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## Croatia congratulates India on the 75th Independence Day



**Gordan Grlić Radman** ✓  
@grlicradman

I wish people of [#India](#) and my dear colleague [@DrSJaishankar](#) a very happy 75th Independence Day.

[#Zagreb](#) is celebrating this day with iconic Meštrović Pavilion in Tricolor of [India](#) and an open air painting exhibition on [#AmritMahotsav](#) by young artists from Croatia.



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**India in Croatia** ✓  
@India\_Croatia

Thanks a lot H. E. [@grlicradman](#) for your wishes on India's 75th Independence Day. [@MVEP\\_hr](#)



**Dr. S. Jaishankar** ✓ @DrSJaishankar · 3h

Thank you Foreign Ministers and Foreign Ministries for your best wishes on the 75th year of our Independence.

Committed to strengthening our partnerships...



**Veljko Kajtazi**  
@VeljkoKajtazi

Croatian Romani Union "KALI SARA" and I are honored to cooperate with the [@India\\_Croatia](#) and to celebrate India @ 75 by preparing for the World Day of Roma 2022 event that will strengthen Romani community, Croatia & India ties. Sretan dan nezavisnosti Indije!



More than 75 monuments, including Meštrović Pavilion in Zagreb, across the globe lit up in Indian tricolor to celebrate 75th Independence Day! Meštrović Pavilion is an art gallery and an architectural masterpiece created by the famous Croatian sculptor Ivan Meštrović in 1938. The tweet from H.E.Mr. Goran Grlić Radman, Minister of European and External Affairs got over 2700 likes and 280 retweets.

