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On the sidelines @ COP26 talks with a number of heads of state and government on the challenges of climate change. # COP26



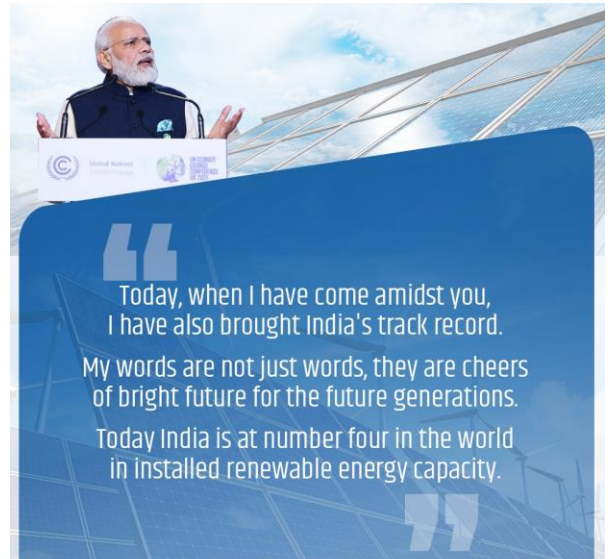
PM Modi At COP26



India's Efforts & Key Achievements In Climate Action

- Only 5% emissions despite being 17% of world's population
- Initiated International Solar Alliance
- Created Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
- LED bulb campaign reducing emissions by 40 million tonnes annually
- Indian Railways System to become 'Net Zero' by 2030
- India ranks 4th in installed renewable energy capacity
- Non-fossil fuel energy increased by 25% in last 7 years

For me the event in Paris was not a summit, it was a sentiment, a commitment. And India was not making those promises to the world, but those promises, 125 crore Indians, were making to themselves.



“Today, when I have come amidst you, I have also brought India's track record.

My words are not just words, they are cheers of bright future for the future generations.

Today India is at number four in the world in installed renewable energy capacity.

PM Narendra Modi launched 'Infrastructure for Resilient Island States' at COP 26



Stating that the Small Island Developing States or SIDS face the biggest threat from climate change, PM Narendra Modi said that India's space agency ISRO will build a special data window for them to provide them timely information about cyclones, coral-reef monitoring, coast-line monitoring etc., through satellite. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Initiative for the Resilient Island States (IRIS) for developing infrastructure of small island nations, saying that it gives a new hope, a new confidence and satisfaction of doing something for the most vulnerable countries. Prime Minister Modi was joined by his British counterpart Boris Johnson on the second day of the COP26 climate summit. The launch event was also attended by the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. "The launch of 'Infrastructure for Resilient Island States' gives a new hope, a new confidence," PM Modi said, adding that the initiative gives the satisfaction of doing something for the most vulnerable countries. Mr. Modi congratulated the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure CDRI for the initiative and said that for him the CDRI or IRIS is not just about infrastructure but it is part of a very sensitive responsibility of human welfare. "It is the collective responsibility of all of us towards mankind," he said. "It is, in a way, a shared atonement for our sins. The last few decades have proved that no one is untouched by the wrath of climate change. Whether they are developed countries or countries rich in natural resources, this is a big threat to everyone," Mr. Modi said. Stating that the Small Island Developing States or SIDS face the biggest threat from climate change, Mr. Modi said that India's space agency ISRO will build a special data window for them to provide them timely information about cyclones, coral-reef monitoring, coast-line monitoring etc., through satellite. Speaking on the occasion, British Prime Minister Johnson said that it's incredibly cruel that vulnerable, small island states are right in the frontline of loss and damage that is caused by global warming. "They have done virtually nothing to cause the problem, they didn't produce the huge volumes of CO2 to be pumped into the atmosphere," he said. Johnson said that the UK is contributing financially to the initiative IRIS. "We are stomping up as well." The Australian Prime Minister thanked India and the UK for their leadership of the CDRI. "I acknowledge them the Quad support, including the US and Japan support for India's CDRI," he said. The launch, which forms part of the India-UK Coalition for Disaster Resilient infrastructure (CDRI), marks the start of day two of the World Leaders' Summit. The initiative is a part of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient infrastructure that would focus on building capacity, having pilot projects, especially in small island developing states. Source: [LINK](#)

Small Island Developing States:


- Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are a distinct group of 38 UN Member States and 20 Non-UN Members/Associate Members of United Nations regional commissions that face unique social, economic and environmental vulnerabilities.
- The SIDS were recognized as a distinct group of developing countries in June 1992, at the UN Conference on Environment and Development.
- SIDS' unique and particular vulnerabilities are highlighted in "The Future We Want", adopted at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (also known as Rio+20) that took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012.
- The geographical regions in which SIDS are located are the Caribbean, the Pacific, and the AIS (Atlantic, Indian Ocean and South China Sea).
- The Barbados Programme of Action was produced in 1994 in order to assist the SIDS in their sustainable development efforts.
- The United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) represent this group of states.



