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## First ever Official visit of the Indian External Affairs Minister to Croatia



**Dr. S. Jaishankar** @DrSJaishankar · Sep 3

Thank Prime Minister @AndrejPlenkovic for warmly receiving me in Zagreb.

Discussed opportunities to further expand our bilateral cooperation including in Pharma, Digital and Infrastructure.

Appreciate his insights on pressing global issues, especially Afghanistan.



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**Dr. S. Jaishankar** @DrSJaishankar · Sep 3

Fruitful talks with Croatia's Foreign Minister @grlicradman .

Detailed exchanges on full range of bilateral cooperation, regional and global issues.

Committed to work with him to take our ties to a higher level.



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Indian External affairs minister H.E. Dr. S Jaishankar met on 3<sup>rd</sup> September with Prime Minister of Croatia H.E. Mr. Andrej Plenkovic in Zagreb and discussed opportunities to further expand bilateral cooperation, including in pharma, digital and infrastructure. Jaishankar thanked Plenkovic for receiving him at Zagreb and said that they also discussed "pressing global issues", including the situation in Afghanistan. The Indian economy expects stable growth, and the forthcoming accession of Croatia to the euro area, with the EU-India strategic partnership that began in 2018 and future agreements currently being negotiated, creates better conditions for deepening trade and economic cooperation between Croatia and India. On this occasion, the Croatian Prime Minister officially sent an invitation to the Prime Minister of India H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi to visit Croatia.

Indian External affairs minister H.E. Dr. S Jaishankar has also visited his Croatian counterpart Gordan Grlić Radman. "There are numerous opportunities (for collaboration) in the pharmaceutical sector, digital sector and infrastructure," Jaishankar told at a news conference. "I believe that Croatia will serve Croatian companies as a very good platform for doing business," he added. "With Croatia's entry into the eurozone and the Schengen area, easier business is expected for foreign entities, which India is also counting on," said Grlić Radman. The Croatian Foreign Minister said that Croatia and India, the world's most populous democracy, base their ties on the values of democracy, freedom and the rule of law.

## Why External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar's visit to Croatia, Slovenia and Denmark is important for India-EU ties

### Slovenia

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar paid an official visit to Slovenia, Croatia and Denmark from 2-5 September, as part of a tour to review the bilateral relationship with the three central European countries. A ministry external affairs statement said this visit will provide an opportunity for reviewing the progress in India's bilateral ties with these three countries, and strengthening multifaceted relationship with the EU. While the main focus of the visit will be widening ties, the agenda also includes Afghanistan's future. As per the MEA, Jaishankar has been invited to attend an informal meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the European Union Member States on 3 September. Jaishankar will also hold a bilateral meeting with Slovenia's foreign minister Dr. Anze Logar, apart from calling on the Slovenian leadership.

### Croatia

From Slovenia, Jaishankar travelled to Croatia, where Jaishankar held bilateral talks with Croatian Foreign Minister Gordan Grlic Radman, and call on the Croatian leadership. In Croatia, Jaishankar will seek to further ties with Croatia, one of the founders of the Non-Alignment Movement. In the past, Croatia played an important role in the close links with India. Croatia accounted for more than two-thirds of trade between the two nations, including large scale purchases of Croatian ships by India in the 1970s and 1980s. Opportunities also exist for India to use Croatia as a gateway to the south-east European markets using its major ports of Rijeka and Ploče. Also, Croatian companies are expanding their presence in India across sectors.

### Denmark

During his visit to Denmark on 4-5 September, EAM will co-chair the fourth round of the Indo-Danish Joint Commission Meeting along with Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod. The JCM will undertake a comprehensive review of the bilateral cooperation under the Green Strategic Partnership, which was established during the Virtual Summit in September 2020. The Green Strategic Partnership, considered a milestone in the ties of the two nations aims to create a framework for significant expansion of cooperation in areas of renewable energy, environment, economy, climate change and science and technology.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/cjujehj7>



## India, Croatia shares common positions on Afghanistan and terrorism: Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday, September 3, 2021, said that India and Croatia shared a lot of common positions on issues like the Indo-Pacific, situation in Afghanistan and the two countries' resolve to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Mr. Jaishankar was speaking at a joint press conference along with his Croatian counterpart Gordan Grlic Radman.

