fine Arts and Ph.D. of Art History, Mrs. Anita Ruso.



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