



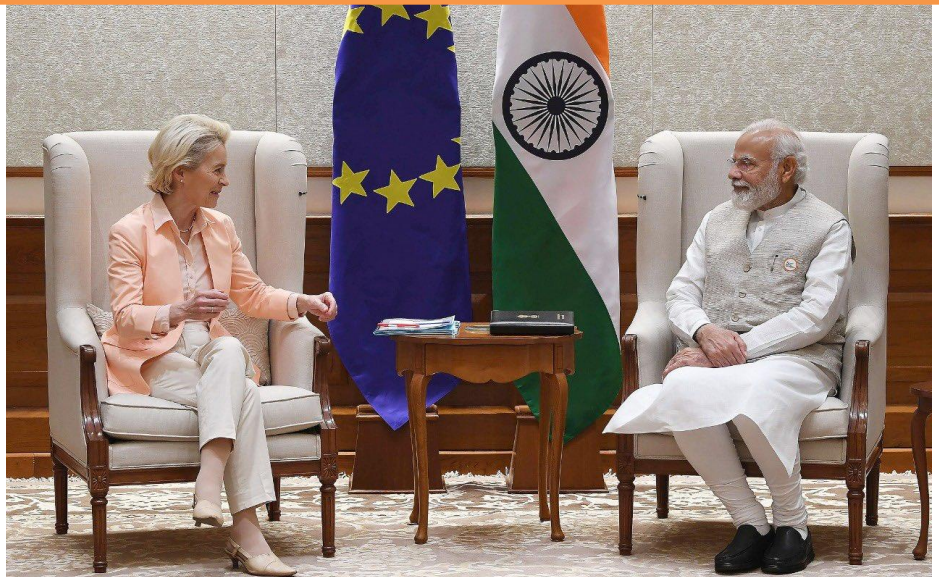
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Newsletter

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PM received Her Excellency Ursula Von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

Prime Minister thanked the EC President for consenting to deliver the inaugural address at the Raisina Dialogue this year and said that he looked forward to hearing her address later in the day. The leaders agreed that as large and vibrant democratic societies, India and Europe share similar values perspectives on many global issues. They reviewed the progress in the India-EU Strategic Partnership, including the forthcoming re-commencement of negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement and Investment Agreement. It was agreed to institute a high-level Trade & Technology Commission to provide political-level oversight of all aspects of the India-EU relationship and to ensure coordination between different areas of cooperation. The leaders had an extensive discussion on climate-related issues, including on possibilities of collaboration between India and the EU in areas like Green Hydrogen. They also discussed the continuing challenges of COVID-19 and stressed efforts to ensure equitable access to vaccines and therapeutics in all parts of the world. In addition, several geopolitical issues of topical importance were discussed during the meeting, including the situation in Ukraine and developments in the Indo-Pacific region. Find out more: <https://bit.ly/3khjW13>



Narendra Modi @narendramodi · Apr 25

Attended the inaugural session of #Raisina2022 earlier this evening.
[@raisinadialogue](https://twitter.com/raisinadialogue)



Visit of the Prime Minister of UK to India: Towards shared security and prosperity through national resilience



Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP paid an official visit to India at the invitation of Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi on 21-22 April 2022. This is his first visit to India as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and follows his Virtual Summit with Prime Minister Modi in May 2021 where both leaders agreed to elevate India-UK relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, underpinned by a shared commitment to democracy, fundamental freedoms, multilateralism, and a rules-based international order. The visit is also taking place at a significant time as the two countries celebrate 75 years of bilateral ties and India is commemorating the 75th anniversary of its Independence. Prime Minister Modi held delegation-level talks with Prime Minister Johnson in New Delhi on 22 April 2022, where they welcomed the intensification of bilateral engagements since the Virtual Summit and the positive momentum in cooperation across the full spectrum of bilateral relations. Both leaders underlined their firm commitment to taking ambitious climate action in pursuit of the goals of the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and agreed to cooperate closely in fulfilling respective climate action commitments announced at the 26th Conference of Parties (COP) in Glasgow in November 2021. The two Prime Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to accelerating the clean energy transition. They reiterated the need for developed countries to meet their climate finance goals including delivering on the \$100bn and doubling adaptation finance by 2025. Both leaders reiterated the importance of implementing the Glasgow Climate Pact in full and expressed hope that the Breakthrough Agenda would bolster collective efforts towards a just and accelerated transition. As the world recovers from the COVID-19 Pandemic, both leaders reiterated the need to focus on sustained economic recovery and work towards building national resilience and trusted partnerships to mitigate external disruptions. Both sides reaffirmed the salience of the G20 in addressing diverse global issues and agreed to work together closely during and in preparation for India's Presidency of the G20 in 2023. Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Johnson expressed deep pride and appreciation of their nations' close cooperation in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two years, as Governments, civil societies, businesses, and diaspora communities mobilized in unprecedented ways to share emergency relief supplies during each country's times of need. Reflecting shared values and principles, and growing strategic convergence, both leaders resolved to advance the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership through the annual exchange of visits at the Prime Minister level. Prime Minister Johnson thanked Prime Minister Modi for the warmth and hospitality extended to him and members of his delegation during his visit to India and extended an invitation to Prime Minister Modi to visit the UK at his earliest convenience.

