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Glimpses of Seventh International Day of Yoga celebration in Croatia

The central celebration of this year's IDY was held on June 16, 2021, in Park Bundek with over 100 attendees, organized by the Embassy of India in partnership with the City of Zagreb, Zagreb Tourist Board, Yoga in Daily Life, Art of Living & Croatian Yoga Federation. The special guest was Member of Croatian Parliament H. E. Mr. Kajtazi.



IDY was celebrated this year in 30 cities and 40 locations in Croatia. Please find below glimpses of the celebrations.

Osijek



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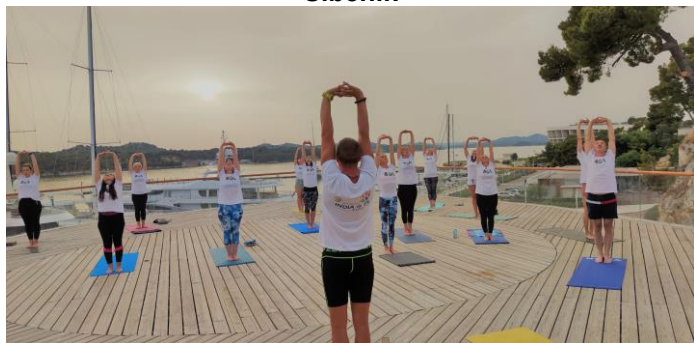
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Šibenik



Split



Split



Sumartin, Brač



Punat, island of Krk



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Njivice, Krk



Hvar



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the mYoga app on the occasion of the 7th International Day of Yoga



Designed to encourage people to practice quality Yoga at the touch of their smartphone, the mYoga app is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Ayush and the WHO.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the mYoga app on the occasion of the 7th International Day of Yoga, on the 21st of June. The app intends to provide yoga training and practice sessions to laypersons and enthusiasts alike. It can be used as a daily yoga companion for persons aged 12-65 years. WHO says the app was developed through review of scientific literature and extensive international expert consultation.

Yoga is recognized as an accessible way to lead a physically active lifestyle. WHO mYoga is an app for the general public to use regularly, providing Yoga educational and practice sessions that are available in a library. The app comprises a collection of videos and audio practice sessions that users can do in the comfort of their own home, as and when they wish.

The mYoga app is mainly divided into two sections, a learning tab and a practice tab. The learning tab is meant for those users who are completely new to Yoga. It features a sequential set of videos that help watchers learn the various yoga asanas with proper technique.

The practice session is aimed at users who have learned the asanas and are practicing. Both modes offer different time duration like 10, 20 and 45 minutes. When in Practice mode, you can also switch to an audio-only panel and only follow along with audio instructions. Videos on the app can either be streamed or even downloaded and saved offline to watch later.

The app is said to be safe and secure and it doesn't collect any data from users. Currently, it is available in French, English and in Hindi, with more languages to be added in the coming months. As of now, the app has been made available only to Android users. However, the iOS version of the application is expected to roll out soon. The application is completely free and has no sign up required.

The app was developed with the aim of making yoga more accessible to people all over the world, said PM Modi. "This is also a great example of the fusion of modern technology and ancient science," he added. Extolling the many benefits of yoga, the Prime Minister said the ancient Indian practice had seen immense uptake in all corners of the globe, as it not only improved physical health but was also good for mental health.

As the world battles the Covid-19 pandemic, practicing yoga for holistic health benefits is of vital importance, he emphasized. "I am sure yoga will continue playing its preventive as well as positive role in the healthcare of masses," concluded PM Modi.

WHO launched its global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014–2023 to strengthen the quality, safety and effectiveness of Traditional and Complementary Medicine. With support from the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (Ministry of AYUSH), Government of India, WHO has developed the mYoga app to support the implementation of the strategy and encourage people to practice quality yoga at the touch of their smartphone screen. For more information's, please visit: [LINK](#).

News from India

MyLab Discovery Solutions develops India's first self-use rapid test for Covid19.

