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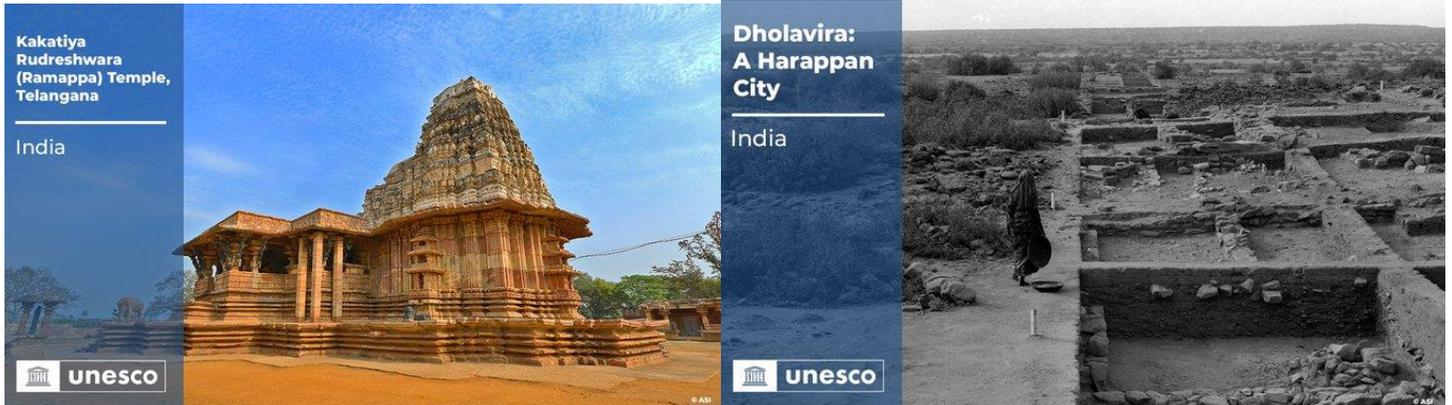
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PM Modi calls for need to understand culture of other countries

Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the importance of people-to-people contact in developing a cordial atmosphere and understanding the culture between the two countries. In his 78th edition of Mann Ki Baat (PM's monthly talk on the radio), he gave the examples of India handing over a holy relic of Saint Ketevan to Georgia. For this, External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar himself went there. President, Prime Minister of Georgia, many religious leaders and people of Georgia were present at the function. The event was held in an extremely emotional environment. "During the function, the words said in the praise of India are so memorable, along with bilateral relations between the two nations, the function also strengthened relations between Goa and Georgia," added PM Modi. This incident is about 400-500 years ago, Queen Ketevan was a daughter of the Royal Family of Georgia. She was martyred after 10 years of imprisonment in 1624. According to ancient Portuguese documents, the mortal remains of Saint Queen Ketevan were kept in Saint Augustine Church in old Goa. But, for a long time, it was believed that the mortal remains buried in Goa disappeared in the 1930 earthquake.



Two new Indian sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List



Two landmark decisions were taken during the 44th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Fuzhou, China, with the inscriptions of the Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana and Dholavira: A Harappan City, Gujarat on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple received its inscription as a World Heritage Site on 25 July and Dholavira: A Harappan City was inscribed on the World Heritage on 25 July, bringing India's number of World Heritage sites to 40.

Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana

Popularly known as the Ramappa Temple, Rudreshwara is located in the village of Palampet in Telangana. It is the main Shiva temple in a walled complex built during the Kakatiyan period (1123–1323 CE). The distinctive Vimana of the temple is made of lightweight porous 'floating bricks,' which reduced the weight of the roof structures. The building features decorated beams and the temple's magnificent sculptures illustrate regional dance customs and Kakatiyan culture. The site is located close to the Ramappa Cheruvu, a Kakatiya-built water reservoir, placing it in a unique natural setting of the surrounding forested areas and agricultural lands.

Dholavira: A Harappan City, Gujarat

The ancient city of Dholavira is one of the most remarkable and well-preserved urban settlements in South Asia dating from the 3rd to mid-2nd millennium BCE (Before Common Era). Discovered in 1968, the site is set apart by its unique characteristics, such as its water management system, multi-layered defensive mechanisms, extensive use of stone in construction and special burial structures. Of note is also the art associated with the city – artefacts of various kinds such as copper, shell, stone, jewelry of semi-precious stones, terracotta, gold, ivory have been found at the site. In addition, the interregional trade links associated with Dholavira, have also been acknowledged as contributing to the shared heritage of humanity.