PM Modi to visit Germany, Denmark, France from May 2-4

Announcing the visit, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the prime minister will first travel to Germany, then visit Denmark, and will have a brief stopover in Paris on his return journey on May 4.

PM MODI TO VISIT GERMANY, DENMARK, FRANCE FROM MAY 2-4



In Berlin, Prime Minister will hold bilateral talks with H.E. Mr. Olaf Scholz, Federal Chancellor of Germany, and the two leaders will co-chair the sixth edition of the India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC). The biennial IGC is a unique dialogue format that also sees participation of several Ministers from both sides. This will be Prime Minister's first IGC with Chancellor Scholz, and also the first such Government-to-Government consultations of the new German government, which assumed office in December 2021. During his visit, Prime Minister and Chancellor Scholz would also jointly address a Business Event. Prime Minister will address and interact with the Indian community in Germany. In 2021, India and Germany commemorated 70 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations and have been strategic partners since 2000. This visit will be an opportunity to enhance and intensify cooperation in a broad range of areas and for the two governments to exchange views on regional and global matters of mutual interest. Prime Minister will thereafter travel to Copenhagen on an official visit at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Denmark, H.E. Ms. Mette Frederiksen. He will also participate in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit being hosted by Denmark. The bilateral component of the visit will include talks with PM Frederiksen as well as an audience with Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II. The Green Strategic Partnership was the first of its kind arrangement between India and Denmark. The visit would provide both sides an opportunity to review its progress, as well as examine ways to further expand our multifaceted cooperation. During the visit, Prime Minister will attend an India-Denmark Business Forum and also address members of the Indian diaspora. During the 2nd India-Nordic Summit, Prime Minister will also interact with other Nordic leaders - Prime Minister Katrín Jakobsdóttir of Iceland, Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre of Norway, Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson of Sweden and Prime Minister Sanna Marin of Finland. The Summit will focus on subjects like post-pandemic economic recovery, climate change, innovation and technology, renewable energy, the evolving global security scenario and India-Nordic cooperation in the Arctic region. The 1st India-Nordic Summit took place in 2018 in Stockholm. On his return journey on 04 May 2022, Prime Minister will briefly stopover in Paris and meet H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of France. India and France are celebrating 75 years of their diplomatic relations this year and the meeting between the two leaders will set a more ambitious agenda of the Strategic Partnership.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Announces 'Ayush Mark', Ayush Visa Category and The Enhancement Of The Ayush E-Marketplace For Farmers At The Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022

Speaking at the inaugural session of the Global AYUSH Investment and Innovation Summit 2022 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, PM Modi said that the Centre has a plethora of initiatives to encourage and promote the AYUSH sector.



The inaugural session for the first of its kind Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022, was held today in the august presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister announced many new initiatives including the Ayush Mark, Ayush visa, and many others. He also addressed startups, entrepreneurs, and members of the industry, encouraging them to increase investment for innovation in Ayush (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy, and Sowa Rigpa) as the sector continues to showcase colossal room for growth. The Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022 witnessed the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, WHO Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendrabhai Patel, honorable ministers from the state of Gujarat, MLAs, Ambassadors, foreign dignitaries, investors, industry experts, and other important stakeholders. Speaking at the Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "In various sectors, we have been seeing Summits that encourage investment, however, this is the very first time for the Ayush Ministry. I thought of this during the COVID-19 outbreak when Ayush products were helping in boosting immunity. Summits like this will encourage the startup sector and I am confident that unicorns will soon emerge from Ayush start-ups. The government is also working on modernization and expansion of the Ayush marketplace." Speaking about the growth of the Ayush sector, he added, "Before 2014, the Ayush sector had a size that was less than \$3 billion. Today, that number has grown to more than \$18 billion. I foresee Ayush's growth will be more in the coming years. We are working towards this by connecting farmers to better-managed supply chains for medicinal plants that will empower them and provide employment opportunities. Additionally, the Ayush Mark, which will adorn Made in India products and will symbolize high-quality products. An Ayush visa category will increase the ease of people to commute for Ayush-related treatment." The Prime Minister also fondly mentioned Rosemary Odinga, the daughter of the former Prime Minister of Kenya Raila Odinga, who regained her eyesight through Ayurvedic treatment. He also mentioned that the Ayush sector has been able to progress to where it has today due to its intellectual openness termed as 'open source.' Find out more: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1819117>