MyLab Discovery Solutions, the Pune-based company has developed India's first self-use Rapid Antigen Test Kit for Covid-19 called CoviSelf. It is said the test is made available for use from June in more than 700,000 pharmacies across India. Rapid Antigen Tests or RAT are considered less accurate than RT PCR tests. Experts suggest that RAT should only be used to test symptomatic patients to ensure correct results. RAT tests are less expensive and results can be obtained in just 15-30 minutes. Their use is considered vital for reducing the burden on testing labs that evaluate RT PCR samples. MyLab's self-use RAT kit will cost Rs 250 and will be available for purchase at all major pharmacies without a prescription.



Discovery India & OPPO's latest campaign 'Life Unscene' explores hidden gems of the country.

Discovery Channel, India's first and leading aggregated real-life entertainment channel, and OPPO, the leading global smart device brand, partner to launch the 'Life Unscene' campaign, a series of two short videos where surreal scenes from two of India's most stunning locations. Scenes were captured using the OPPO Reno 5 Pro 5G camera. Campaign follows two video creators- Anunay Sood and Ganesh Vanare and their stunning experiences across Kurseong- the land of white orchids in Darjeeling and Sandakphu- the highest peak in West Bengal. The audience can also watch the videos on the discovery+ app. This stunningly captured scenes educate audiences and showcase expressions of these new-age video creators, while offering viewers a rare glimpse of the 'Life Unscene'.



Kerala Student Designs "Masks With Mics" To Ease Communication Amid Covid-19.

Thrissur (Kerala): A first-year B Tech student from Thrissur Government Engineering College has designed a mask with a mic and a speaker attached to help health workers communicate with ease. He tested the first prototype with his parents - Dr Senoj KC and Dr Jyoti Mary Jose. He started to make many more once demands increased. The gadget can be used continuously for four to six hours on a thirty-minute charge. It is attached to the mask using a magnet. The young innovator is now looking for companies who will be able to take this to the next level of mass production.



Cheetah To Be Reintroduced In India In November: Madhya Pradesh Minister.

Cheetah, the world's fastest land animal which was declared extinct in India in 1952, is expected to be reintroduced into the country in November this year at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, state Forest Minister Vijay Shah said on Sunday. The country's last spotted cheetah died in Chhattisgarh in 1947 and it was declared extinct in the country in 1952. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) some years back prepared a cheetah reintroduction project. An expert from South Africa visited the Kuno National Park on April 26 this year along with scientists from the WII and inspected the facilities and habitat created there for the introduction of African cheetahs. They approved it and now the final process of bringing the cheetah is underway, a forest official said.



Three Indian universities achieve top-200 positions in QS World University Rankings 2022



Ministry of Education
Government of India

#BharatVishvaGuru

India emerging as a
VishvaGuru



Three Indian Universities have achieved top-200 positions in QS World University Rankings 2022. IISc Bengaluru ranked number 1 in the world for research. QS Quacquarelli Symonds, global higher education analysts has today released the 18th edition of the world's International University rankings. Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' congratulated IIT Bombay for securing 177th position, IIT Delhi for securing 185th rank and IISc Bengaluru for securing 186th position in universities rankings. Shri Pokhriyal said that India is taking a leap in the field of Education & Research and is emerging as a Vishwaguru. We are equally proud to have a Guru like Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who has constantly been thinking about the welfare of students, faculty staff and all other stakeholders associated with the Indian Education sector, he added. The Minister further said that the initiatives such as National Education Policy – 2020 and Institute of Eminence are instrumental in ranking our colleges and institutes globally. This can be felt by looking at the university rankings declared by QS & Times Group, he added.

The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, is the world's top research university as per the citations per faculty indicator, while the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, is ranked 41st in the category, according to the coveted QS World University Rankings. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has got a perfect score of 100 out of 100 for the citations per faculty (CPF) metric in the analysis by London-based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).



Narendra Modi
@narendramodi



Congratulations to @iiscbangalore, @iitbombay and @iitdelhi. Efforts are underway to ensure more universities and institutions of India scale global excellence and support intellectual prowess among the youth.