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PM MODI INTRODUCES INDIA'S 'PANCHAMRIT' AT COP26 IN GLASGOW

- Reach non-fossil energy capacity of **500GW by 2030**
- Fulfil 50% energy requirements via **Renewable Energy by 2030**
- Reduce **1 billion carbon emissions** by 2030
- Reduce carbon intensity **below 45% by 2030**
- India will achieve the target of **Net-Zero by 2070**



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PM GIVES WORLD THE MANTRA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT- L.I.F.E.

L.I.F.E. i.e 'Lifestyle For Environment' is inspired by Indian culture and Gandhi's teachings.

It urges peaceful existence with nature and mindful utilisation of resources

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ADAPTATION MUST BE A KEY COMPONENT IN WORLD'S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

PM Modi addresses the COP26 Summit in Glasgow

In India & other developing nations, **we need to make India's agriculture sector resilient to climate change**

Our schemes like 'Nal Se Jal', Swachh Bharat Mission & Ujjawala Yojana have not only given adoption benefits but also improved the quality of life

We need to include climate change adaptation policies in the school syllabus to make the next-generation aware of these issues



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#TogetherForOurPlanet

PM MODI PRESENTS INDIA'S PHENOMENAL TRACK RECORD AT COP26

- 1 Despite being 17% of world's population, **our emissions are only 5%**
- 2 **India is 4th** in installed **renewable energy** capacity
- 3 Indian Railways to become '**Net Zero**' by 2030
- 4 Initiated the **International Solar Alliance**
- 5 Created a coalition for **disaster resilient infrastructure**

G20 summit | PM Modi calls for united fight against COVID-19



Addressing the first session of the G20 summit in Rome — “Global economy and global health”, — Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about the need for a collaborative approach to fight the COVID-19 pandemic covering scientific communities and governments. “Prime Minister spoke for the resilient global supply chains and mentioned India's bold economic reforms and lowering of the cost of doing business in India,” said Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla briefing the media in Rome. Addressing the inaugural session, Mr Modi also informed the G20 leaders about India's medical diplomacy that took place during the COVID-19 pandemic and covered at least 150 countries. “He spoke about our vision of One Earth, One Health,” said Mr Shringla explaining the concept covers future pandemics that will require “comprehensive global solution”. Mr Modi also spoke of the need for resilient global supply chains and invited G20 countries to invest in India for supply chain diversification and global recovery from the pandemic. Mr Modi appreciated the G20's move to make global trade more just by introducing 15% global minimum corporate tax that will prevent tax evasion, money laundering. “India has not only vaccinated over a billion persons, we will be able to produce more than five billion vaccine doses that will reduce vaccine inequity in the developing world,” said Mr Shringla explaining that the certification of India's Covaxin is “pending” with the WHO and that the emergency use authorization of WHO will help India meet this goal. Mr Modi also met French President Emmanuel Macron on the side line of the G20. “France has played an important role in developing the EU's Indo-Pacific strategy. The two leaders agreed to cooperate for rules-based order in the region,” said Mr Shringla. Mr Modi also meet PM of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong and the conversation between the two leaders covered India-Singapore cooperation that was visible during the second wave of COVID-19 in April-May. The inaugural session of the G20 summit was held after PM Modi met Pope Francis in the Vatican City and invited him to visit India at an early date. Mr Shringla informed that the Pope has accepted the invite and said the Pope described the invitation as “the greatest gift”.



PMO India @PMOIndia · Oct 29

Official engagements in Rome begin with a productive interaction with @eucopresident Charles Michel and @vonderleyen, President of the @EU_Commission.

The leaders discussed ways to enhance economic as well as people-to-people linkages aimed at creating a better planet.