"On international issues we shared a lot of common positions and perspectives. It was very apparent in our discussions on Indo-Pacific, on Afghanistan, on our resolve how to counter terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," he said. Stressing on increasing economic cooperation between the two countries, Mr. Jaishankar said that there are a lot of opportunities in pharmaceuticals, digital and infrastructure sectors.

"We believe that Indian companies will find Croatia a very good platform to operate and invest," he said. Mr. Jaishankar said "there are already companies from Croatia operating in India and some of them have secured some important contracts like in the railway sector. We would certainly welcome more active efforts to cooperate in the defence sector."

"Tourism is another very important area and we were talking about expanding air connectivity between the two countries," he said. Earlier during their meeting, the two leaders discussed several topics of mutual interest, including EU-India relations, situation in Afghanistan, economic and cultural cooperation and post-COVID recovery.

"I very much value the perspectives that I heard from the Croatian side about the EU, about the further prospects of the EU, about your own region. I think it is very helpful for us to get a better understanding of what is happening," he said at the press meet. Mr. Jaishankar was received by Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Watch the EAM's Press Statement following Meeting with FM of Croatia [here](#).



## News from India

**The Indian index is also eyeing its eighth straight monthly advance.** Such a streak has only been seen twice before in the past two decades, in 2003 and 2007. A tide of foreign inflows and domestic liquidity has helped fuel a 132% surge in Indian stocks from their March 2020 pandemic lows. That's naturally led to caution about stretched valuations and a prospective reduction in Federal Reserve stimulus that could suck money out of emerging markets. At the same time, the momentum of the Indian rally remains a draw for optimists. While the high valuation of Indian stocks is a risk, superior and less volatile corporate earnings growth suggests the bourse's premium relative to other emerging nations will remain in place, according to BCA Research Inc.'s Senior EM Strategist Rajeeb Pramanik.

**Cabinet Approves ₹ 26,058 Crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme For Auto And Drone Industry.** Taking steps forward towards the vision of an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Cabinet, has approved the PLI Scheme for Automobile Industry and Drone Industry with a budgetary outlay of ₹26,058 crore. The PLI scheme for the auto sector will incentivize high value Advanced Automotive Technology vehicles and products. It will herald a new age in higher technology, more efficient and green automotive manufacturing.

**WTO Agreement on Agriculture tilted against developing countries: Piyush Goyal.**

India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said that the Agreement on Agriculture at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) was riddled with deep imbalances, which favour the developed countries and have tilted the rules against many developing countries. Addressing the G-33 Virtual Informal Ministerial Meeting organized by Indonesia on Thursday, Goyal said that as a first step in agriculture reform, the historical asymmetries and imbalances must be corrected in order to ensure a rule-based, fair and equitable order. The meeting concluded with the adoption of the G-33 Joint Ministerial Statement reaffirming commitment for expeditious resolution of the WTO's mandated issues in agriculture. The meeting also called for satisfactorily addressing the development issues of developing countries and LDCs with Special and Differential Treatment as an integral part of international trade negotiations.

**India's FDI inflows grow 62% in first four months of current financial year.**

India has attracted total FDI inflow of US\$ 27.37 billion during first four months of FY 2021-22 which is 62% higher as compared to corresponding period of FY 2020-21 (US\$ 16.92 billion). Measures taken by the Government on the fronts of FDI policy reforms, investment facilitation and ease of doing business have resulted in increased FDI inflows in the country, said a statement of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Wednesday. 'Automobile Industry' emerged as the top sector during the first four months of FY 2021-22 with 23% share of the total FDI Equity inflow followed by Computer Software & Hardware (18%) and Services Sector (10%) respectively. Meanwhile, Karnataka is the top recipient state during the F.Y. 2021-22 (upto July, 2021) with 45% share of the total FDI Equity inflows followed by Maharashtra (23%) and Delhi (12%), the ministry informed.