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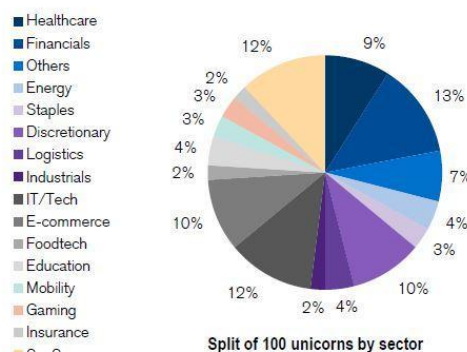


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Credit Suisse: India's 100-strong unicorn club drives radical change in the country's corporate landscape

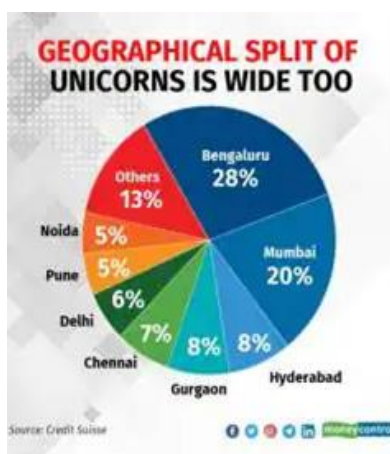
India's fast-growing community of unicorns valued over \$1 billion, are now driving radical change in the country's corporate landscape moving at an unprecedented pace creating in excess of \$ 240 billion in value. A special Credit Suisse report on India unicorns delves into India's 100-strong unicorn market and what India's startup boom means for the economy and the corporate landscape. It includes companies which are close to the unicorn mark but are not quite there yet, as well as sectors far away from technology including pharmaceuticals, gems and jewelry, and manufacturing. India has 100 unicorns- private firms valued over a billion dollars, more than double the 35-40 that most other reports and venture capitalists claim. According to the research report, an unprecedented pace of new-company formation and innovation in a variety of sectors resulted in a surge in the number of highly valued and as-yet-unlisted companies.

Sectoral split by number: highly diverse



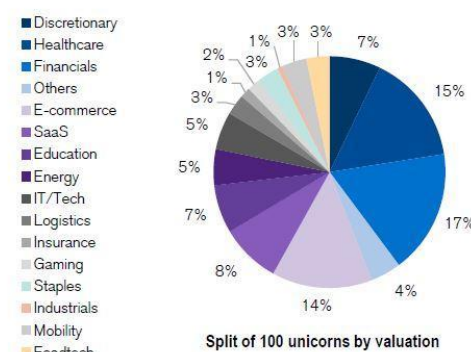
Split of 100 unicorns by sector

Source: Credit Suisse



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Sectoral split of unicorns by value