The two newly inscribed World Heritage Sites offer great insight into the knowledge and ways of life of earlier societies, customs, and communities.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the Indian athletes' contingent bound for Tokyo Olympics. The interaction by the Prime Minister was an endeavour to motivate the athletes ahead of their participation at the games. In an informal interaction, the Prime Minister motivated the athletes and thanked their families for their sacrifice. He advised players to give their best and asked the countrymen to #Cheer4India. The Prime Minister recently reviewed the preparations for facilitation of India's contingent at Tokyo. He had also discussed the inspirational journeys of some of the athletes on Mann Ki Baat, besides urging the nation to come forward and wholeheartedly support them.



India at Tokyo Olympics

A total of 126 athletes across 18 sports disciplines from India will be heading to Tokyo. This is the biggest-ever contingent India is sending to any Olympics. The 69 cumulative events across the 18 sport disciplines that India will participate in is also the highest ever for the country. There are several notable firsts in terms of participation. For the first time in its history, a Fencer from India (Bhavani Devi) has qualified for the Olympic Games. Nethra Kumanan is the first ever female Sailor from India to qualify for an Olympic Games. Sajjan Prakash and Srihari Nataraj are the first Swimmers from India to qualify for an Olympic Games by achieving the 'A' Qualification Standard in Swimming.

Tokyo Games: Mirabai Chanu wins silver medal

India's first medalist at the Tokyo Olympics Mirabai Chanu and her coach Vijay Sharma thanked the central government for its sustained support. The nation is in a celebratory mode and social media is abuzz with all sorts of messages related to this win of the athlete hailing from Manipur. Amid them, a heartwarming video has surfaced online. It captures the reactions of Chanu's family and neighbours as she bags the win.



Boxer Lovlina Borgohain enters 69-kg event semifinals, securing Olympic medal.



India's badminton player P.V. Sindhu (silver medalist of Rio Olympics) enters semifinals.



India-Croatia Sports Cooperation was the Highlight of July 2021

Unique gathering of Sports stars from India & Croatia was held in Zagreb on 2 July 2021 with Indian legend Chess Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand, Croatian Ace Shooter Petar Gorša and Indian Shooting Team which was preparing in Croatia for Tokyo Olympics 2021.



Indian football team coach Igor Štimac gets contract extension

Igor Štimac, coach of the Indian national men's team, received a contract extension courtesy of which he will remain at the helm till September 2022. Štimac, who has been on contract as Head Coach since May 2019, had coached Croatia to the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. Under Štimac the Indian team participated in the 2022 World Cup and 2023 AFC Asian Cup qualifiers. While they could not advance to the next round of World Cup qualifiers, India finished third in the group with seven points to make the third round of the Asian Cup qualifiers.



India's 13-member Olympic-bound shooting squad participated at the Shooting tournament in Osijek



India's 13-member Olympic-bound shooting squad arrived in Osijek from the Croatian capital Zagreb to shoot in the Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) section of the European Championships. Located on the eastern fringes of Croatia, Osijek also played host to the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun competition, scheduled from June 22, a couple of weeks after the conclusion of the European Championships. Their scores, however, can be used for official and ranking purposes. The World cup in shooting was held in Osijek after being postponed twice due to Covid. The tournament had participants from 62 countries among many of which participate in the Olympic Games.



The Indian team had an incredible medal-winning performance at ISSF World Cup in New Delhi and Croatia. The medal count was less in Croatia than in New Delhi because of less representation. In New Delhi, 52 shooters competed, while only 14 Indian shooters were in the fray in Croatia. Indian shooters **Manu Bhaker**, **Rahi Sarnobat** and **Yashaswini Singh Deswal** won the women's air pistol team bronze medal while **Saurabh Chaudhary** won the bronze in men 10m air pistol event. Mixed team of Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary won a silver medal at the 10m air pistol mixed team event. Where the gold medal was won by **Rahi Sarnobat** in the 25m air pistol.