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Narendra Modi @narendramodi · Oct 30

Had a very warm meeting with Pope Francis. I had the opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues with him and also invited him to visit India. @Pontifex



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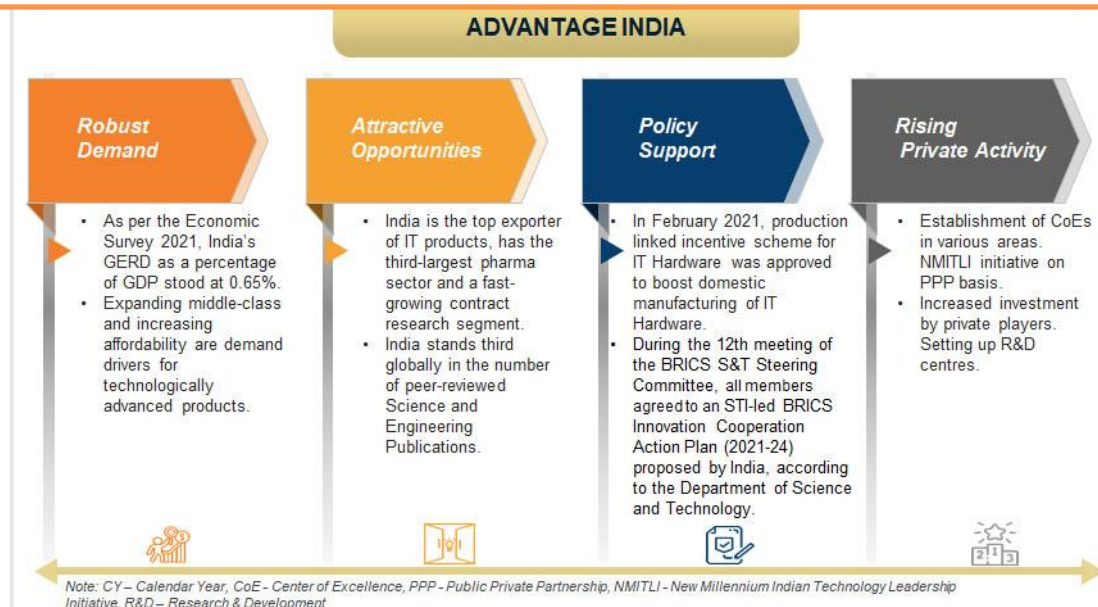
A New World Order and India By Harsh Vardhan Shringla