**At 850 million, India's cumulative Covid-19 vaccination coverage crosses new landmark.**

With 68,42,786 vaccine doses being administered in the last 24 hours, India's cumulative Covid-19 vaccination coverage has crossed the landmark of 85 crore or 850 million. Consequently, India's recovery rate stands at 97.77%. The Recovery Rate is currently at its highest peak since March 2020. Meanwhile, the trend of less than 50,000 Daily New Cases has continued for 91 consecutive days now. According to health ministry, the Active Caseload is currently 3,03,476. Active Cases constitute 0.90% of the country's total Positive Cases. At 1.98%, the Weekly Positivity Rate has remained less than 3% for the last 93 days now



## Football ties between Croatia and India

The captain of the India soccer team **Jhingan Sandesh** is the first India international footballer to play in the Croatian top-tier league "Prva HNL" after completing a move from ATK Mohun Bagan to HNK Sibenik. Inspired by Sandesh Jhingan's move to Croatian top division club HNK Sibenik, India's senior team footballers feel the centre-back will come back from his European sojourn as "an entirely different player" while possibly opening up new avenues. [LINK](#)



Croatian U-21 national team stopper **Franjo Prce** on Wednesday signed up for SC East Bengal, making him red and gold brigade's third foreign recruit. I have played with some of the big names in world football and it has helped me grow on and off the field. I think I can use my experience here in the ISL. and try to help my team do well," he said. Indian Super League side SC East Bengal have announced the signing of Croatian forward Antonio Perosevic for the 2021-22 season. Perosevic joins the Indian club from Hungarian top-flight side Hujpest FC on a one-year deal.



## Igor Stimac Reveals 23-man India Football Squad for SAFF Championship

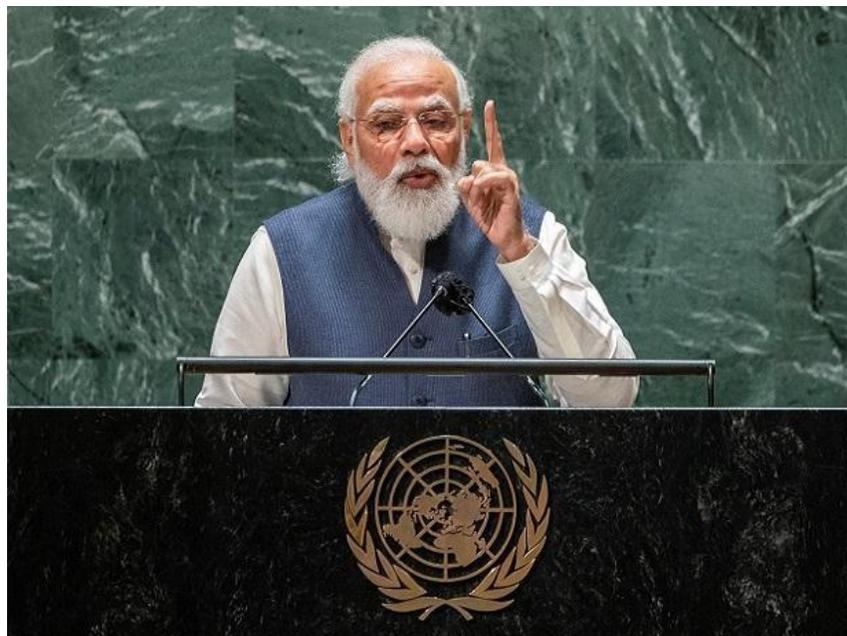
Indian football team head coach Igor Stimac named a 23-member squad for the upcoming SAFF Championship in the Maldives with Bangaluru FC winger Udanta Singh returning to the side. Udanta, who missed the two international friendly matches against Nepal earlier this month, made the cut for the October 1-16 regional tournament. "We are all looking forward to the SAFF Championship as the leading football country in this part of Asia," Stimac said.



**Address by Prime Minister Modi to the UN General Assembly on 25 September 2021.**

Twelve big policy takeaways from the powerful and impactful address by Prime Minister Modi to the UN General Assembly on 25 September 2021.

1. Representing the Mother of Democracy and based on his own experiences, PM affirms that democracy can deliver, democracy has delivered.
2. His governance vision is one where no one is left behind. Therefore, the pursuit of integrated and equitable development. The numbers PM shared speak for our Government's record.
3. The impact of India's development on global progress is evident. As PM noted, when India grows, the world grows; when India reforms, the world transforms.
4. A strong message of a foreign policy for global good. India's importance as a responder and a contributor underlined.
5. Resumption of vaccine supplies to the world is one clear indicator in that regard.
6. Highlights the transformational role of technology in our daily lives. But equally, emphasized the significance of Technology with Democratic Values.
7. Diversified, resilient and expanded global value chains and production centers is in our collective interest.
8. Speaks of India's strong record on climate action and its ambitious vision, including renewable energy goals and green hydrogen.
9. The ocean and its resources must be protected. This lifeline should be safeguarded from expansion and exclusion.
10. Cautions against regressive thinking and extremism. Using terrorism as a political tool will backfire on those practicing it.
11. On Afghanistan, must not allow use of its soil by terrorists. Nor should its predicament be taken advantage of by other states. The world has an obligation to its women, children and minorities.
12. The United Nations must enhance its effectiveness and reliability. There are questions on that count.