2021 Croatia Grand Chess Tour & legend Chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand



Famous Indian Grandmaster Chess player Viswanathan Anand participated in Grand Chess Tour in Croatia in July finishing on 2nd position. He was a multiple World Chess Champion and is one of the best players in history. He became India's first grandmaster in 1988. He held the FIDE World Chess Championship title from 2000 to 2002 and became the undisputed World Chess Champion in 2007. He defended his title against Vladimir Kramnik in 2008, Veselin Topalov in 2010 and Boris Gelfand in 2012 before finally losing the title to Magnus Carlsen in their World Chess Championship match in 2013. He won the Candidates Tournament the following year thus earning the right to challenge Carlsen. He is also a two-time World Rapid Champion. In 2006, he became the fourth player in history to cross 2800. He has been ranked No. 1 in the world for 21 months. Anand is considered a hero in India and Anand was also the first recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, India's highest sporting honor. In 2007, he became the first sportsman to receive the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian award. In Zagreb, Anand was in the fray to win the GCT till the very end, finishing second finally. He has been invited for 2022 GCT, Zagreb which would take place in 3rd week of July, 2022.

FINAL STANDINGS			
		CroatiaRapidBlitz #GrandChessTour	
POS.		RAPID SCORE	BLITZ SCORE
1	FR FR MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE	10.0	13.0
2	IN IN VISWANATHAN ANAND	9.0	12.0
3	IN IN ANISH GIRI	10.0	10.5
T-4	RU RU IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI	11.0	9.0
T-4	PL PL JAN-KRZYSZTOF DUDA	10.0	10.0
6	RU RU SHAKHRIYAR MAMEDYAROV	9.0	10.0
7	RU RU ALEXANDER GRISCHUK	8.0	10.0
8	RU RU ANTON KOROBOV	7.0	8.5
9	RU RU KASPAROV/SARIC	10.0	2.5
10	RU RU JORDEN VAN FOREEST	6.0	4.5

Media article:

“Famous Chess player mesmerized by Croatia”

Indian Chess Grandmaster player Viswanathan Anand arrived some time before the tournament so he had time to explore rich cultural and natural heritage of Croatia. He was mesmerized by Plitvice Lakes so his adventure was captured by all the biggest Indian media. He shared his excitement also on social media among 1.4 billion fellow nationals which was a great promotion for Croatian tourism. Anand says no matter the tournament next year, he will surely bring his family along to visit this beautiful country. The Grand Chess Tour (GCT) is a circuit of chess tournaments where players compete for multiple prize pools. Due to pandemic GCT 2020 was organized this year on five locations among which was a Rapid & Blitz tournament in Zagreb from 5th to 12th of July. It is the second time this tournament was held in Croatia and it represents a great popularization of the country and this game among the biggest names in chess playing nations. Chess has a long tradition and significant importance in Croatia. On the national flag a coat of arms has a chessboard which makes it the only country in the world that has a chessboard on its flag. *Source: Jutarnji list*



Innovations to address Climate Change challenge

AGNli Climate Change Mitigation Digital Technology Showcase

GNli has partnered with Common Service Centre (CSC) to host a series of Digital Technology Showcases that serve as rural launch points for innovation in 800 targeted digital villages. Recently, the showcases expanded into the north-eastern regions of Nagaland and Meghalaya. These latest showcases focused on technologies concerning climate change mitigation. The consequences of the greenhouse effect and climate change are often felt most severely by underprivileged, underserved and remote communities. Without the technological solutions to adapt to or mitigate the impact climate change is having on a global scale, these communities could be at a severe disadvantage in adapting, should significantly change in their surroundings. The technologies presented at the Digital Technologies Showcase were specifically geared towards addressing these concerns of adapting to or minimizing the acceleration of climate change within these communities. These included: Skymet, a weather forecaster that runs numeric weather prediction models that are capable of creating days, weeks, months ahead, seasonal and long-term forecasts. A Mountain Solar Water Heater which saved an average of 40% fuel wood and dung in mountain households leading to mitigation of carbon emission, indoor pollution, women drudgery with livelihood opportunities to local artisans. Meghdoot, a cutting-edge technology to convert atmospheric moisture into clean drinking water. Renkube Pvt Ltd, which offers alternate solar panel material – specialised glass with unique geometric patterns, improving sunlight capturing efficiency. AGNli and CSC remain committed to showcasing technologies to the digital villages and gauging interest from Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) who can support and engage with India's brightest innovators. The Digital Technology Showcases will continue to focus on the most pertinent use cases of the communities in rural India.