As the Covid-19 virus ebbs and wanes, post-pandemic realities are beginning to emerge. They underlie a growing set of understandings and arrangements that form the basis of an emerging world order. Empirically speaking, downturns are followed by recovery. The Indian economy is beginning to bounce back with economic output and activity surging. A vaccination campaign of unprecedented scope and complexity has improved health security and reduced vulnerabilities in record time. The stage is set for a return to normalcy and more. This is, therefore, a moment of opportunity. The choices that India makes at this juncture are an indication of where it sees promise of a better tomorrow. The pandemic has demonstrated that we need a more, and not less, interconnected world. Common problems must have common solutions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, over the last few months, has in the G7, G20, in COP 26, in the first Quad Summit, in the United Nations General Assembly and as Chair of the UN Security Council, BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Council of Heads of Government, articulated a vision of a new world order that is relevant to the challenges of the post-pandemic world. He has also, through a variety of domestic and international platforms, laid down a set of strategies and objectives which will align Indian priorities with this vision for a better tomorrow for all. A major global challenge on which India has acted to provide leadership and direction is climate change. Despite our developmental needs, we have shown a strong commitment to climate action. Speaking most recently at the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, the Prime Minister outlined India's climate ambition through Panchamrit which will put India on an accelerated track to raise non-fossil fuel based energy capacity to 500GW and meet 50% of our energy requirements from renewables by 2030 while reducing projected carbon emissions by a billion tonnes and carbon intensity to below 45 percent until 2030 and to "net zero" by 2070. Articulating the concerns of the developing world, the Prime Minister also called on developed countries to enhance their ambition on the transfer of climate finance and low cost technologies. Two international organisations, the International Solar Alliance and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, initiated by India, have begun to play an important role in climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts globally. At COP26, the Prime Minister launched the 'One Sun, One World, One Grid' for interconnected solar energy infrastructure at a global scale and 'Infrastructure for Resilient Island States' for climate and disaster resilient infrastructure in Small Island Developing States under these organizations. India is also seeking to turn into a global hub for Green Hydrogen production and export under its National Hydrogen Mission. The Prime Minister's appeal for promoting sustainable lifestyles to deal with climate change found resonance at the G20 Summit in Rome. He has proposed a One-Word Movement, i.e., LIFE or Lifestyle for Environment. The adoption of India's own example of sustainable lifestyle on a global basis would be transformational in our fight against climate change. The pandemic has highlighted the need to de-risk supply chains and make them more resilient. Prime Minister has emphasized three key factors for improving our supply chains: Trusted Source, Transparency and Time-Frame. The Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan prioritises resilience and reliability and intends to make India a trustworthy supply chain hub. This is a part of a larger policy framework to augment capacity through fiscal and monetary support, injection of liquidity, financial support for industry, better ease of doing business, and ambitious structural reforms. A landmark Production Linked Incentives scheme is attracting investment, boosting domestic manufacturing and creating globally competitive Indian businesses. Previously restricted sectors such as space, defense and atomic energy have been opened to greater private participation. A National Education Policy has created the framework for educating a 21st century workforce and making India a global education and skilling centre. India is also making massive public investments in improving its infrastructure. Prime Minister's Gati Shakti – the National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity – is set to create a seamlessly connected India. It introduces a non-siloed approach to connectivity and brings executing and policy entities onto a common platform. Improvements in physical infrastructure will be accompanied by focus on SDG goals by initiatives such as those on digital connectivity, financial inclusion and immunization. The JAM trinity, composed of Jan Dhan, the world's largest financial inclusion programme; Aadhar, the world's largest biometric programme; and one of the world's largest Mobile phone networks; has enabled Direct Benefits Transfer on a transformational scale. It is now powering a fintech revolution. Jal Jeevan and Ayushman Bharat are changing lives by providing access to clean water and healthcare, respectively, to all Indians. SDG 3 sets us all towards the target of ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages. At the G20 Summit, Prime Minister put forward the holistic vision of "One Earth – One Health" for the world. The pandemic has moved international systems to the digital space. Whether it is the Co-Win Portal that has managed one of the world's most ambitious vaccination operations in a user-friendly, transparent, equitable and efficient manner; the Digital India initiative; digital payment solutions; or the 24*7 BPO and ITES industry; India has adapted and continues to go digital. Speaking at the G20 Summit, Prime Minister pointed out that India has certified 'at scale' solutions for many developmental problems. It is a proving ground of development. It also has vast experience of South-South Development Cooperation and can offer many templates to other developing countries. Earlier, at the G7 Summit, the Prime Minister had announced that Indian open source digital solutions would be available to all. Even during the bleakest days of the pandemic, India did not forget that it was part of an international community. It went out of its way to supply essential medicines to more than a 150 countries. It received, in its turn, the support of all, during its "second wave." While running a successful vaccination campaign at home, India has also now resumed export of vaccines to its neighbours and partners. Through all of these, and more, India is acting as a key and constructive player in the creation of a new world order that can cope with the challenges of tomorrow. A world order that looks beyond the purely economic, and places human beings and their well-being, as the ultimate objective.

Harsh Vardhan Shringla is the Foreign Secretary, Government of India. The views expressed are personal.

Source: Hindustan Times

Science and Technology Development in India



India-Croatia Science Cooperation

Important Bilateral Agreements/MoUs

- Agreement on Cooperation in Culture, Science & Technology, Education and Sports (1999)
- Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology for 2005-08 (2005)
- University of Zagreb - University of Delhi (2009.)
- University of Zagreb - Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi (2012.)

NFSU congrats Dr. Dragan Primorac on being ranked among top 2 percent of world scientists

National Forensic Sciences University congrats Dr. Dragan Primorac, Professor Emeritus at NFSU on being ranked among top 2% of world scientists based on career-long and single-year impact by the leading World publishers, Elsevier BV.



Smart Corner

Top 5 Cleanest City of India | Most Cleanest City In India

The government of India and the Ministry of Urban Development annually publish the National city Rating under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan scheme and according to the Swachh Survekshan, 2020, which is a survey of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in cities and towns across India. So here are the top 10 cities in India, according to their ranking, that has topped this list and been proclaimed to be the cleanest cities in the country. [LINK](#).



Infoparks Kerala to hold digital campaigns to woo back companies to campuses

The digital video campaigns will be held with the participation of companies, which on their part are making arrangements to bring back employees in a phased manner in the next three months. Entertainment programmes like band performances, which used to be a common feature at IT parks, would also be organised as when the government permits such events as an additional lure to woo back employees to campuses. Less than 10 companies have surrendered space while around 75 new companies, both big and small, have started operations in Infopark Kochi since March last year. Source: www.thehindu.com



Collection of objects from India in the Ethnographic Museum in Zagreb

The Ethnographic Museum in Zagreb is a city of Zagreb Museum whose experts have been studying human societies and cultures for over 100 years, and systematically collect, preserve, study and exhibit objects in the area of material culture. The collection of non-European cultures of the Ethnographic Museum is unique in its size and quality in the Republic of Croatia. It has about 3,500 items from different parts of the world: Africa, Asia, Australia and Oceania and South America, collected by Croatian travellers, researchers, naval captains, missionaries and many others.