NEWS ON INDIA

India's economic growth in the current year is robust and the highest among all large economies and reflects India's resilience and strong recovery, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said. Participating in the 105th meeting of the Development Committee Plenary in Washington DC, Sitharaman stated that India faced the Covid-19 pandemic crisis with great resilience and made remarkable progress in vaccination and administered more than 1.85 billion vaccine doses. According to the Ministry of Finance, Finance Minister Sitharaman underlined that India voluntarily offered COVID Vaccine Intelligence Network (CoWIN) platform to all countries and stands willing to assist other public-goods platforms recognizing the importance of replication of proven and scalable digital platforms.

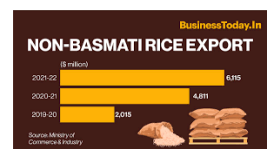
Finland-based Fortum has won the right to build a 200MW solar project in the Indian state of Gujarat. The firm emerged as a winner in a 500MW solar auction organized by Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam (GUVNL). Fortum will sign a 25-year power purchase agreement with GUVNL at a fixed tariff of INR2.29 (USD0.030) per kWh. The solar park is due to be completed by 2024, according to a press release from Fortum.

Rajasthan Renewable Energy (RRECL) and Tehri Hydro Development (THDC) have signed an agreement for the construction of a 10GW solar project in the Indian state of Rajasthan. The INR400bn (USD5.2bn) solar facility is expected to generate 17TWh of electricity per annum. The overall project is due to be completed in five years, according to a press release from THDC.

"The market size of AYUSH — Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy, the six Indian systems of medicine — grew to \$18.1 billion between 2014 and 2020", said Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH Ahead of the Global AYUSH Investment and Innovation Summit 2022 beginning in Gandhinagar.

India exported rice to 150 countries in 2021-22 and the value of non-Basmati rice exports touched USD 6115 million during the last fiscal, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry on Wednesday. According to the ministry, India, which is the world's second-largest rice producer after China, continues to expand its rice export footprint in the African, Asian, and European Union markets. This has ensured that India has the largest share in the global rice trade. India's non-basmati rice exports witnessed an astounding growth of 109 % from USD 2925 million in FY 2013-14 to USD 6115 million in FY 2021-22, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said.

India's sugar exports show massive 291% growth between 2013-14 and 2021-22. India's sugar exports witnessed a massive growth of 291% from USD 1,177 million in FY 2013-14 to USD 4600 million in FY 2021-22, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said. As per the official, India exported sugar to 121 countries across the globe. Sugar export jumped 65 percent in 2021-22 corresponding to the previous year. The growth was achieved despite logistical challenges posed by the COVID19 pandemic in the form of high freight rates, container shortages, etc, the ministry said. According to the official data, India had exported sugar worth USD 1965 million in 2019-20, which rose to USD 2790 million in 2020-21 and USD 4600 million in 2021-22.



Apply for the India-Croatian startup challenge which total value of the prize fund is estimated at \$ 43,000

The Indian-Croatian Digital Partnership getting wings. The Bilateral Startup Bridge established on 20/12/21 has shaped the first initiative which shows the potential of connecting the two innovative ecosystems. There is no better way to celebrate 30 years of our diplomatic relationship than to connect our future innovative generations for global good projects. This startup challenge is a step in that direction.

HAMAG-BICRO and Startup India invite startups to apply for the India-Croatian startup challenge organized in collaboration with Infobip, Končar - Electric Vehicles Inc., and HexGn, supported by the Embassy of India, Zagreb.