Among the challenges societies face pertaining to sustainable development and the environment, restoration and reforestation of land remain among the most demanding. These impact various aspects of the environment including soil erosion, pollution levels, and resource availability. While restoring the natural ecosystem of prior deforested land is an attractive prospect for sustainability, in practice a considerable degree of finesse is required to ensure that the restoration process is able to create a sustainable ecosystem. To further this objective, AGNli and Startup India partnered with World Resources Institute India (WRI India) as well as AIC Sangam to launch the second cohort of the Land Accelerator for South Asia. This program provided cash grants and other support to the top 60 innovators. Specifically, they were eligible for:

- 3 months of weekly, exclusive, live weekly training
- Templates to help your business thrive
- Weekly group office hours to discuss how to apply the new concepts to your business
- Weekly networking sessions to connect with and learn from other land restoration entrepreneurs in the accelerator
- Opportunity to apply for one of 15 Land Accelerator Investment Packstlisted.

AGNli remains committed to furthering innovations for sustainability and granting the best of India's innovators the opportunity to obtain the support they need to truly make an impact in meeting the country's reforestation goals.

More info: <https://www.investindia.gov.in/team-india-blogs/accelerating-sustainability>

Despite COVID-19 disruptions, clear indications of economic revival in India

The Commerce and Industry Minister, Mr. Piyush Goyal while addressing the Plenary Session of CII- Horasis India Meeting 2021 on India's Emerging Industry & Trade Architecture applauded the progress in the country's startup arena as India has 15 more unicorns in the H1 2021. He stated that Indian startups are more than commercial success stories and they are key to India's transformation. He said that despite COVID-19 disruptions, there are clear indications of economic revival in India. Exports are going up and FDI inflows are highest. The Minister said that the highest ever merchandise exports have been logged for exports in a quarter (Q1 2021-22, US\$ 95 billion) in the history of India (+18% than Q1 of 2019-20). He added that in July (till 3rd week), exports US\$ 22.48 billion, +45.13% w.r.t. same period in 20-21, +25.42% w.r.t. 2019-20. He further added that labour intensive and employment generating sector of Engineering goods has also registered a growth of +33.70% in 3rd week of July w.r.t 20-21 & +51.2% w.r.t. same period in 2019-20. Goyal said that India has broken into the top 10 list of Agri produce exporters (as per WTO report). It may be noted that with positive momentum, India is working in mission mode to achieve the target of US\$ 400 billion merchandise exports in 2021-22. The Minister said that the Indian growth story is now being reflected across all the sectors from EoDB to Exports and from Startups to Services, India is taking giant leaps in each sector. Addressing the plenary session, the Minister said that today, India is the preferred destination for Industry, Investment & Innovation. This situation has arisen as a result of consistent efforts to bring structural changes in the last 7 years. Some of these key changes include large scale Digitisation, modernisation, Simplification & Facilitation. He said that under PM, India decided to revolutionise its manufacturing sector by bringing the PLI Scheme - to produce national manufacturing champions in each sector. It may be noted that the Centre has announced the PLI Schemes worth US\$ 26 billion covering 13 sectors in the 5 years. PLI scheme will transform India into a Powerhouse of Leading Industries in post COVID world. Mr. Goyal said that reciprocity & fairness is our mantra in negotiations by taking trade facilitation measures, today, India is changing Non-Tariff Barriers to No Trade Barriers and Indian trade is shifting from "Goods only" to "Goods, Services & Investments" along with job creation.