Part of the items donated by Jesuit missionaries. Early 20th century.

The Collection has around 205 items from India. About a hundred of them come from West Bengal and were brought by missionaries of the Society of Jesus from Zagreb between 1929 and 1931. These are decorative and useful objects, amulets, and figures of deities. The Croatian and Slovenian Jesuit missionaries have been active in Bengal since 1925, and have published their observations on customs, languages, social and political issues in mission journals. They organized exhibitions and lectures which contributed to the knowledge of Indian culture in Croatia. Precious items are the textile objects from the 19th century, mostly from the Indian state of Gujarat, collected by Salamon Berger, a textile merchant and the first director of the Ethnographic Museum. Gujarat has for centuries been a centre of textile production and even today it is known as “the textile state of India”, producing silk, cotton and polyester fabrics/items.



Wall Cloths. Kutch, India. 19th century.

Beautiful and high-quality textile items pleasantly surprised Kanika Gupta, an art historian from New Delhi, who stays at the Slovenian Ethnographic Museum as an artist in residence and who visited the Ethnographic Museum in October and helped identified certain items.

Cap. India.
19th century



Male Figure
(Kareau). 19th
century



The Museum also keeps a very rare and interesting object - a kareau figure from the Nikobar Islands. Such figures were intended to guard families against illness, bad luck and other evil spirits. They were made by ritual specialists or healers (menluana) who communicated with the spirit world. The figure was set up outside a sick person's house in order to scare or drive away the bad spirits thought to be causing the disease. When misfortune befell a household, the figure was deemed to have lost the potency and would be discarded and replaced by a new one. The discarded figures were collected as souvenirs by visiting sailors. Hence, this figure was brought by the marine officer Dragutin (Karl) Mezzorana from Sušak and he donated it to the Museum in 1902. The very figure, as well as about 40 other objects from India, are exhibited in the permanent exhibition of the Museum.

Cloth. Kutch,
India. 19th
century.



In addition, over the years, the Museum has presented individual themes from the rich Indian history through guest exhibitions, lectures and workshops. India is an inexhaustible source of topics that have yet to find their way to the Croatian audience, which has always been fascinated by the diversity of India. We want the Ethnographic Museum to continue to be one stop on that path.

Source: Ethnographic Museum Zagreb, Mrs. Marija Zivkovic, museum adviser

News on India

Indian economy fully back on track. Commerce and Industry Minister Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal has said that India's economy is fully back on track with the indicators showing great results. "Covid19 has given India a huge opportunity to prepare for the next 25 years," said Piyush Goyal, the Minister of Commerce and Industry while speaking at a media conclave in New Delhi on Thursday. He said that exports are at an all-time high with almost Rs 235 billion dollar already achieved in just 7 months. GST collections were touching Rs 1.3 lacs cr and PMI for Services was at a decadal high.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched two innovative customer centric initiatives of RBI: Retail Direct Scheme and the Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme via video conference in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister praised the Finance Ministry and institutions like RBI for their efforts during the pandemic. "This period of Amrit Mahotsav, this decade of the 21st century is very important for the development of the country. In such a situation, the role of RBI is also very big. I am confident that Team RBI will live up to the expectations of the country", the Prime Minister said. In just 7 years, India has jumped 19 times in terms of digital transactions. Today our banking system is operational 24 hours, 7 days and 12 months anytime, anywhere in the country, Prime Minister Modi stressed.



Indian Professor elected to UN's International Law Commission for 5-year term In a closely contested election to the UN's International Law Commission on Friday, Professor Bimal Patel, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Raksha University and Member of National Security Advisory Board of India, was elected for a five-year term beginning on January 1, 2023. A tweet of India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York announcing Professor Patel's election stated India's contribution to the International Law Commission will reflect the commitment to uphold rules-based international order, underpinned by Rule of Law. The International Law Commission is a 34-member body of the UN. "Professor Bimal Patel of India is elected to the ILC for a 5 year term. Our Contribution to ILC will reflect the commitment to uphold rules-based international order, underpinned by Rule of Law," the tweet said.



India launches 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica to study climate, sea-ice changes. India has successfully launched the 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica with the first batch comprising 23 scientists and support staff reaching the Indian Antarctic station Maitri. The 41st expedition has two major programmes that will help in improving the understanding of Antarctic climate, westerly winds, sea-ice and greenhouse gases from a single climate archive for past 10,000 years, said a statement of the Ministry of Earth Science.