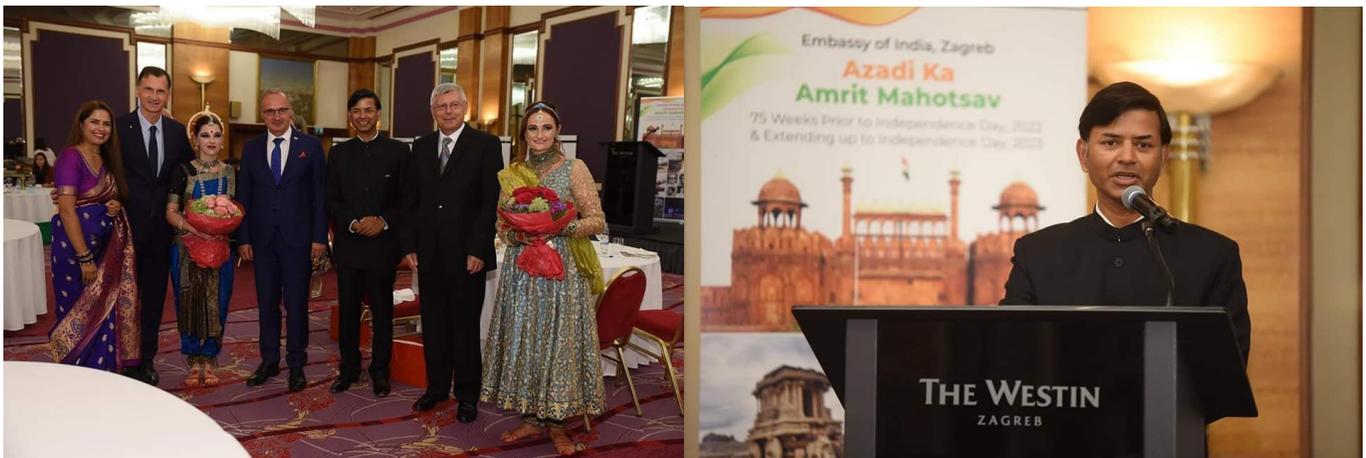


**Anuradha Antonija Karuza** is 🥰 feeling thankful at [India in Croatia \(Embassy of India, Zagreb\)](#).  
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Happy India Independence Day 🇮🇳  
I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to build the bridge of understanding and appreciation between India and Croatia through classical Indian Odissi dance !!!  
Years of sweat, pain, exhilaration and practice, practice, molding body and mind to become an instrument of immortal art !!!  
Thank you India for broadening my mind, heart and knowledge beyond my wildest dreams  
You truly are the Mother of art and culture !  
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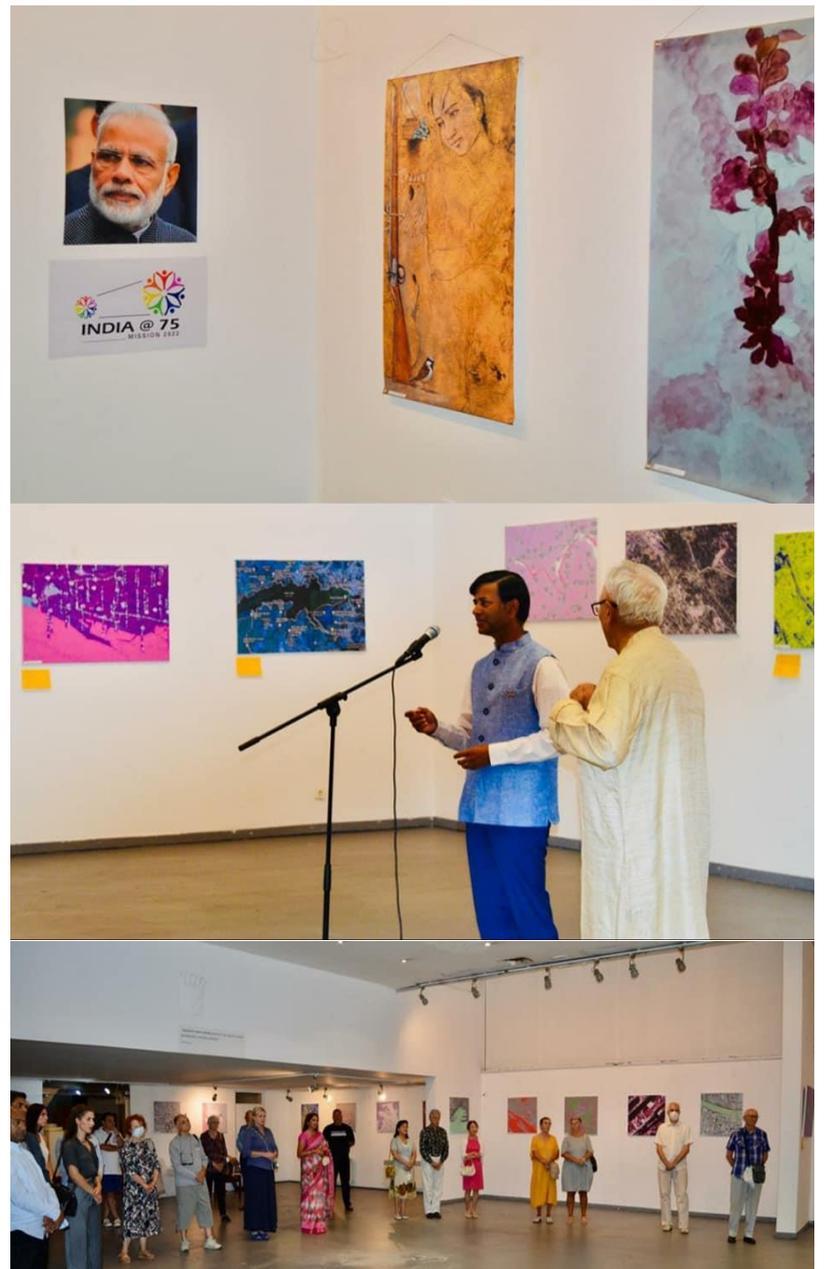
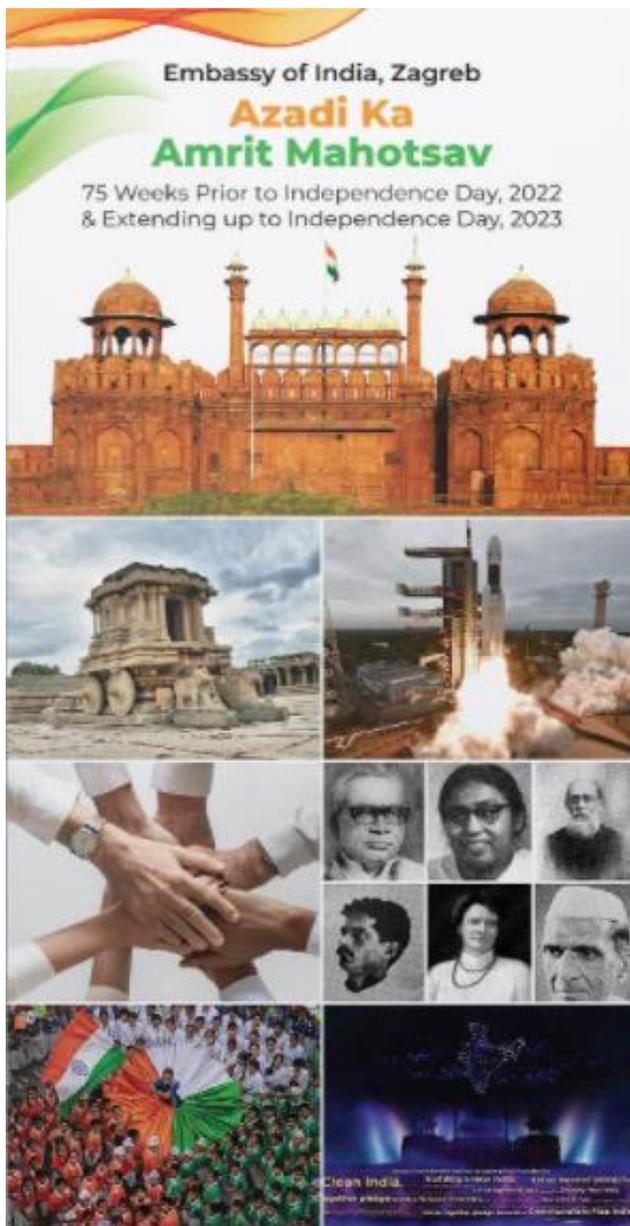
## National Day Reception on the occasion of 75th Independence Day

Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava hosted the National Day Reception on the occasion of 75th Independence Day at Zagreb with the Guest of Honour H.E. Mr. Gordan Grlić Radman, Deputy Speaker of Croatian Parliament Dr. Željko Reiner, representing Speaker of the Parliament H.E. Mr. Gordan Jandroković, the former President of Croatia H.E. Prof. Ivo Josipović, the Member of the Prime Minister's Scientific Advisory Board and the Professor Emeritus of the National Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat Dr. Dragan Primorac and Members of Parliaments H.E. Ms. Martina Vlašić Iljić, H.E. Mr. Ivan Čelić and H.E. Mr. Zvane Brumnić gracing the occasion. In all 100 guests participated from diplomatic Corps and friends of India from academic, business and cultural fields along with Indian community representatives. Two outstanding Croatian artists performed the Indian classical dances showcasing the Indian cultural richness while the paintings on India@75 made by young artists of Croatia were displayed for the Guests. A glimpse of the evening is presented below.



## #AmritMahotsav celebration: “India Fest 21”

“Over the next two years, we will celebrate 75 years of Indian independence under the great initiative of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”. On the occasion of the anniversary celebration, numerous cultural and entertainment events will be organized, which will also be held in Croatia, thus connecting the two countries - Croatia and India. In this context, Mr. Hanibal Salvaro's work (organizer of “India Fest 21” exhibition) in creating the bridge and the link between the two countries has been remarkable. The exhibition "India Fest 21" is in a way part of the "Azadika Amrit Mahotsav" initiative, precisely because of the theme and context it provides to its visitors. The exhibition combines different art forms: digital art, haiku, painting, photography, poetry in one very impressive way. Likewise, the presence of our dear friends from the Ministries, colleagues from diplomacy and other government bodies indicates how such art forms generate interest. We will be happy to improve and establish partnerships through various projects with organizations, institutions and artists so that such positive initiatives and events will continue in the future”, Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava.



## 75th Independence Day: Flag Hoisting ceremony

Zagreb witnessed a pleasant & proud celebration of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav, with enthusiastic participation of 100 guests in the Flag Hoisting ceremony. Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava unfurled the National Flag and read out Rashtrapatiiji's message, followed by patriotic cultural performances.

### Glimpses from #AmritMahotsav celebration



## Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the Indian para-athlete contingent for Tokyo 2020

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the Indian para-athlete contingent for Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and families, guardians and coaches of the para athletes via video conferencing. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, and Information & Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur; Union Minister for Law and Justice Shri Kiren Rijij; President of Archery Association of India and Union Tribal Minister Shri Arjun Munda; President of Paralympics Committee of India, Deepa Malik; Secretary, Department of Sports, Gol Shri Ravi Mittal were among those virtually present at the event. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister lauded the para-athletes for their self-confidence and will power. He credited their hard work for the biggest ever contingent to the Paralympic Games. He said he is hopeful after interacting with the para athletes that India will create a new history at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. The Prime Minister said that new India does not put pressure for medals on the athletes but expects them to give their best. He said the country is firmly with the athletes in their efforts whether they win or miss.



## 54 athletes to represent India at Tokyo Paralympics

**Indian athletes have put their best-ever performance in the history of Paralympic Games in Tokyo. They won five medals on 30<sup>th</sup> August, including two golds, taking the country's tally of medals to eight.** Their previous best performance was at the 2016 Rio Games, when the contingent won four medals - two golds, one silver and one bronze. Earlier in the day, javelin throwers Devendra Jhajharia won silver and Sundar Singh Gurjar won bronze. In men's discus throw, Yogesh Kathuniya won silver. Many in India have taken to Twitter to praise the athletes' stellar performances. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called it a "truly special moment for Indian sports".

**Indian para-shooter Avani Lekhara has scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman to bag a gold medal at the Paralympics.** The 19-year-old's gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 is also India's first in shooting.