India's power consumption returns to pre-COVID level in first fortnight of July; up 17% to 59.36 BU

India's power consumption grew nearly 17% in the first fortnight of July to 59.36 billion units (BU) and returned to pre-pandemic level mainly due to easing of lockdown curbs and delayed monsoon, according to power ministry data. Power consumption during July 1-14 last year was 50.79 BU. Power consumption was recorded at 52.89 BU in the first fortnight of July in 2019. Thus, consumption of power has not only grown year-on-year but also returned to pre-pandemic level. In July 2020, power consumption recovered to 112.14 BU, but remained lower than 116.48 BU in the same month of 2019 (pre-pandemic level). Experts say recovery in power demand and consumption in the first fortnight of July is mainly due to delayed monsoon and surge in economic activities amid easing of lockdown restrictions by States. They said power demand as well as consumption returned to pre-COVID levels in the first fortnight of July and recovery would be robust in coming days. The commercial and industrial power demand and consumption got affected April onwards this year due to lockdown restrictions imposed by States. Experts said that amid decline in the number of daily COVID-19 positive cases across the country and easing of lockdown restriction by the States, the commercial and industrial demand of power would definitely rise from July onwards. After a gap of six months, power consumption had recorded 4.6% year-on-year growth in September 2020, and 11.6% in October 2020. In November, power consumption growth slowed to 3.12%, mainly due to early onset of winters. In December, it grew 4.5%, while this was 4.4% higher in January 2021. Source: <https://bit.ly/2Vefo23>

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241%

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Source: PIB

#NewIndia added the highest hydropower capacity in 2020 - securing the 1st rank globally! http://bit.ly/Energy_II



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New India

Spearheading the Clean Energy Revolution

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Hydropower capacity added in 2020

Source: IHA Hydropower Status Report 2021

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Silk: Adding Sheen to New India's Growth

Production in 2019-20



Source: Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India

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Telecom Sector Connecting New India

87% Overall teledensity



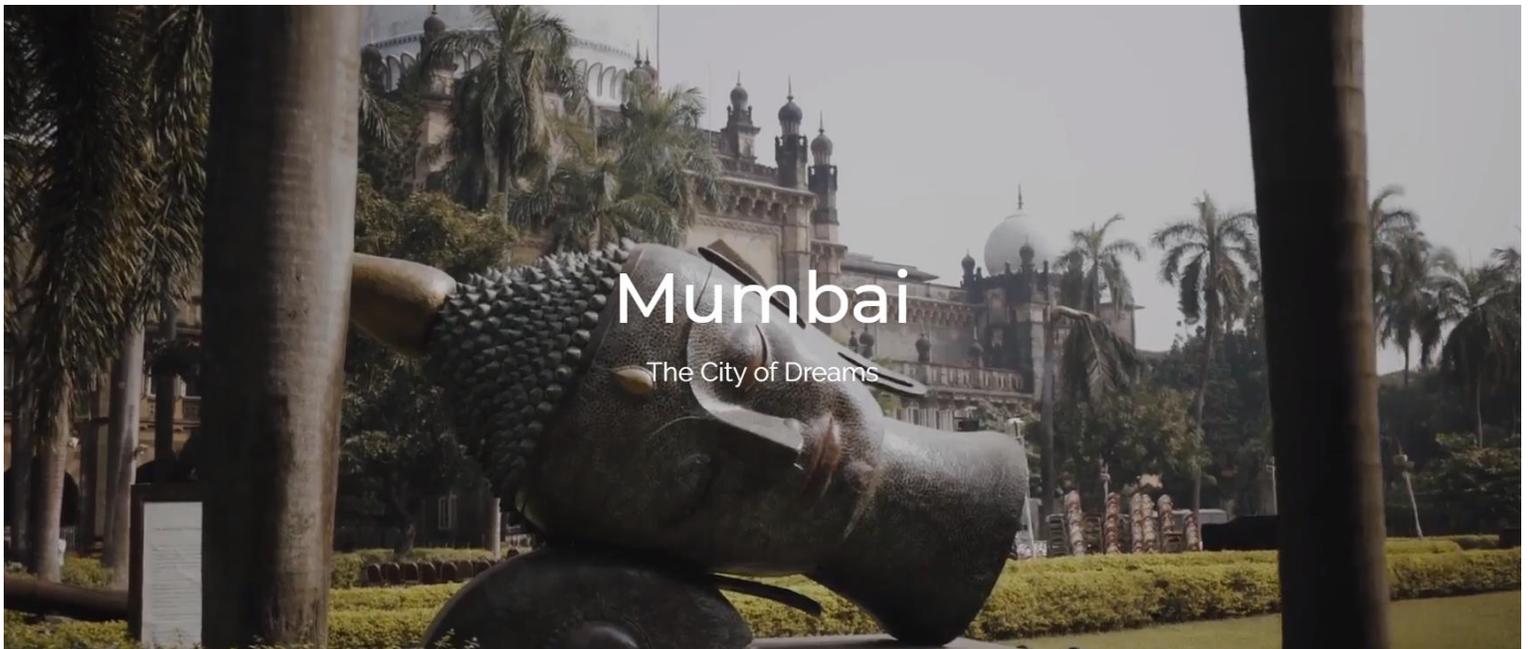
MAHARASHTRA A land untouched, unsullied, unlimited.