Bharat Biotech has commenced exports of India made COVID-19 vaccine COVAXIN, the company said in a statement. Long pending export orders have been executed during November, to be further expanded during the following months, stated the company's statement. "With the number of countries that have granted emergency use approvals for COVAXIN increasing, exports to additional countries will also commence from December," it informed. "Bharat Biotech thanks the Government of India for approving exports. COVAXIN will now become an integral part of the global fight against this pandemic," the statement noted. Earlier last week, vaccine major Serum Institute of India had said that it has resumed exports of its vaccine Covishield to the international vaccine sharing program COVAX.



Covid-19 update: Union Health Ministry issues revised guidelines for international travelers. While the country reported 8,309 new cases of Covid-19 in the last 24 hours, the Union Ministry of Health issued the revised 'Guidelines for International arrivals' in view of reported cases of new SARS-CoV-2 variant (Omicron) across the world. The new guidelines shall come into effect on December 1 at 00.01 Hours. In continuation of the proactive and risk-based approach for management of Covid-19 pandemic, Union Ministry of Health issued these guidelines, said a statement of the health ministry. The updated guidelines require all travelers (irrespective of Covid-19 vaccination status) coming to India from countries identified as 'countries at-risk' to mandatorily undergo post-arrival COVID-19 testing at airport on arrival in addition to pre-departure COVID-19 testing undertaken 72 hours before the departure, it stated. For passengers found positive in these tests, they will be isolated and treated as per the clinical management protocol besides their samples also taken for Whole Genome Sequencing, the statement informed.



Ambassador's Outreaches

Ambassador Srivastava spoke at Bird Incubator's Demo Day about India-Croatia Startup revolution, Startup Bridge & opportunities for cooperation between young innovators of two countries.



Ambassador Srivastava made a presentation on guiding principles of Indian Foreign Policy, New India & New Opportunities for strengthening India-Croatia bilateral ties at the Zagreb School of Economics and Management.



Ambassador Srivastava delivered his address about the opportunities for India & Croatia in coming months, at the Plenary Session of the Virtual edition of 2nd International Conference and Exhibition on "Strengthening India-Europe Economic Relations: Opportunities and Way Forward" on 24th November, 2021, organized by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) with the support of Ministry of

Commerce & Industry, Government of India. [LINK](#).



Ambassador Srivastava spoke to HUPE - Croatian Association of Teachers of English members about great decadal opportunities in New India for Croatian youths. Mrs. Srivastava talked about the importance of Ayurveda in improving Immunity in these times of pandemic.



AYUSH Cell Activities

Zagreb based Ministry of AYUSH, Cell's Online Session "Hatha Yoga Pradipika – Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times" was held on 24th November.

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Hatha Yoga Pradipika

Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times

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Germany

Jadranko Miklec
Yogacharya

24.11.2021, from 16:00-17:00 (CET)
Zoom Webinar

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6th AYURVEDA DAY



The 6th International Day of Ayurveda was marked with a special program in the Hall of Culture "Yoga in Daily Life" with Healthy Nutrition as key theme, City of Rijeka is developing a healthy lifestyle focused policy by promoting traditional systems of Medicine. Ministry of AYUSH, the Ministry of Traditional Medical Systems of the Republic of India, has been marking the International Ayurveda Day since 2016, and this year the main theme of the event was the improvement of the nutritional status of children, adolescents, pregnant women and nursing mothers. The event was attended by, among others, Mayor of the City of Rijeka Mr. Marko Filipović and Ambassador Srivastava & Madam Srivastava. "This event is a continuation of the good cooperation between the City of Rijeka with the Embassy of India in Croatia. Although the City of Rijeka is not nodal authority for the health system in the broadest sense, we are always interested in activities that promote education about healthy lifestyles. In this context, it should be mentioned that a Memorandum of Understanding was recently signed between the Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster and the Indian Institute of Ayurveda, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ayush of India. It is a cooperation that can be developed in the health aspect, but also in the economic aspect, since we are aware of the potential that India has. I believe that we will continue good and successful cooperation with the Ministry of AYUSH in the future", said the Mayor of Rijeka. As part of the event, food and spices used in the preparation of Ayurvedic dishes were presented.

Rijeka interesting Indian holistic and personalized approach to health

Bruna Matić
November 02, 2021 18:34



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RIJEKA - Organized by the Embassy of India in the Republic of Croatia and the Yoga Association in Everyday Life, the sixth International Day of Ayurveda was marked yesterday.