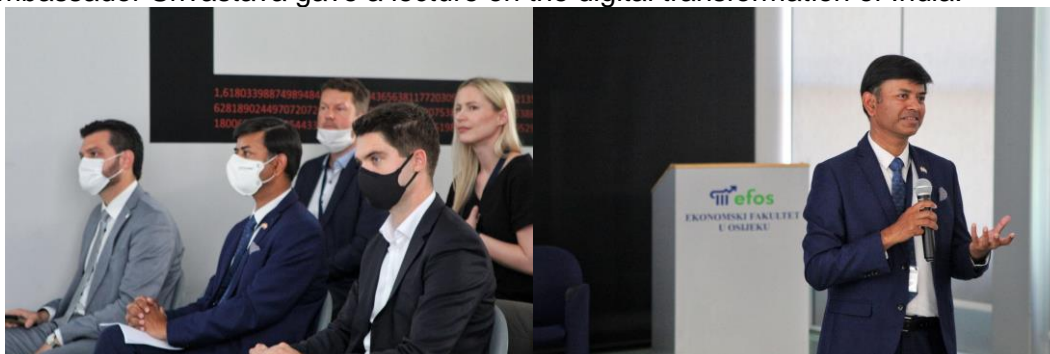


Split of 100 unicorns by valuation

Source: Credit Suisse

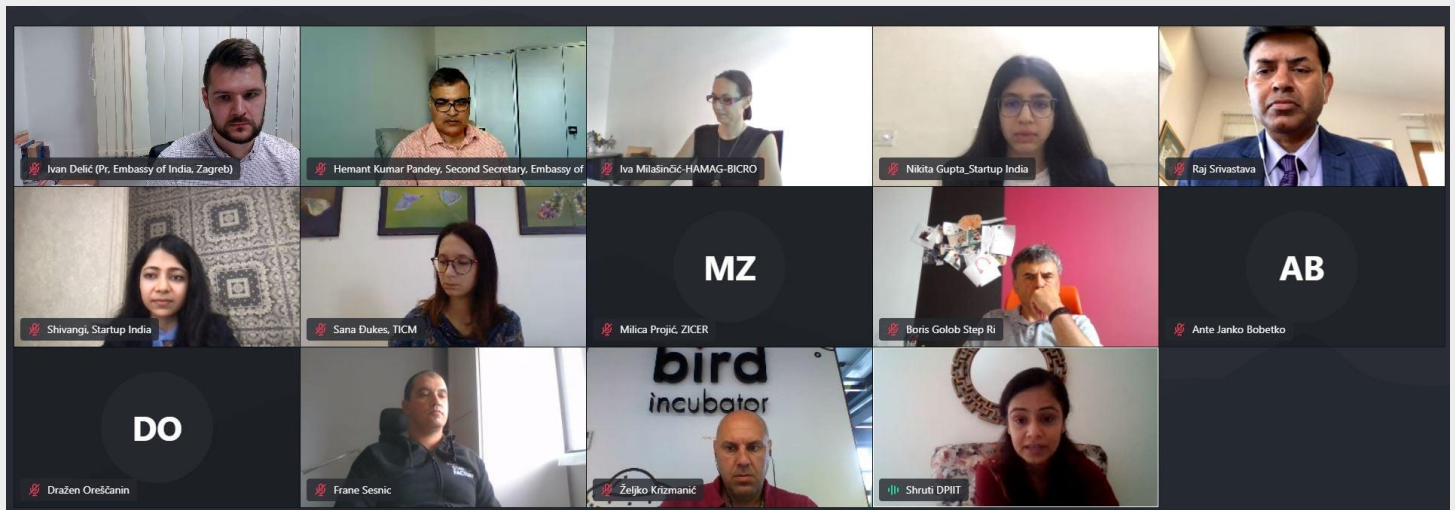
Unicorns are generally defined as technology startups which have attained the billion-dollar valuation while still being privately held- generally within 10-12 years. In India, these typically include companies in sectors such as e-commerce, payments, ride-hailing, tech-enabled logistics, education and software-as-a-service (SaaS). The Credit Suisse report includes all these, and broadens its scope to companies including but not restricted to Parle Products, Vishal Mega Mart, Wonder Cement, ReNew Power Ventures, Serum Institute of India and National Stock Exchange. The report says that it includes not only companies valued at over a billion dollar, but also companies whose FY20 earnings, at the average valuation of listed peers, would give them a valuation of over a billion dollar, and where its last funding round was at less than unicorn valuation, but business momentum has been strong since, implying higher valuations. Companies in this category include investment app Groww, education firm Eruditus, social commerce firm Meesho, content firm MX Player, and QR code aggregator BharatPe. The network is beyond the normal technology or 'technology enabled' sectors, which are expected to have unicorns and spread them into conventional sectors like non-banking finance, bio-tech and pharmaceuticals, modern trade, consumer goods as well as infrastructure. India is now home to the third-largest set of unicorns globally, behind the US and China, and commands a total valuation of \$90 billion, suggests a recent Credit Suisse report. Compared to 336 listed companies with \$1 billion in market capitalisation (market-cap), there are now 100 unicorns in India with a combined market-cap of \$240 billion, the report says. For more information's, please visit: [LINK](#).

Participation of Ambassador Srivastava at the ICT Society Forum in Osijek together with Member of European Parliament H.E. Mr. Karlo Ressler and Mr. Dragan Vulin, the deputy mayor of Osijek. The partner country of this year's forum was India. Ambassador Srivastava gave a lecture on the digital transformation of India.