MAHARASHTRA TOURISM



The spirit of Maharashtra is cosmopolitan, forward-thinking, tolerant and vibrant. There is enough to keep connoisseurs of temples, forts, old monuments and art—gainfully preoccupied here. Forts have played a vital role in the history of the state, given the rocky terrain of the Sahyadris. Each fort marks a military triumph, and each tells a story of strategy, warfare, intrigue and planning. All of them reconstruct the tale of an enterprising leader, Chhatrapati Shivaji— in the Deccan arena, who with fortitude went onto become one of the tallest kings of Indian history. Bombay or Mumbai—the capital of Maharashtra is not only seen as the financial capital of India, but is literally the Gateway of India which is secular, progressive yet rooted. It is also home to the largest film industry in the world, an industry whose turnover is more than that of the GDP of several small nations. The film industry in Mumbai sees thousands thronging to the city every year, hoping to make it big. Maharashtra is home to several National Parks. Project Tiger has 4 major areas of concentration in the state namely Tadoba-Andhari, Melghat, Sahyadri and Pench. A large percentage of Maharashtra's forests and wildlife lie along the Western Ghats or Western Maharashtra and eastern Vidarbha. The Sahyadris hold several beautiful hill stations in their lap, which are cool, beautiful and refreshingly serene. Best of all, they are usually near a city. The experience of Maharashtra is diverse and rich with colourful cultures, woven into one gigantic quilt. The festivals here galvanise the sleepy thousands into fervent motion. The traveller will definitely fall in love with the miles of silver, white beaches, stretched throughout the Western coast.



Formerly known as 'Bombay', Mumbai is the largest city and the capital of Maharashtra. It is also the most populated city in India and the 5th most populous city in the world. The city that we see today is a collection of 7 islands which were joined into a single metropolitan through land reclamation techniques in the 18th century under the rule of the British East India Company. The city is often nicknamed the Manhattan of India and is home to the famous Indian film industry or 'Bollywood'. You might need more than a week to explore all the attractions in this city alone, with a huge number of historical monuments, beaches etc.

Economy

Maharashtra is situated in the western region of the country. It is the most industrialised state in India and has maintained its leading position in the industrial sector in the country. The state is a pioneer in small scale industries and boasts of the largest number of special export promotion zones. Maharashtra has a large base of skilled and industrial labour, making it an ideal destination for knowledge based and manufacturing sectors. Maharashtra's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at current prices was Rs. 28.19 trillion (US\$ 399.85 billion) in 2019-20. GSDP of the state increased at a CAGR (in Rs.) of 9.42% from 2015-16 to 2019-20. Mumbai, the state's capital, is the commercial capital of India and has evolved into a global financial hub. The city is home to several global banking and financial services providers. Pune, another major city in the state, has emerged as the educational hub. Maharashtra has emerged as a key hub for IT & ITeS, electronics, and captive business outsourcing industries. The Government of Maharashtra has several policies in place to set up the right kind of business climate in the state. These policies aim to motivate investors to invest into various sectors in the state, thereby contributing to the overall development of the economy. According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the cumulative FDI inflows in Maharashtra were valued at US\$ 20,899.10 million between October 2019 and December 2020. Total exports from the state stood at US\$ 51.25 billion in FY21 (until February 2021). Maharashtra exported key items such as pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, drug formulations and biologicals, gold and other precious metal jewellery, motor vehicles & cars and iron & steel. Maharashtra is the largest producer of sugarcane and is the most industrialised state in India and has maintained the leading position in the industrial sector in the country. Sugarcane production reached 73.08 million tonnes during 2019-20. In 2018-19, the state reportedly produced 7.7 million bales of cotton. In 2019-20 (as of April 2020), the state has also produced 428 MT of raw silk.