**Sumit Antil became the second Indian after Devendra Jhajharia to win a Paralympics gold in javelin throw.** The 22-year-old won the men's javelin F64 final with an impressive throw of 68.55m. And in the span of the match, he managed to beat his own previous world record 3 times.



## Indian men's hockey team scripts history, defeats Germany 5-4 to win Bronze in Tokyo Olympics



Ending a 41-year wait for an Olympic medal in hockey, Indian men's team defeated Germany 5-4 in the bronze medal match at the Tokyo Olympics 2020 on 5<sup>th</sup> August. The last time India had won a medal in hockey was at the 1980 Moscow Games where they got the gold. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the Indian Men's Hockey Team for winning the Bronze Medal at Tokyo Olympics 2020. The Prime Minister also said that with this feat, they have captured the imagination of the entire nation, especially our youth. In a tweet, the Prime Minister said, "Historic! A day that will be etched in the memory of every Indian. Congratulations to our Men's Hockey Team for bringing home the Bronze. With this feat, they have captured the imagination of the entire nation, especially our youth. India is proud of our Hockey team." In an enthralling game between the two teams that went right down to the middle, India came back twice from behind to level the scores and then take lead in the match.

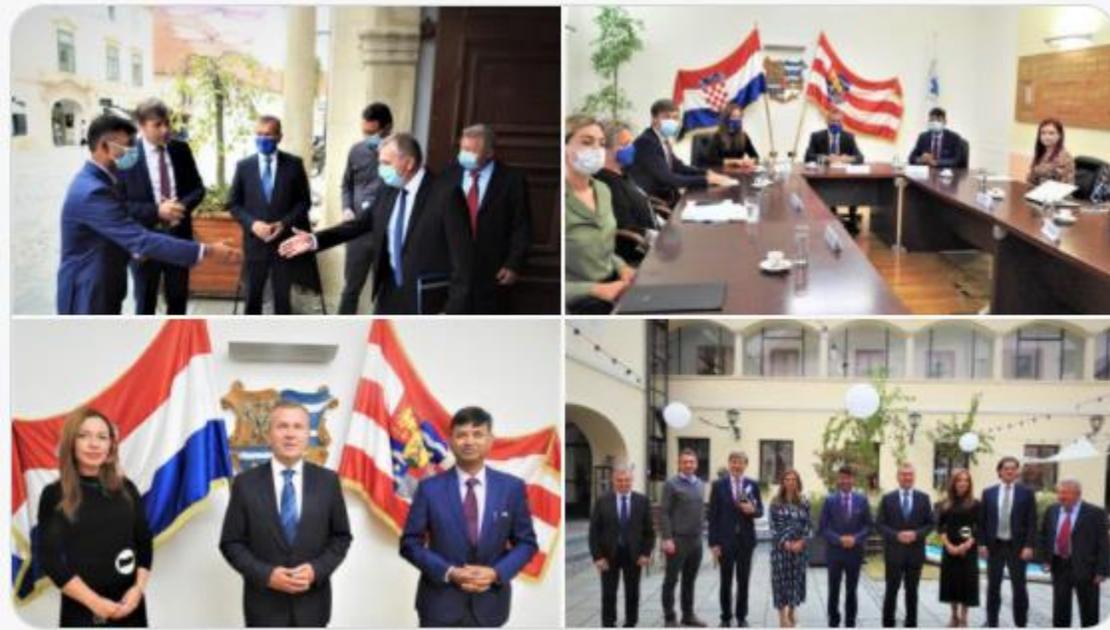
## India wins record 15 medals, including 8 gold, at Youth World Archery Championship



**Before this, Indian archers had won a total of 26 medals (6 Gold, 9 Silver and 11 Bronze) at earlier meets.** India has won 15 medals - its highest-ever - at the Youth World Archery Championship. This includes 8 Gold, 2 Silver and 5 Bronze medals. The Youth World Archery Championship was held in Wroclaw, Poland from August 9 to 15. Compound Archers bagged 3 Gold, 2 Silver & 2 Bronze medals. In fact, the Indian team took all three possible team Gold medals - Boys Team, Girls Team and Mixed Team. On the other hand, Recurve Archers clinched 5 Gold and 3 Bronze medals. Komalika Bari (U21 Junior Recurve) who won the Gold Medal. She became the second Indian after Deepika Kumari to win both the Cadet and Junior Recurve Women World Champions' titles. Priya Gurjar (U18 Cadet Compound) became the first Indian Archer to win two Gold medals at any Youth World Championship with a total of three medals (2 Gold and 1 Silver). She was part of both the teams which established new World Records. Prior to Wroclaw, Indian archers had won a total of 26 medals (6 Gold, 9 Silver and 11 Bronze) at the Youth World Archery Championships/Junior World tournaments. This year's event was also significant since 14 out of the 24 Indian archers played an international event for the first time. Five youth archers who won medals have also been selected as members of the senior team that is going to participate in the USA-World Championships-September, 2021. Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Thakur interacted with the World Youth Archery Championship winners during an event and congratulated them for making the nation proud.