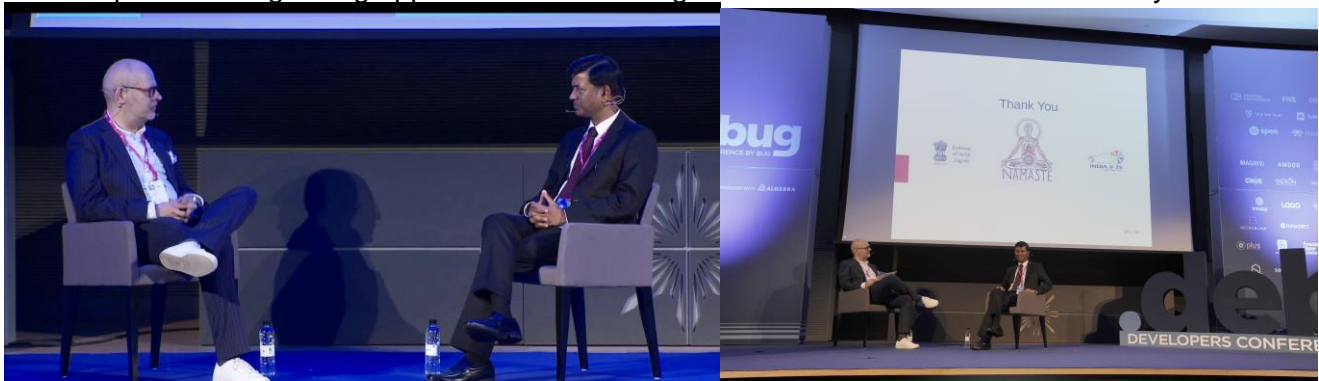


Introducing the Indian-Croatian Startup bridge

The 1st interaction with Startup India & HAMAG-BICRO supported by the Embassy of India, Zagreb offered fruitful insights from Indian and Croatian stakeholders about connecting two countries with a Startup bridge. The session also highlighted the future joint endeavours between India & Croatia & opportunity of creating a platform for the youth and talent demand. In terms of responsibility and requirements of launching, the bridge is curating the Go to Market Guide for both countries, facilitating Start-ups interested in both countries as a market and execution partner for both countries for the Joint Program. Other supporting institutions present at the meeting were: TICM (Tehnology and Innovation Centre Međimurje Ltd.), Bird Incubator, ZICER (Zagreb Innovation Center), STEP RI (Science and Technology Park of the University of Rijeka Ltd)



At the annual & biggest developer conference in Croatia - **Debug conference** at Algebra Campus, Ambassador Srivastava talked with Mr. Oleg Maštruko, editor of Mreža Magazine on India-Croatia tech partnership based on growing opportunities and linkages between the two innovation ecosystems.



India's FY22 GDP growth to be in 8.4-10.1% range: NCAER

India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth in financial year 2021-22 will be in the range of 8.4 % to 10.1 % as per Delhi-based think-tank [National Council of Applied Economic Research \(NCAER\)](#). Releasing its Quarterly Review of the Economy (QRE) for the first quarter of FY2021-22, NCAER said the April-June quarter will see 11.5 % growth. Since the high growth rates are a reflection of a strong base effect, GDP at the end of 2021-22 in constant prices will still be at Rs 146 trillion, same as in 2019-20, it said. NCAER expects the economic growth process, which was disrupted by the first wave of COVID-19 pandemic and the stringent nationwide lockdown in financial year 2020-21, to remain disrupted in FY 2021-22 because of the second wave and risks of a potential third wave. Strong growth in exports combined with a strong expansionary macroeconomic policy thrust could help revive normal growth, it said.

Indian pharmaceuticals - a formula for success

India is a prominent and rapidly growing presence in the global pharmaceuticals industry. It is the largest provider of generic medicines globally, occupying a 20% share in global supply by volume, and also supplies 62% of global demand for vaccines. India ranks 3rd worldwide for production by volume and 14th by value. India has the highest number of US-FDA compliant Pharma plants outside of USA, and is home to more than 3,000 pharma companies with a strong network of over 10,500 manufacturing facilities. The sector offers 60,000 generic brands across 60 therapeutic categories, The API industry is ranked third largest in the world and it 57% of APIs to prequalified list of the WHO.