The main goal of the International Day of Ayurveda is the popularization of this traditional Indian medicine and comprehensive science of life, and yesterday's celebration in the Hall of Culture "Yoga in Everyday Life" was attended by the Ambassador of India to Croatia HE E. Raj Kumara Srivastava, Mayor of Rijeka Marko Filipović, Director of the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County Health Center Vladimir Mozetič and Ante Simonić, Professor at the Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka.

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DIWALI DAY

Ambassador Srivastava & Svibor Jancic, Zagreb City Assembly Representative, participated at the Govardhan Puja by ISKCON at Zrinjevac park, Zagreb. A heartwarming celebration of community to welcome a prosperous new year.



Diwali - Festival of Light

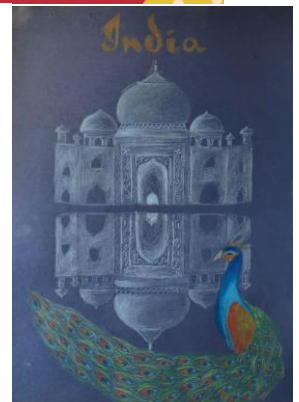
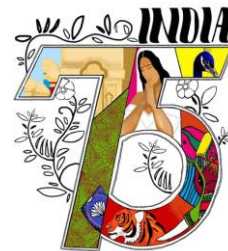
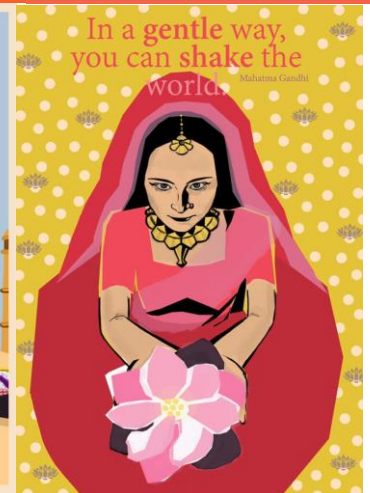
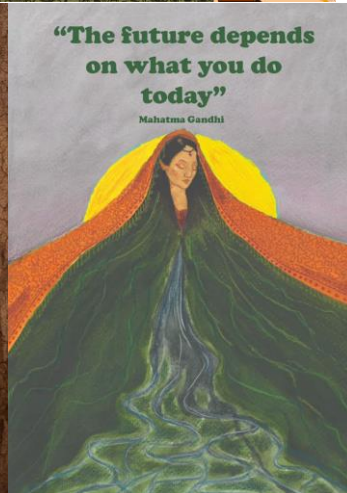
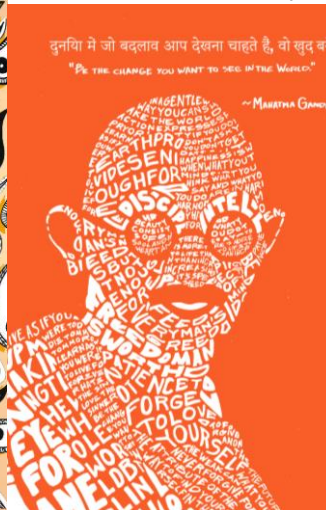
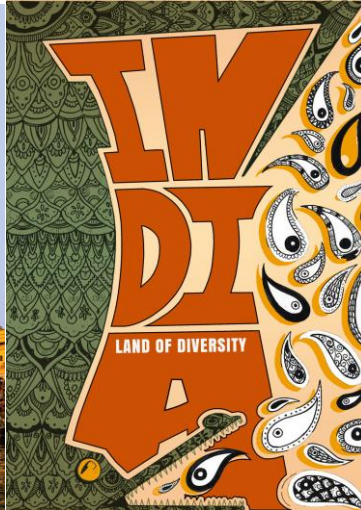
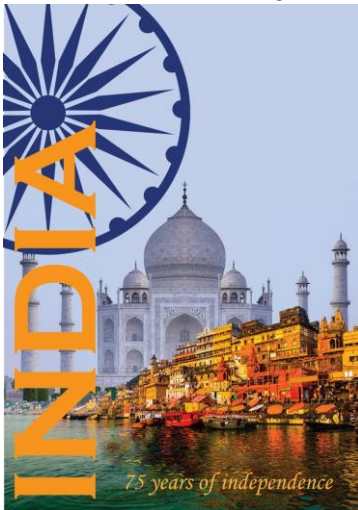