## Inaugural visit to Varaždin County

In an inaugural visit to Varaždin County representatives, Ambassador Srivastava highlighted Croatia-India cooperation in the field of talent exchange, technology, tourism & trade. Ambassador invited representatives & companies to explore the possibilities of participation at the #AmritMahotsav celebrations. [LINK](#)



India registered its highest ever annual FDI Inflow of US \$81.72 billion during FY 2020-21

## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Year wise FDI inflow since 2014-15



(P\*) - Data is Provisional. Subject to reconciliation with RBI  
Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry



## COVID-19 VACCINES MADE IN INDIA

The US, the UK, India, Russia and China are leading the global race of COVID-19 vaccine development. India has been at the forefront of this activity and played a pivotal role in developing indigenous vaccine candidates, manufacturing potential vaccines in collaboration with international peers and conducting clinical trials at an extensive scale.

### INDIA'S COVID-19 VACCINE PROGRESS

A report by Netscribes revealed that the vaccine market in India was valued at Rs. 72.44 billion (US\$ 993.6 million) in 2019 and is estimated to reach Rs. 267.31 billion (US\$ 3.67 billion) by 2025, expanding at a CAGR of ~26.82% during the same period. The country can play a pivotal role, considering it hosts one of the largest vaccine manufacturing sites in the world; others too are ramping up capacities. Indian manufacturers are proactively engaged in the development of potential COVID-19 vaccines. At present, the country has two indigenous vaccines—'COVAXIN', which is being developed by Bharat Biotech International Ltd. and Cadila Healthcare Ltd; and 'COVISHIELD' that is being manufactured by Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. and developed by the University of Oxford and AstraZeneca—that were approved by the national drug regulatory body in January 2021. Besides these two Indian vaccines, other vaccines that received emergency use authorisation (EUA) worldwide are Russia's Sputnik V, China's Sinovac Biotech and Sinopharm, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.

India's COVID-19 vaccination drive started on January 16, 2021. The Union Health Ministry announced that, as of February 10, 2021, India has become the fastest country in the world to vaccinate 70 lakh people in only 26 days, whereas the US took 27 days and the UK took 48 days to reach the same figures. In the first phase, vaccination would be provided (free of cost) to priority healthcare and frontline workers, who are estimated to be ~30 million, followed by people aged >50 years and people aged <50 years with co-morbidities, totaling to ~270 million for the next phase. Moreover, India's daily new cases have eased considerably in the last couple of months, as the number of active cases fell below the 14,000-mark in January 2021. So far, in 2021, daily new cases have averaged to ~12,000, with the national recovery rate at 97.26%, which continues to be one of the highest worldwide.

## INDIAN VACCINE MAKERS



### Bharat Biotech International Ltd.

Located in Hyderabad, India, Bharat Biotech manufactures vaccines and biotherapeutic products. The company supplies its products to ~65 countries and has delivered more than 3 billion doses of vaccines worldwide. It has filed 427 patents, as of 2020, and owns 140 global patents for vaccines and biotherapeutic products. Bharat Biotech is the first company in the world to develop eco-friendly recombinant Hepatitis-B vaccine, rota virus vaccine from naturally attenuated strain and typhoid conjugate vaccine. It is actively involved in the development of vaccines for COVID-19, chikungunya, rotavirus, malaria, liquid rabies and Staphylococcus Aureus. In February 2019, the company acquired Gujarat-based, Chiron Behring Vaccines Pvt. Ltd., the manufacturer of rabies vaccine. Bharat Biotech's COVID-19 vaccine candidate, COVAXIN, was developed in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute of Virology (NIV). This inactivated vaccine was developed in the company's BSL-3 (Bio Safety Level-3) high containment facility. It received the approval from Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for Phase 1 and Phase 2 human clinical trials for COVAXIN.



### Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd.

Based in Hadapsar, Pune, Serum Institute manufactures vaccines, immune-biological products and pharmaceuticals. The company uses genetic and cell-based technologies to manufacture highly specialised vaccines, which are used in the national immunisation programmes across 170 countries. Its production facilities are equipped with cutting-edge machineries, tunnel systems, high-speed vial washing systems, sealing machines, robotic arm for virus handling, cell factory and cell cube. Serum Institute has been actively involved in the development of a potential COVID-19 vaccine. The company partnered with the UK-based AstraZeneca PLC to produce 'COVISHIELD' in India and invested ~Rs. 7.36 billion (US\$ 100 million) to develop the potential vaccine at Oxford University. DCGI approved the usage of COVISHIELD in January 2021.