20%

Generics medicines
exports share (global)

\$24.44 Bn

Exports worth (FY
20-21)

70%

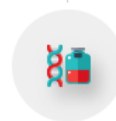
Generic drugs revenue
share

\$17.990 Bn

FDI (April 200- – March
2021)



Largest vaccine producer in the world



Largest manufacturers and exporters of
generic medicines



Indian Pharma Industry generates over
\$11 bn of trade surplus every year

Gujarat

Highest number of operational ports and commercial cargo ports



\$234 bn

GSDP, Current price (2019-20)

9.8%

GSDP growth rate, YoY (2019-20)

\$3,071

Per capita income, Current price (2019-20)

\$24.48 bn

FDI inflows (Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Haryana

Ranks #16 in Ease of Doing Business in India



\$103 bn

GSDP, Current price (2020-21)

15.8%

Projected GSDP growth rate, YoY (2021-22)

\$3,236

Per capita income, Current price (2020-21)

\$2.42 bn

FDI inflows (Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Himachal Pradesh

Home to Asia's largest pharmaceutical hub



\$22.2 bn

GSDP, Current price (2019-20)

8.9%

GSDP growth rate, YoY (2019-20)

\$2,598

Per capita income, Current price (2019-20)

\$22.8 mn

FDI Inflows (Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Jammu & Kashmir

Leading producer and exporter of dry fruits



\$27.14 bn

GSDP, Current price (2020-21)

11.78%

GSDP growth rate, YoY (2020-21)

\$1557

Per capita income, Current price (includes Ladakh) (2017-18)

74%

Share of renewable in energy (includes Ladakh)

Jharkhand

Ranks #5 in Ease of Doing Business in India



\$39.6 bn

GSDP, Current price (2017-18)

6.27%

GSDP growth rate, YoY (2019-20)

\$1,079

Per capita income, Current price (2019-20)

\$2.64 bn

FDI inflow (Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Karnataka

World's 4th largest technology cluster in Bengaluru



\$216 bn

GSDP, Current price (2018-19)

13.9%

GSDP growth rate, YoY (2018-19)

\$2,961

Per capita income, Current price (2018-19)

\$11.95 bn

FDI inflows (Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Kerala

Largest producer of rubber in India



\$139.94 bn

GSDP, Current price (2020-21)

3.46%

GSDP growth rate, YoY Current price (2019-20)

\$3,329

Per capita income, Current price (2019-20)

\$269.6 mn

FDI Inflows (Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Ladakh

Finest pashmina wool in the world comes from Ladakh.



\$196.4 mn

Exports, J&K and Ladakh regions (2018-19)

73%

Share of renewable in energy (Ladakh and J&K regions)

Maharashtra

State with the highest GDP in India



\$408.85 bn

GSDP, Current price (2019-20)

5.7%

GSDP growth rate, YoY (2019-20)

\$2,950

Per capita income, Current price (2019-20)

\$23.4 bn

FDI inflows (Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Manipur

Moreh in Manipur is the gateway to South-East Asia



\$4.2 bn

GSDP, Current price (2019-20)

11.7%

GSDP growth rate, YoY (2019-20)

\$1,211

Per capita income, Current price (2019-20)

43%

Share of renewable in energy

Meghalaya

Largest producer of coal and limestone in North-East India



\$4.7 bn

GSDP, Current price (2019-19)

10.4%

GSDP growth rate, YoY (2018-19)

\$1,224

Per capita income, Current price (2018-19)

111.2 ha

Arable area for horticulture (in '000)

Mizoram

Bamboo plantation covers 31% of the state's geographical area



\$2.98 bn

GSDP, Current price (2018-19)

13.04%

GSDP growth rate, YoY (2018-19)

\$2,262

Per capita income, Current price (2018-19)

92%

Literacy rate

Nagaland

Rich resources of minerals, petroleum and hydropower

\$3.6 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2018-19)

10.5%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2018-19)

\$1,691

Per capita income,
Current price (2018-19)

56%

Share of renewable in
energy

Odisha

Largest mineral producing state

\$57.5 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2018-19)

7.9%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2018-19)

\$1,370

Per capita income,
Current price (2018-19)

\$624.8 mn

FDI inflows (April 2000 -
Mar 2021)

Puducherry

Region with the highest sex ratio in India

\$5 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2018-19)

11.3%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2018-19)

\$2,952

Per capita income,
Current price (2018-19)

34%

Growth in exports
(2017-18)

Punjab

Ranks 2nd in the production of cereals in India

\$74.1 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2018-19)

9%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2018-19)