Culture

There are many temples in Maharashtra, some of which are thousands of years old. These temples are constructed in a fusion of architectural styles borrowed from North and South India. The temples also blend themes from Hindu, Buddhist and Jain cultures. The temple of Vitthal at Pandharpur is the most important temple for the Varkari sect. Other important religious places are the Ashtavinayaka temples of Lord Ganesha, Bhimashankar which is one of the Jyotirling (12 important Shiva temples). Near Aurangabad are UNESCO World Heritage Sites and famous tourist attractions. Mughal architecture can be seen in the tomb of the wife of Aurangzeb called Bibi Ka Maqbara located at Aurangabad. Mumbai is the capital of Maharashtra and has humid climate throughout the year. The Gateway of India, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Shaniwar Wada, Agakhan Palace and Deekshabhoomi are some of the historical monuments.



News from India

Horticulture production hits record high at 329.86 million tonnes, says Agriculture Ministry. "The agri reforms undertaken by the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi are going to bring a change in the lives of the farmers. If farmers across the country take advantage of these agricultural reforms will prove to be revolutionary for them as well as increase the contribution of the farm sector in the economy," an official statement quoted Tomar as saying at the ICAR's event. According to the second advance estimate of horticulture production released by the Ministry of Agriculture today, India is expected to have the highest ever horticulture production of 329.86 million tonnes in 2020-21, up by 2.93% over previous year. The increase in production has been registered in vegetables, spices, medicinal and aromatic crops. The Floriculture sector has been the hardest hit by the pandemic as production declined by 7.17%.

Govt launches mobile app 'Matsya Setu' for aqua farmers. Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Giriraj Singh launched a mobile app 'Matsya Sedu' on Tuesday, to disseminate the latest freshwater aquaculture technologies to the country's aqua farmers. The app has been developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with the funding support of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, according to an official statement. Matsya Setu app has subject-wise self-learning online course modules, where renowned aquaculture experts explain the basic concepts and practical demonstrations on breeding, seed production and grow-out culture of commercially important fishes like carp, catfish, scampi, murrel, ornamental fish, and pearl farming. The modules are divided into small video chapters for the convenience of the learners, along with additional learning materials and test options for self-assessment. Upon successful completion of each course module, an e-certificate can be auto-generated. Farmers can also ask their doubts through the app and get specific advisories from experts.

International Tiger Day. On International Tiger Day it is important to know how India is home to over 70% of the tiger population globally, we reiterate our commitment to ensuring safe habitats for our tigers and nurturing tiger-friendly eco-systems. India is home to 51 tiger reserves spread across 18 states. The last tiger census of 2018 showed a rise in the tiger population. India achieved the target of doubling of tiger population 4 years ahead of schedule of the St. Petersburg Declaration on Tiger Conservation. India's strategy of tiger conservation attaches topmost importance to involving local communities. We are also inspired by our century's old ethos of living in harmony with all flora and fauna with whom we share our great planet.

Relaxation of restrictions on economic activity opening up job opportunities. Easing of restrictions on economic activity coupled with increasing focus on ramping up operations and sales by businesses is having a positive impact on hiring of freshers, according to a Teamlease report. The Teamlease Employment Outlook report for the July-September quarter noted that the intent to hire freshers has increased by 7 per cent in the current quarter. Further, the intent to hire junior level staff is also on a positive trajectory, indicating that the second quarter of this fiscal year is expected to be dominated by volume hiring, the report said.

3 India-based enterprises among UN Best Small Business winners. Three Indian businesses are among the winners of a United Nations-sponsored global competition for the "Best Small Businesses" that provide creative, varied, and impactful solutions for increasing access to healthy and sustainable food. Fifty small and medium-sized businesses from all around the globe have been named the Best Small Businesses of the UN Food Systems Summit's "Good Food for All" competition. The 50 winners were chosen from almost 2,000 applications from 135 countries, and their solutions to improve access to nutritious, sustainable food are inspiring, diverse, and impactful. Youth make up half of the winners, while women make up nearly half. There are 42 nations represented among the winners. Each winner was chosen based on how their company contributes to healthier, more sustainable, and equitable food for the communities it serves, the strength of their future vision, and how well they communicate their company's present and future impact, according to the UN.