## Other Vaccine Candidates in Pipeline

### Zydus Cadila

Gujarat-based Zydus Cadila announced the completion of Phase 1 and 2 clinical trials of its COVID-19 vaccine candidate, ZyCoV-D. ZyCoV-D, the plasmid DNA vaccine, was found to be safe in Phase 1 and 2 trials. In January 2021, the company announced that it will be initiating Phase 3 clinical trial with ~30,000 volunteers. On February 08, 2021, Sharvil Patel, Managing Director, Cadila Healthcare revealed that they have far more orders from various countries for jabs than its production capacity. He also stated that Zydus Cadila is setting up a manufacturing plant to produce 120 million doses of ZyCoV-D vaccine and the plant is expected to be ready by Q1 2022. In addition, the company is also exploring partnerships to expand to 60-70 million doses, with a target production capacity of 200 million doses.



### Biological E

Guand Baylor College of Medicine. Phase 1 clinical trials of its COVID-19 vaccine candidate, Ad26.COVS.2.S, started in December 2020 and Phase 2 is expected to begin in March 2021. In August 2020, Biological E partnered with Janssen Pharmaceutica NV, the pharmaceutical unit of Johnson & Johnson, to enhance the manufacturing capacity of the drug substance required for its COVID-19 vaccine candidate. In addition, the company collaborated with the US-based Baylor College of Medicine through a licensing agreement to develop the vaccine. The license enabled the company to further develop and commercialise the recombinant protein COVID-19 vaccine candidate. The company is focusing on the transfer of technology to India to scale up manufacturing.



### Gennova

HGCO19, India's first mRNA vaccine made by Pune-based Gennova, in collaboration with Seattle-based HDT Biotech Corporation, is using bits of genetic code to cause an immune response. Gennova's vaccine is currently in Phase 1, with Phase 2 clinical trials likely to begin in March 2021. If successful, the vaccine may be the first indigenously developed vaccine using mRNA technology that could leverage India's existing cold chain capacity, as this vaccine is stable at 2°C to 8°C for two months.



### Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd.

The 'Sputnik-V' vaccine candidate is being developed by Dr. Reddy's Lab. and Gamaleya National Centre in Russia. Dr. Reddy's had joined forces with the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) for manufacturing and distributing its vaccine in India. The vaccine has been already launched in other countries such as Pakistan and Iran. The Phase 3 trial of Sputnik-V vaccine has already begun in India and the vaccine is expected to be launched in March 2021.



### Aurobindo Pharma Ltd.

Hyderabad-based, AurobindoPharma Ltd. collaborated with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the US firm COVAXX to develop a COVID-19 vaccine candidate for India and the United Nations Children's Fund agency. The COVAXX vaccine is currently undergoing early-stage trials. The vaccine requires ordinary refrigeration temperature, as compared with other vaccines, which will be beneficial for developing countries who have limited specialist cold storage chains. Aurobindo is ramping up its production facilities to produce ~480 million by June 2021, double its current capacity to produce 220 million doses.



### Indian Immunologicals

Indian Immunologicals has collaborated with Griffith University of Australia to conduct exploratory research to develop a COVID-19 vaccine candidate. It will develop a live attenuated vaccine using the latest codon de-optimisation technology. On completion of the research, the vaccine strain will be transferred to Indian Immunologicals, which will conduct clinical trials in India.



## India's comprehensive war against Covid-19 appreciated by WHO Chief

World Health Organisation (WHO) Chief Scientist Soumya Swaminathan said there will be a need to stand on guard in the months to come as well India's efforts to contain Covid-19 have been appreciated. She met Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on to discuss a wide The WHO Chief Scientist also met Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh. Appreciating India's comprehensive and cohesive war against Corona, Swaminathan said there will be a need to stand on guard in the months to come as well. According to an official release, she emphasised on the importance of mass vaccination through easy availability and accessibility. Vaccines can certainly reduce the risk of death and infections, even though they may not be able to provide absolute protection against different variants of the virus, she pointed out. Singh, in the other hand, briefed her on the progress of the fastest and the largest vaccination drive taken up by India. India was in a position to dispense more than one vaccine within one year despite the constraints of resources, he pointed out.