Diwali is celebrated as the largest festival of the year in India and has also spread by way of the Indian diaspora to be celebrated in countries across the globe. Diwali's date is determined by the India calendar and changes every year, ranging from October to November. It is observed on the 15th day of the 8th month (the month of Kartik) in India's calendar. Diwali is derived from Sanskrit word Deepavali meaning 'Line of Lamps'. It is one of the most important festivals in India, marking a new year, and often compared to Christmas in the West. Something that is not commonly known overseas about Diwali, though, is that this is not just a Hindu holiday, but is also celebrated within Jainism and Sikhism. During the festival, diya are lit and placed in rows along the parapets of temples and houses and set adrift on rivers and streams. Homes are decorated, and floors inside and out are covered with rangoli, consisting of elaborate designs made of colored rice, sand, or flower petals. The doors and windows of houses are kept open in the hope that Lakshmi will find her way inside and bless the residents with wealth and success. Diwali is celebrated over five days. The first day, known as Dhanteras, is dedicated to cleaning homes and purchasing small items of gold. Lakshmi is worshiped on that day. The second day, called Naraka Chaturdashi or Choti Diwali, commemorates Krishna's destruction of Narakasura; prayers are also offered for the souls of ancestors. On the third day, Lakshmi Puja, families seek blessings from Lakshmi to ensure their prosperity; light diya, candles, and fireworks; and visit temples. It is the main day of the Diwali festival. The fourth day, known as Goverdha Puja, Balipratipada, or Annakut, commemorating Krishna's defeat of Indra, the king of the gods, is also the first day of Kartika and the start of the new year in the Vikrama (Hindu) calendar. Merchants perform religious ceremonies and open new account books. The fifth day, called Bhai Dooj, Bhai Tika, or Bhai Bij, celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters. On that day sisters pray for the success and well-being of their brothers. Diwali is generally a time for visiting, exchanging gifts, wearing new clothes, feasting, feeding the poor, and setting off fireworks (though such displays have been restricted to limit noise and other environmental pollution). Gambling, especially in the form of card games, is encouraged as a way of ensuring good luck in the coming year and in remembrance of the games of dice played by Shiva and Parvati on Mount Kailasa or similar contests between Radha and Krishna. Ritually, in honor of Lakshmi, the female player always wins.

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Submissions of the Zagreb Design School ŠPUD for the ICCR Online Poster and Painting Competition 2021 "My idea of India"

Beautiful collection of works for the Poster and Painting Competition of Indian Council For Cultural Relations "My idea of India", among several schools including the School of Applied Art and Design in Zagreb. About 60 entries of artistic expression included images and impressions of India that comes to the minds of young artists from Croatia.



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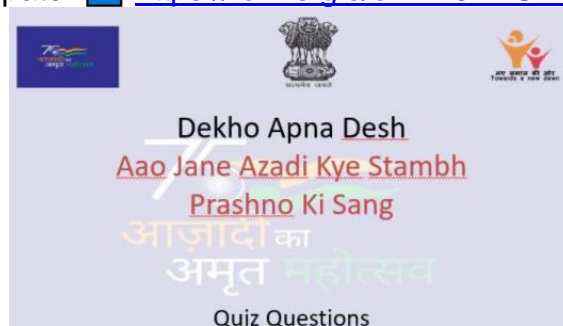
"Research projects in Smart, Precision & Predictive Agriculture: Exploring new areas on India-Croatia Cooperation"

Lecture "Research projects in Smart, Precision & Predictive Agriculture: Exploring new areas on India-Croatia Cooperation" with Ambassador Raj Srivastava, Prof Nedeljko Perić - Director of Innovation Centre Nikola Tesla, Prof Vinko Lešić of FER, University of Zagreb, & Matija Zulj, CEO of Agrivi Food Tech presented a smart, resilient & integrated approach in agriculture. It was highlighted how the Croatian Tech efforts in agriculture could create mutually beneficial opportunities as it aims to use Digital technologies such as AI, Block chain, Remote Sensing, GIS & Robotics to bring efficiency & sustainability and double the farmers' incomes.



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"The Indian Way to the Stars"

The Lecture "The Indian Way to the Stars" held in the Astronomical center of Rijeka celebrated the "Vishwa Guru Bharat" pillar of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav, Prof Marin Karuza, from University of Rijeka made a very detailed presentation of scientific wisdom of about 5000 years from Indian civilization in the field of astronomy and mathematics as well as emphasized the importance of Indian space program, praising the efforts of ISRO - Indian Space Research Organisation, for the benefit of the society.



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