Ambassador's Outreaches

Ambassador Srivastava shared the stage at the "Good morning show" which was aired at the Croatian National Television with India Chess Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand who was playing for the 2nd time in Zagreb Grand chess Tour from 5 to 12 July 2021, where he became runner-up along 11 grandmasters of the world.



Ambassador meet with Davor Runje and Hajdi Cenani from Croatian Independent Software Exporters (CISEx) and discussed possibilities about the collaboration between India and Croatia in Innovation.



Virtual meeting between Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art) Garhi Regional Center & Academy of Fine Arts, Zagreb

The meeting took place in connection with Indiaat75 & 30 years of diplomatic relations of India & Croatia. The 2 premium institutions discussed joint future endeavors & agreed on to pursue a broad-based collaboration in the fields of fine arts.



AYUSH Cell fortnightly Webinars

Embassy's Ayush cell's fortnightly online session was held with Dr. Vida Demarin, Pres. of Int. Institute for Brain Health, with Ambassador & Yogacharya Miklec. Emphasis was on the importance of early detection of risk factors responsible for the deterioration of brain health.



Inspirational views in Zagreb based AYUSH Cell's fortnightly Session "In the Breath the Secret of Life" with Amadio Bianchi Maharaj, founder of the World Yoga & Ayurveda Community, Ambassador & Yogacharya about the importance of Pranayama in the path of yoga which cannot be overstated.



Visit to Dubrovnik

Ambassador Srivastava attended the Dubrovnik Forum & Dubrovnik Summer Festival.



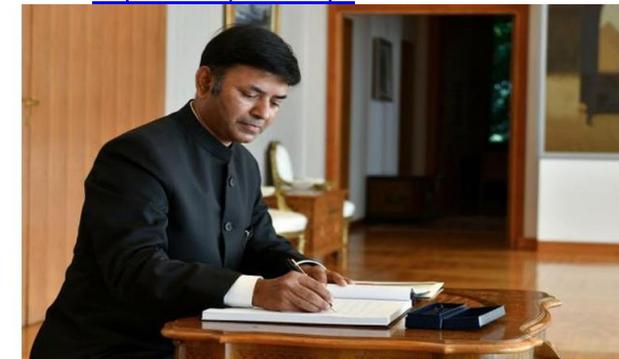
Ambassador Srivastava interview in Dubrovački Vijesnik about his visit to LARIAT, Laboratory for intelligent autonomous systems, University of Dubrovnik. The interview highlighted India and Croatia partnership in education & skills development which allow youths & innovators to interact & create new opportunities.

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In 2018 around 50,000 Indian tourists visited Croatia, that number jumped massively in 2019 to 70,000. Why? Well mostly due to a Bollywood movie. This week we caught up with the Indian Ambassador to Croatia, Raj Kumar Srivastava to discuss the future challenges or as he says opportunities.

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STUDENTI I PROFESORI iz Indije uskoro na dubrovačkom Sveučilištu

Veleposlanik Republike Indije Raj Kumar Srivastava posjetio je prvog postdoktoranda na dubrovačkom Sveučilištu koji surađuje u istraživačkom laboratoriju za inteligentne autonomne sustave LARIAT. Vlada Indije već tri godine ima dokument koji potiče inovatore, što Hrvatskoj nedostaje

koji potiče hrvatsost u bitnim tehnologijama i inovacijama, zarješenja nagrade za istraživače. Tehnologija inteligentnih sustava za razvoj zemalja poput Indije i Hrvatske lako bi stajao poslovanje na istovrsni razvoju. Svakom povezanice između indijskih hrvatskih i hrvatskih drugih inovativnih obrazovnih i naučnih Dubrovniku Hrvatskoj. Infolag, Rimac, Alipso, Orpa samo su neke od tehnoloških kompanija u Hrvatskoj koje su već jako aktivne na različite načine i isto tako i surađuju s Indijom. Svakom prilike tek će

“As India grows in its economy and development in coming two decades, there would be more educated and mobile youth who would be seeking opportunities to innovate in India and abroad for finding solutions to local and global problems. This is the opportunity of Talent for next two decades coming from India, the largest democracy in the world”. (Source: Dubrovački Vijesnik, 24th July)

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