\$2,646

Per capita income,
Current price (2018-19)

\$741.23 mn

FDI inflows (Oct 2019 -
Mar 2021)

Rajasthan

2nd largest mineral producing state

\$131.96 bn

GSDP, Current price in
2020-21.
(2018-19)

10.71%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2019-20)

\$1,673

Per capita income,
Current price (2020-21)

\$461.4 mn

FDI inflow
(Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Sikkim

First 100% organic state in the world

\$3.8 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2018-19)

14%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2018-19)

\$5,145

Per capita income,
Current price (2018-19)

85%

Share of renewable in
energy

Tamil Nadu

State with the 2nd highest GDP in India

\$299.3 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2020-21)

2.02%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2020-21)

\$3,181

Per capita income,
Current price (2018-19)

\$3.32 bn

FDI inflows
(Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Telangana

3rd most attractive destination for Doing of Business in India by the World Bank (2019)

\$131.97 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2020-21)

1.34%

GSDP growth rate
(current prices)
(2020-21)

\$3,062

Per capita income,
Current price (2020-21)

\$1.8 bn

FDI inflows
(Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

Tripura

2nd largest rubber producing state

\$7.86 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2019-20)

9.5%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2019-20)

\$1,755

Per capita income,
Current price (2019-20)

88%

Literacy rate

Uttarakhand

State with the 3rd highest hydropower potential

\$25.36 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2019-20)

7.14%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2019-20)

INR2,26,144

Per capita income,
Current price (2019-20)

26%

Share of renewable in
energy

Uttar Pradesh

State with the 3rd highest GDP in India

\$215 bn

GSDP, Current price
(2018-19)

12%

GSDP growth rate, YoY
(2018-19)

\$825

Per capita income,
Current price (2017-18)

\$665 mn

FDI inflows
(Oct 2019 - Mar 2021)

West Bengal

The Land of Famous Darjeeling Tea and the hub of Leather Goods Exports from India

\$170.9 bn

GSDP, current price
(2019-20)

15.04%

GSDP growth rate,
Gross Value Added
(GVA)

\$1,727.68

At Current Prices: INR
126121 (\$ 1727.68)
At constant prices

\$605.17 mn

FDI inflows
(October 2019 - March
2021)



Dear Friends,

I hope this mail finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

The Government of India is organizing **Co-WIN Global Conclave**, a virtual meet that will see participation from health & technology experts representing countries across the globe. The Conclave aims to share India's experience with regards to Universal Covid-19 vaccination through Co-WIN platform.

Join us, as we unfold the story behind the development of a scalable, inclusive & open Platform called Co-WIN, the tech backbone of India's Vaccination Drive.

Please mark the date in your calendar and tune in at **15:00Hrs. IST (GMT +5:30 hours)** on **5th July 2021** to watch the event live.

Ambassador Outreaches

Watch the Ayurveda cooking experience in Croatia with Ambassador Srivastava & other Croatian Ayurveda experts about the gifts of nature in maintaining healthy and happy living in Ayurveda's extensive knowledge base on preventive care. LINK: <https://bit.ly/3A7RvsU>



IDY2021 celebrations in Croatia covered in Dobro Jutro, Hrvatska show at Croatian National Television on 5 June 2021. 40 events in 30 places between 06-24 June 2021. Coverage: <https://bit.ly/3vYDXh9>



Ambassador Srivastava took part in the interaction between National Brain Research Centre Manesar & Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences Split. The goal of the meeting was the exchange of ideas and knowledge as a base for initiating and fostering scientific collaboration between MedILS and NBRC, and more broadly between Croatia and India. From MedILS side was also present the founder of MediLs Dr. Miroslav

Radman & scientists from 2 other institutions.



Interaction with the students of the Doctor's program "The Economics and Global Security", established at the FEB, Univ of Zagreb. Topics such as Innovation, Post Pandemic security concerns, Trust, Transparency, Technology, Democracy and Demography were exchanged at the meeting.