## Academic ties between India and Croatia

In order to strengthen Academic and scientific connections through Academic cooperation between India and Croatia, new partnerships were launched such as:

- University of Zagreb Faculty of Electronics & Computers (FER) with IIT GandhiNagar
- University of Zagreb Faculty of Economics & Business (FEB) with IIM Lucknow
- University of Osijek Faculty of Electronics & IT (FERIT) with IIT Indore
- University of Rijeka with Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Bhubaneswar
- University of Rijeka with National Institute of Pharmaceutical & Research (NIPER), Haryana
- University of Dubrovnik and National Institute of Oceanography, Goa
- Short Term Chair of ICCR at the University of Split in Fall 2021
- Ongoing ICCR Hindi Chair at University of Zagreb
- ICCR Sanskrit Chair at University of Zagreb in Fall 2021

**Sharda University, one of the Top UGC approved Universities in Delhi-NCR & Faculty of Organization and Informatics in Varaždin** expressed interest through the first virtual meeting for an academic cooperation. Initial ideas were shared about the exchange of students, teachers & projects. This would further strengthen India & Croatia #P2P engagements.



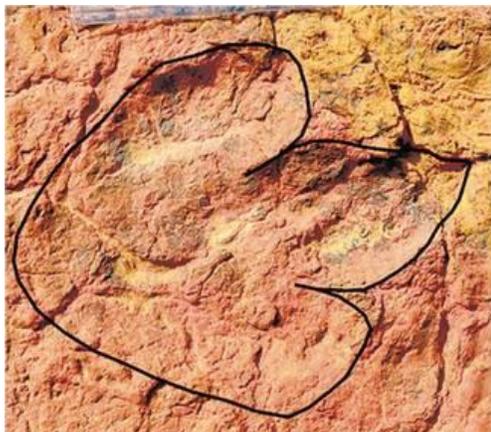
## #NewIndia is the 3rd largest FinTech ecosystem globally!

India is amongst the fastest growing Fintech markets in the world. Of the 2,100+ FinTechs existing in India today, over 67% have been setup in the last 5 years. The Indian Fintech market is currently valued at \$31 Bn and is expected to grow to \$84 Bn by 2025, at a CAGR of 22%. The Fintech transaction value size is set to grow from US\$ 66 Bn in 2019 to US\$ 138 Bn in 2023, at a CAGR of 20%. The Indian Fintech ecosystem sees a wide range of subsegments including Payments, Lending, Wealth Technology (WealthTech), Personal Finance Management, Insurance Technology (InsurTech), Regulation Technology (RegTech) etc. The industry has seen cumulative investments into domestic FinTechs of more than \$10 Bn since 2016. As of May 2021, India's United Payments Interface (UPI) has seen participation of 224 banks and recorded 2.6 billion transactions worth ~\$68 Bn representing a jump of 15x from just 3 years ago for the same period in 2018.



It is expected that the Indian Fintech market, currently valued at \$31 Bn, will grow to \$84 Bn by 2025, at a CAGR of 22%. While Payments and Alternative Finance segments constituted more than 90 percent of the sector's investment flows in 2015, there has been a major shift towards a more equitable distribution of investment across sectors since. In 2020, FinTech SaaS and InsurTechs saw total investments of \$145 Mn and \$215 Mn respectively, representing a 4-5X growth over their 2015 funding flow. Amongst India's 50+ FinTechs with more than \$100 Mn valuation, there are 4 Wealth and Broking FinTechs, 5 InsurTechs and 8 SaaS FinTechs. UPI is expected to grow significantly with the participation of domestic and international players (Paytm, Walmart and Google) continuing to dominate the segment, with a heavy focus on development the payments infrastructure through investments. Neo-banks in India are emerging as a key segment for growth in the space – with over 15 Neo-banks currently in India, several of them under development or in beta stages. The segment has been growing steadily, with several private banks partnering with these Fintechs to explore synergies and better means of service-delivery.