## Great places for manufacturing in India

India's unprecedented rise in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Rankings 2020 to #63 is testament to its persistence, drive, and effort to become the world's business destination of choice. Unparalleled legislative and procedural reforms have been implemented in the last 5 years. This will only gather further pace in the coming months as both central and state governments gear up to stimulate the economy and improve their attractiveness for investments across sectors. India has one of the most attractive corporate income tax rates for manufacturing and services investments. A special window for manufacturing investments is open till 31 March 2023 with an attractive corporate income tax rate of 17.16%, lowest among BRICS. Government of India has signed 300 Advance Pricing Agreements with MNCs to give them assurance on tax structure. Poised to become the world's third-largest consumer market within the next decade, India can safely be categorized as a growth engine for the foreseeable future. India is an emerging economy with a young population. The nation has witnessed a 257% growth in GDP between 2004-05 and 2018-19. As the 6th largest consumer market globally and with 49% workforce participation, India ranked amongst the top 10 recipients of overseas investments in 2019, attracting \$49 billion in inflows. This was a 16% increase from the previous year. Over the next decade, we see India becoming the global hub for manufacturing through its strong fundamentals lending well to continued growth. Rooted in its traditional and spiritual ethos, India presents a unique ecosystem of massive size, diversity of resources and improved business-friendly policies. The dynamic market economy has risen 78 positions in the 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings since 2013.

 Barring Petroleum (Crude and other products), India's raw material imports are significantly less, indicating a **Strong Indigenous Availability of Primary Raw Material** for manufacturing and **Lower Cost** incurred.

**Natural Resources:**  
Large reserve for iron ore, manganese, mica, bauxite, rare earth elements, titanium ore, chromite, natural gas, diamonds, petroleum, limestone, arable land.

<p> <b>Largest Copper</b> reserves in the world</p> <p> <b>7th</b> largest reserve of <b>Manganese Ore</b></p> <p> <b>Largest</b> reserves of <b>Thorium</b></p> <p> <b>3rd</b> largest reserves in the world of <b>Iron Ore</b></p>	<p> <b>4th</b> largest reserves of <b>Coal</b></p> <p> <b>4th</b> largest reserves in the world of <b>Zinc</b></p> <p> <b>5th</b> largest reserves of <b>Bauxite</b></p>
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**Agricultural Resources:**  
India is a major producer of agricultural products and has huge opportunity in Food Processing sector.

-  **Largest** producer of **Milk**
-  **Largest** producer of **Fruits & Vegetables**
-  **2nd** largest producer **Pulses**
-  **25%** of world's **Cotton** production

## Karnataka

The rainy seasons another world that one has to experience in Karnataka. When you experience the monsoons in Karnataka, you experience another world. Following up on monsoon destinations, here are some well-known destinations. **Kemmanagundi:** Ringed by the Baba Budan Giri Range and blessed with silcer cascades, mountain streams and lush vegetation, Kemmanagundi's beautifully laid-out ornamental gardens, enchanting mountains and valleys views are a treat for the eye. For the adventurous at heart, Kemmanagundi offers meany peaks to scale and intricate jungle paths to explore. **Kodachadri:** Kodachadri is famed dor its glorious sunrises and sunsets. The peak od Kodachadri (ar an altitude of 1343m above sea level) can be reached by a five-hour trek. On the western side, the hill descends steeply for about 1220m, meeting the forests of Udupi discrit. The famous temple town of Kollur is 12km away. Hese hills constitute one of the largest forest areas in Karnaraka. **Mullayanagiri:** The highest peak in Kanataka and the highest mountain between the Himalayas and the Nilgiris. It is one of the best trekking places in Karnataka and is situated at an elevation of 6,330 ft in the Baba Budan Giri Hill Rangles of the Western Ghats.



**BR Hills:** Lose yourself in these ancient hills, which take their name from Ranganatha Swamy Temple that sits at the edge of a granite precipice with a drop of more than 1000 feet into a dense forest. **Nandi Hills:** The popular weekend getaway is just 60km from Bengaluru. The bracing air and serene environs of Nandi Hills, perched at a height of 1255m above sea level, provided the British with an idyllic summer retreat. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has once again called for National Tourism Awards under various categories of the travel and tourism industry for 2018-19. The National Tourism Awards have, over the years emerged as a prestigious recognition of achievements in the travel, tourism and hospitality sector and is highly acclaimed by the tourism travel trade.



## CHIKKAMAGALURU

Indian coffee has earned a distinct identity in the coffee map of the world. In India, coffee is traditionally grown in the Western Ghats spread over Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Karnataka is the largest producer accounting for about 70 per cent of the total production with the major areas being Coorg, Chikkamagaluru and Hassan. And what makes Chikkamagaluru more special is that it is here, where the Indian coffee industry was literally born.



According to legends, coffee seed was planted here for the first time in the Baba Budan Giri hills. It was planted by a Sufi saint Baba Budan who is credited to have brought the coffee seeds into the region, after a visit to Arabia in 1670 AD. The beans planted by him on the hill slopes of Chikkamagaluru flourished, and the Indian Coffee Industry was thus born. The commercial plantations of coffee started during the 18th century, after the arrival of British entrepreneurs. A walk among the coffee plantations, especially during the flowering season, is an experience to cherish when the air is full of the heady coffee fragrance. Apart from coffee plantations, Chikkamagaluru is a trekker's delight due to its rugged mountain trails, numerous hills and valleys. It is home to several hills including the tallest peak of Karnataka – Mullayyanagiri. It is also home to many wildlife parks/ sanctuaries, ancient temples and forts.