Ambassador Srivastava interview in Poslovni.hr announced the forthcoming Yoga Day & India@75 celebrations in over 30 cities. Special focus was also on Croatian and Indian innovation ecosystems & the 30th anniversary of Diplomatic ties of two countries. LINK: <https://bit.ly/35WfMnZ>



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फिल्म तारे जमीन पर के बहाने कुछ विचार :-

पेना-

फिल्म 'तारे जमीन पर' में एक लड़का है, जो बीमार है. उसका नाम ईशान है. वह स्कूल में कुछ नहीं करता, न लिखता है और न ही पढ़ता है. यही कारण है कि उसका परिवार उसे एक खास किस्म के स्कूल में भेज देता है. उस स्कूल में एक बहुत अच्छा प्रोफेसर है, जिसका नाम राम है. राम ईशान की मदद करता है और उससे लिखना और पढ़ना सिखाता है. साथ ही ईशान में एक आत्मविश्वास भरता है. ईशान फिल्म के अंत में अपने प्रोफेसर की मदद से कला मेले में जाता है और प्रथम पुरस्कार जीत जाता है. उसकी जीत पर पूरे परिवार को बहुत गर्व है और ईशान को गर्व है अपने प्रोफेसर राम पर.

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मुझे फिल्म 'तारे जमीन पर' बहुत पसंद आई. यह फिल्म एक लड़के की कहानी है, जिसका नाम ईशान है. ईशान फिल्म के केंद्र में है. ईशान का परिवार उससे नाराज़ है, क्योंकि उसे पढ़ना लिखना नहीं आता. इसीलिए परिवार ईशान को एक बोर्डिंग स्कूल में भेज देता है, जहां उसकी मुलाकात प्रोफेसर राम से होती है. प्रोफेसर राम की मदद से ईशान की जिंदगी बदल जाती है. यह फिल्म हमें सीख देती है कि अध्यापक एक विद्यार्थी के जीवन को बनाने और सजाने संवारने में अहम भूमिका निभाते हैं.



Announcing INDIA@75 in Osijek



Since India is celebrating 75 years of Independence on 15th of August 2022, a lot of cultural and social events are already being organized to enrich a vision that India@75 represents - the path breaking initiative. It anticipates how India should be in her 75th year of independence and seeks to bring together all stakeholders including the industry, government, institutions, community groups and individuals to translate the vision into a reality. The core message is - Indians want to imagine a new India that is modern, socially equitable, fair and transparent, an India full of opportunities and they want to work hard to make it a reality.

On behalf of this initiative a flower arrangement was placed in one of the most beautiful parks in the city of Osijek – Sakuntala Park. Among the most interesting episodes in the art history of Osijek from the 19th century can undoubtedly be the installation of a sculpture of the Indian mythological queen Sakuntala. It was installed in 1892 in Le Maitre Park in the almost undeveloped area between Capuchin Street in the West, Fortress in the East, Jäger Street in South and the Drava River in the North at the time, which soon becomes one of the city's most important parks / squares.

The legend of Sakuntala was dramatized around the 4th century AD by one of India's greatest writers, Kalidasa. Thanks to him, this story became one of the common pieces of Indian cultural history. Through English translation of Kalidasa's text, Sakuntala entered European art in the late 18th century and during the 19th century. Numerous literary works, operas and works of fine art with the theme of this Indian queen were created. The reasons for choosing Sakuntala as a theme for public sculpture in Osijek undoubtedly lies in the complex ethno-confessional mosaic and the turbulent political scene of the city. At the end of the 19th century Osijek was a very multinational and multi-confessional city with a very high share of German, Hungarian and Jewish population. Sakuntala park did not belong to any of Osijek's large national, religious and / or political groups, neither by religion nor by national origin. Monuments or parks dedicated to prominent individuals from any ethno-confessional group would provoke opposition from part of the population, so a sufficiently universal motif from Far Eastern mythology and art was chosen that could not bother anyone. The key role in ordering the sculpture was played by the senior teacher Bogdan Penjić and captain Petar von Modesti, who was a Head of Society in charge for taking care of city plantations and adornment. What prompted them is hard to say, but it was probably a performance of Kalidasa's drama or one of the afore mentioned operas. Osijek's Sakuntala sculpture is a copy of the work of the Berlin sculptor Gottwald Kuhse (originally executed in 1881), which was produced in terracotta by the Ernst March 'Söhne factory, Thonwaarenfabrik from Charlottenburg, Berlin.

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