## Rajasthan: Footprints of 3 dinosaur species found in Thar desert



Sands of time have revealed giant finds in western Rajasthan. They are estimated to be 200 million years old. In a major discovery, footprints of three species of dinosaurs have been found in the Thar desert in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district, proving the presence of the giant reptiles in the western part of the State, which formed the seashore to the Tethys Ocean during the Mesozoic era.

The footprints, made in the sediment or silt of the seashore, later become permanently stone-like. They belong to three species of dinosaurs — *Eubrontes cf. giganteus*, *Eubrontes glenrosensis* and *Grallator tenuis*. While the *giganteus* and *glenrosensis* species have 35 cm footprints, the footprint of the third species was found to be 5.5 cm. They were found near Jaisalmer's Thaiat village.

The dinosaur species are considered to be of the theropod type, with the distinguishing features of hollow bones and feet with three digits. All the three species, belonging to the early Jurassic period, were carnivorous, said Dr. Parihar. *Eubrontes* could have been 12 to 15 metres long and weighed between 500 kg and 700 kg, while the height of the *Grallator* is estimated to have been two metres, as much as a human, with a length of up to three metres. Careful geological observations enabled the scientists to interpret ancient environments in which the rocks of the footprints, which were once soft sediments, were deposited. Geochemical analyses and calculation of weathering indices showed that the hinterland climate was seasonal to semi-arid during the deposition of the footprints.

Fieldwork in the Kutch and Jaisalmer basins has suggested that after the main transgression during the early Jurassic period, the sea level changed several times. Spatial and temporal distribution of sediments and traces of fossils and post-depositional structures provided an indication to this phenomenon. Dr. Parihar said some features of the *Grallator tenuis* footprint, involving a wide angle of digits, very narrow toes, and long claws, had strong similarities to the early Jurassic ichnogenus of *Stenonyx*. There could be taxonomic variation between the *Grallator* tracemakers from North America and the findings in Rajasthan, he said.

Jan Schlogl of Comenius University in Slovakia and Grzegorz Pienkowski from Warsaw University in Poland were the first to discover dinosaur footprints in India after the 'Ninth International Congress on the Jurassic System' was held in Jaipur in 2014.

Dr. Parihar said the possibility of finding more evidence of dinosaurs in the Jaisalmer and Barmer districts, forming part of the mighty Thar desert stretching to both the sides of the India-Pakistan border, is very strong. "It is just the beginning of the findings of dinosaur remains in Rajasthan. More discoveries of dinosaur fossils will be made in the near future," he said.

## India's Tokyo 2020 Paralympics medal winners



With 19 medals - five gold, eight silver, six bronze - Tokyo 2020 was India's best-ever Paralympics. The haul comfortably eclipsed India's previous best medals tallies – four each at the Stoke Mandeville and New York Games in 1984 and Rio 2016. Shooting emerged as the biggest contributor with five medals, followed by high jump and badminton with four each. There were several historic firsts to celebrate as well, with Bhavina Patel becoming the first Indian table tennis player to win a Paralympic medal and Harvinder Singh mirroring the feat in archery. Shooter Avani Lekhara, however, was the standout name as she became the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic gold medal.

India's medals at Tokyo Paralympics list

Athlete	Medal	Event
Bhavina Patel	Silver	Women's singles table tennis Class 4 category
Nishad Kumar	Silver	Men's high jump T47
Avani Lekhara	Gold	Women's 10m air rifle shooting standing SH1
Devendra Jhajharia	Silver	Men's javelin throw F46
Sundar Singh Gurjar	Bronze	Men's javelin throw F46
Yogesh Kathuniya	Silver	Men's discus throw F56
Sumit Antil	Gold	Men's javelin throw F64
Singhraj Adhana	Bronze	Men's 10m air pistol shooting SH1
Mariyappan Thangavelu	Silver	Men's high jump T42
Sharad Kumar	Bronze	Men's high jump T42
Praveen Kumar	Silver	Men's high jump T64
Avani Lekhara	Bronze	Women's 50m rifle 3 positions shooting SH1
Harvinder Singh	Bronze	Men's individual recurve - open archery
Manish Narwal	Gold	Men's 50m pistol SH1
Singhraj Adhana	Silver	Men's 50m pistol SH1
Pramod Bhagat	Gold	Men's singles badminton SL3
Manoj Sarkar	Bronze	Men's singles badminton SL3
Suhas Yathiraj	Silver	Men's singles badminton SL4
Krishna Nagar	Gold	Men's singles badminton SH6