### GLIMPSES OF KARNATAKA CULTURE

Ilkal Sarees



The Ilkal sarees take their name from a quaint little village in Bagalkote district which also has the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag. These sarees are famous for their unique weaving method – cotton for the body, art silk for the border, and art silk for the pallav, which are joined together with a series of loops. The patrons of these handmade sarees include celebrities and political figures.

## News from India

India has emerged as the second most popular manufacturing destination in the world, according to Cushman & Wakefield's Global Manufacturing Index 2021. India and the United States have switched places (second and third respectively), according to the index. "India could benefit from plant relocations from China to other parts of Asia due to the already established foundations in the pharmaceutical, chemical and engineering sectors that continue to be the center of the US-China trade war," the report noted. "However, reforms to both land and labor laws are critical to India's success as a global manufacturing location," the report added.

**The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd. has commissioned India's largest floating solar Photovoltaic (PV) project of 25MW on the reservoir of its Simhadri thermal station in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.** This is also the first solar project to be set up under the Flexibilisation Scheme. The floating solar installation which has a unique anchoring design is spread over 75 acres in an RW reservoir. According to the Ministry of Power, this solar project has the potential to generate electricity from more than 1 lakh solar PV modules. "This would not only help to light around 7,000 households but also ensure at least 46,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e are kept at arm's length every year during the lifespan of this project," the Power Ministry said.

**India achieves record 44.3% growth in export of agricultural & processed food products.** Despite Covid-19 restrictions, especially due to the second wave of pandemic witnessed during the first quarter of the current fiscal, India achieved a significant increase of 44.3 percent in export of agricultural and processed food products in the 2021-22 first quarter (April-June) in comparison to the corresponding period of 2020-21. According to the Union Commerce Ministry, a huge jump in exports of agricultural and processed food products during the first three months of the current fiscal, is in continuation of growth in exports witnessed in the financial year 2020-21.

**India develops advanced chaff technology for IAF.** India has developed an advanced chaff technology to safeguard fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) against hostile radar threats. Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation's Jodhpur-based Defence Laboratory in collaboration with the Pune-based High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), the advanced chaff material and chaff cartridge ensures survivability of aircraft, a statement issued by the Ministry of Defence said on Thursday. The Indian Air Force has started the process of induction of this technology after completion of successful user trials, the Ministry said.





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## Ambassador's Outreaches

On the Occasion of 75th Independence Day of India, Večernji List published an interview with Ambassador Srivastava on #AmritMahotsav, India's future prospects, India-Croatia partnership potential and India's increasing profile in global affairs. Read the full interview here: [LINK](#)



Ambassador Srivastava gave an interview for Flash.hr relating to #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav celebrations on 75th Independence Day of India. Ambassador Srivastava mentioned the potential of innovation ecosystems of the two countries. [LINK](#)



On 75th Independence Day the daily newspaper Novi list published an interview explaining what's in store for India-Croatia partnership as New India provides opportunities to Croatia startups. [LINK](#)

**We spoke with Raj Kumar Srivastav: Croatia is one of the 12 countries with which India will build a start-up bridge**

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## AYUSH Cell fortnightly Webinars

Preparatory discussions regarding the forthcoming International Ayurveda & Yoga Conference in Zagreb on 3-5 October 2021, with the participation of Dr. Manoj Nesari from Ministry of Ayush, Ambassador Srivastava, Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec & other stakeholders from Croatia. The aim is to make this conference an outcome-oriented endeavor to take the universal heritage of traditional systems to friends in Croatia and Europe for healthy and happy life.



# Cest is d Best - international street festival in Zagreb celebrating **#AzadiKaAmritMahotsav #AmritMahotsav**

Embassy of India, Zagreb took part from the 20th to 22nd August in the Zagreb Street Festival Cest is d'best with local Croatian Dance artists, yoga session and movie projection. The attendees witnessed vibrant and vivid India dance performance celebrating #AmritMahotsav in the central green park of Zrinjevac, which is located next to the building of Ministry of External and European Affairs of Croatia. The dancer Anuradha Antonija Karuza & Apsaradha dance ensemble performed Indian classical & modern dance celebrating the 75th Independence Day of India for over 100 spectators. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jadranko Miklec held a Yoga Session at the green space of Zrinjevac park. High attendance, with over 100 attendees was also visible during 2021 closing program of the 25th Cest is d Best-international Street festival in Zagreb with the projection under the stars of Indian movie "Piku".



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