## AMRIT MAHATSOV QUIZ

As our Nation celebrates the seventy fifth year of Independence, a series of events are being organised by the Government as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav quiz as part of India's 75 years of independence. The celebration began with the launch of Dandi Yatra by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 12, 2021, and all ministries / departments / organizations are planning various activities for the 75-week celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

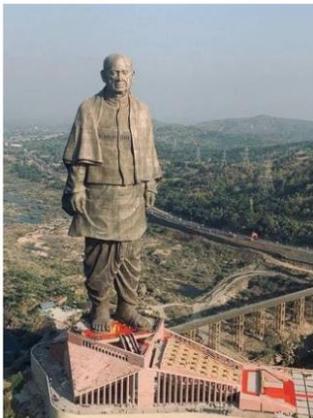
Go to the quiz here: <https://tinyurl.com/v7wyc998>

2. Kriket je najpoznatiji sport u Indiji. Indijska nacionalna kriket reprezentacija više puta je osvajala \* Svjetski kup u kriketu. U Hrvatskoj je najpoznatiji sport nogomet. Znete li možda tko je trenutačno trener indijske nogometne reprezentacije?



- Igor Štimac
- Slaven Bilić
- Nenad Bjelica

5. Indija je 15. kolovoza 2021. proslavila 75. Dan neovisnosti. Bitno ja za znati kako je 15. kolovoza \* 1947. Indija postala neovisna. Međutim, naše pitanje glasi: kako se zove vođa indijskog pokreta za neovisnost koji je ujedinio Indiju nakon neovisnosti?



- Sardar Patel
- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- Subhash Chandra Bose

3. Šah je pronašao svoj put diljem svijeta, nadilazeći kulturne barijere. No, jeste li znali da povjesničari vjeruju da je prvi put nastao u Indiji. Do 15. stoljeća šah se razvio u igru kakvu poznajemo danas. Znete li u kojem se stoljeću prvi put pojavio?



- 1. stoljeće
- 14. stoljeće
- 8. stoljeće

11. Bollywood je najveći svjetski proizvođač filmova, nadmašujući čak i Hollywood. Koliko dugometražnih filmova Bollywood u prosjeku proizvodi godišnje?



- 1500-2000
- 500-1000
- 300-400

## Cabinet approves capital infusion in Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Ltd.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the capital infusion of Rs.2000 crore for strengthening of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC). The amount would be infused in the three financial years i.e. Rs.50 crore in 2017-18, Rs.1450 crore in the year 2018-19 and Rs.500 crore for 2019-20.

The infusion would enhance insurance coverage to MSME exports and strengthen India's exports to emerging and challenging markets like Africa, CIS and Latin American countries. With enhanced capital, ECGC's underwriting capacity and risk to capital ratio will improve considerably. With a stronger underwriting capacity, ECGC will be in a better position to support Indian exporters to tap new and unexplored markets. Increased capital infusion will help ECGC to diversify its product portfolio and provide cost effective credit insurance helping exporters to gain a stronger foothold in the difficult markets. Covers from ECGC will help in improving competitive position of India exporters in International markets. More than 85% of customers benefitted by ECGC's covers are MSMEs. ECGC covers exports to around 200 countries in the world.

Background:

ECGC is a premier export credit agency of the Government of India to provide Export Credit Insurance Services to facilitate exports from the country. The ECGC offers credit insurance schemes to exporters to protect them against losses due to non-payment of export dues by overseas buyers due to political and / or commercial risks

### MODI GOVT'S BIG THRUST TO EXPORTS

Approves Capital Infusion in Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India

₹ Capital infusion of ₹4,400 crore over 5 years from FY 21-22 to 25-26

📄 Increase in underwriting capacity of ECGC with Initial Public Offering & capital infusion

🏭 Expansion of coverage to export oriented industry particularly labor-intensive sector



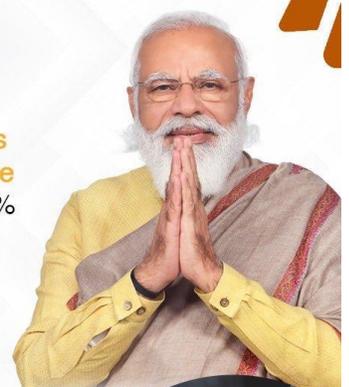
### MODI GOVT'S BIG THRUST TO EXPORTS

Approves Capital Infusion in Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India

₹ ECGC supported exports worth of ₹6.02 lakh crore in 2020-21 which is ~28% of India's merchandise exports

🏛️ ECGC insures ~50% of total export credit disbursement by 22 Banks

🏭 Market leader with ~85% market share in export credit insurance



## HINDI DIWAS #AmritMahotsav

Hindi Diwas or National Hindi Day is celebrated every year on September 14 to mark the adaptation of Hindi (written in Devanagari script) as the official language by the Constituent Assembly on September 14, 1949. It is to be noted that Mahatma Gandhi called Hindi the language of the masses. The Father of the Nation also talked about making Hindi the national language of the nation. Notwithstanding the fact that linguistic topics, primarily those in the domain of Indo-European linguistics, have been an integral part of different studies at the University of Zagreb from its earliest stages, institutional organization of the Department began in 1959. The Department then briefly bore the name of the Department of General Linguistics and Comparative Literature, and the head of the Department was Professor Ivo Hergešić. The same year saw the arrival of Professor Radoslav Katičić whose areas of interest, in addition to linguistics, included Indology, i.e. Sanskrit.

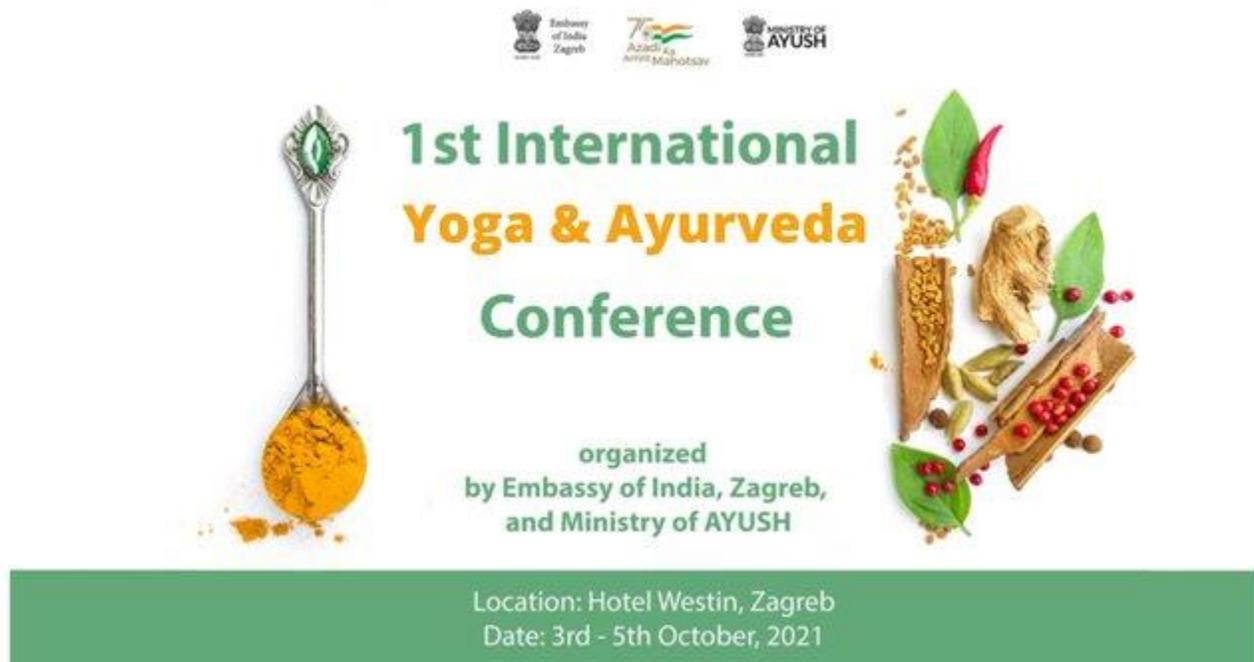


India in Croatia (Embassy of India, Zagreb) ✓

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एक छोटी सी झलक हिंदी दिवस २०२१ के समारोह से जो जागरे विश्वविद्यालय के इंडोलोजी विभाग के साथ भारतीय राजदूतावा २८ सितम्बर को आयोजित किया। भारतीय सांस्कृतिक कला पर्ा द्वारा प्रायोजित हिंदी चेर के पद पर विगत तीन वर्षों से कार्यरत ज्योति शर्मा को स्नेहपूर्वक विदाई देते हुए विश्वविद्यालय के छात्र कई मौलिक रचनायें प्रस्तुत की। कार्यक्रम का प्रारंभ हुआ एक पचास वर्ष प्राचीन हिंदी प्रार्थना गान से लक्ष्मी श्रीवास्तव द्वारा। इंडोलोजी विभाग के सबसे वरिष्ठ प्राध्यापक मिसलाव येजिच ने भारत के आज़ादी के अमृत महोत्सव के अंतर्गत दो विषयों - विश्व गुरु भारत एवं भारत की बहुमूल्य सांस्कृतिक धरोहर - पर अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किए। हमने यह भी स्मरण किया की यूरोप में सब पहली संस्कृत व्याकरण की पुस्तक लिखने वाले फ़िलिप वेज़्दि (१७४८-१८०६) क्रोएशा निवासी थे।





### 1st International Yoga and Ayurveda Conference

organized by Embassy of India, Zagreb, and Ministry of AYUSH

#### [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

The Embassy of India, Zagreb with the support of the Ministry of AYUSH is organizing the 1st International Conference on Yoga and Ayurveda during 3-5 October 2021. The goal of this conference is to present scientifically validated benefits and mechanisms of Yoga and Ayurveda practices, promote its application and proper validation in society, that means to ensure the optimal development and propagation of AYUSH systems of health care. Logistical details:

Location & Date: Hotel Westin, Zagreb, Crystal Hall, 3rd-5th October 2021.

- DAY 0 (SUNDAY, 3rd October, 2021, open for public)
- DAY 1 & 2 (MONDAY & TUESDAY, 4th-5th October 2021, expert sessions)

Entrance: free of charge (LIMITED PARTICIPANTS)

Language: English and Croatian (based on the decision of speaker), no translation will be offered to attendees.

COVID 19: Public events and gatherings attended by over 100 people in one place, can be attended only by persons with EU digital COVID passport. [LINK](#)

## Ambassador's Outreaches

Ambassador took part in the Blissful Ratha Yatra celebration with the society ISKCON at the Centre of Zagreb. Amazing Odissi was offered to Lord Jagannath by the Croatian dancer Mrs. Antonija Karuza.



Ambassador Srivastava met with Mr. Željko Holjevac, Director of Institut Ivo Pilar for Social Sciences & long-time researcher Ph.D. Danijel Vojak. The topic of the meeting was the participation of the Institute in organizing the International Scientific Conference on Roma history & culture, which is scheduled to be held in April 2022 in Zagreb with the support of the two governments.



Ambassador Srivastava met with the Mayor of the city of Pula Mr. Filip Zoricic, and discussed how India should be the partner country of the forthcoming events and therefore presenting its heritage through the 3Cs - Culture, Cuisine & Cinema.



In the inaugural visit to the city of Samobor Ambassador Srivastava met with Mayor Mrs. Petra Škrobot & representatives of the city and highlighted Indian-Croatian cooperation in the field of talent & skill development exchange. Ambassador also visited representatives of technology driven incubator "Small Technopolis Samobor" to explore the possibilities of India-Croatia cooperation in the field of digital ecosystems between 2 countries.



## 75th Independence day of India celebration in the city of Samobor #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav #AmritMahotsav

Embassy of India, Zagreb took part on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the #AzaadiKaAmritMahotsav celebration with screening of animation program which was held in the City of Samobor for the Djeca za bolji svijet/Children for a Better World, short yoga session by Yoga in Daily Life Zagreb & Amrit Mahotsav quiz offered insightful information's for the enrichment of children's knowledge.



## Visit to the City of Split

Ambassador Srivastava visited Mayor of the City of Split Mr. Ivica Puljak at the City Administration. Discussed were the possibilities of cooperation in the field of connecting digital ecosystems, Smart City and Start-ups. One of the topics of conversation was the global pandemic COVID-19 and overcoming the challenges associated with it. Ambassador Srivastava expressed hope that the positive trend of growth in the number of Indian tourists in our country will continue and announced a series of cultural events that will mark the 75th anniversary of India's independence in Croatian cities next year. Ambassador gave the Keynote Speech at Startup Europe Regatta, on Indian Startup Ecosystem, "NewIndia" itself as the world's largest startup and India Croatia Startup Bridge which is likely to be established in November 2021.



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