- *Project PARTNER is ZICER, Zagreb Innovation center.*
- **The total value of the prize fund is estimated at \$ 43,000.**
- You can apply your innovative solutions to 3 challenges until 20th May at the following link:
<https://bit.ly/379OheW>
- **Winners will be announced on the 14th of June 2022. event organized by HAMAG-BICRO at ZICER premises.**

The poster for the India-Croatia Startup Challenge features a large orange graphic of two hands shaking, with the text "INDIA-CROATIA STARTUP Challenge" in blue and orange. At the top, logos for HAMAG-BICRO, the Embassy of India Zagreb, Croatia, and the Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry are displayed, along with the hashtag #startupindia. Below the main title, logos for 75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, INVEST INDIA, HexGn, Infobip, KONČAR, and ZICER are shown. At the bottom, a teal banner contains the text "INDIA-CROATIA STARTUP CHALLENGE" and "Showcase your innovative solutions across Sustainability, Livelihood, SDG's, Green Energy, Education, Skill Development Sectors". Below this, a section titled "— INCENTIVES —" lists "Cash Grants", "Mentoring", and "Incubation". The bottom of the poster features a row of logos for HexGn, Infobip, KONČAR, and INVEST INDIA, with a stylized illustration of Indian architecture in the background.

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India was the partner country of the 5th ICT Forum on "Technological revolutions and the transformation of Croatian society in the 21st-century" on the 21st of April at Hotel International Zagreb. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Croatia, gave a Keynote lecture on "Digital Transformation of India & India-Croatia Digital Partnership". He spoke about the connections between the digital ecosystems of New India & Croatia. Ambassador Srivastava: "3 Ss (Speed, Scale & Sensitivity) of Indian Startup Ecosystem are already visible in Indian-Croatia Digital Partnership with Croatia becoming the 12th country with which India has startup bridges. The first startup challenge under this bridge aims to find solutions to challenges mentioned in the three of SDGs showing sensitivity toward people & environment.



STARTUP INDIA

Launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
16th January 2016

- 50,000+** Government Recognized Startups
- 4,86,522** Users on Startup India Hub
- 47 Regulatory Reforms** have been simplified since 2016
- More than 620 Districts** in India have at least one startup
- Connected 50+ corporate** with Startups
- \$ 1.4 bn** government fund allocated for Indian startups
- 2,12,742** Queries addressed (mail and telephonic)
- 3,14,156** Learners on the Startup India Entrepreneurship Program
- Startup India has international bridges with **11 countries**
- Prarambh** saw participation from 56 countries

#startupidia

PROBLEM STATEMENTS

- Clean Water & Sanitation (SDG number 6)**
 - It is estimated that half of the world's population could be living in areas facing water scarcity by as early as 2025. Five years down the line, in 2030, 700 million people could be displaced by intense water scarcity, triggering the most extensive migration in human history.
 - What are the disruptive technologies which can fulfill the needs of the households without pumping out groundwater?
 - The solution must be green, affordable, hygienic, standalone and off the grid.
- Reduced Inequality (SDG number 10)**
 - The global forcible displacement has over 82.4 million of which over 26.4 million are refugees.
 - What are the solutions to reconstruct refugee lives and make their future brighter than what it is today? How can they be integrated into local and global economies?
 - The proposed solutions/products should not rely on external funding and should be self-sustainable to a large extent.
- Decent work and economic growth (SDG number 8)**
 - While the world is more prosperous, and jobs are raining for the STEM graduates, for some the most lucrative option is becoming a driver or an on-demand delivery professional. With no retails or safety net, most of these jobs are at a high risk of automation in the next ten years.
 - What are the solutions to upskill workers of the on-demand economy, so that they can smoothly transition to other fields in the next five to six years?

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

TAKING INDIAN STARTUPS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

11 International Bridges

Showcase the Indian innovation ecosystem, mobilize global capital and provide international market access to Indian startups

Adopt good practices from across the globe and enhance India's global competitive ness

Creation of international landing pads in collaboration with global accelerators to help startups build global networks.

11 International Bridges

Finland, Brazil, United Kingdom, Russia, Sweden, Portugal, Israel, South Korea, Netherlands, Japan, Turkey

INDIA - CROATIA STARTUP BRIDGE

GET READY TO EXPAND YOUR STARTUP TO CROATIA

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CATCH US LIVE ON 20th DECEMBER 2021

India's Services exports in 2021-22 touch all-time high of \$250 billion



For the first time, India has achieved the targeted \$250 billion in service exports during the financial year FY22. The country's services exports have registered a growth of 21.31% from the previous fiscal year, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said. The ministry's data showed that in March 2022, the estimated value of Services exports is \$22.52 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 8.31% vis-a-vis March 2021. Overall, India's exports (merchandise and services) touched an all-time high of \$669.65 billion in FY22 rising by 34.50% over the same period last year, said the Ministry. During March alone, India's exports grew by 15.51% to \$64.75 billion over the same period last year. Merchandise exports for March 2022 rose to \$42.22 billion, higher by 19.76% on a year-on-year basis, official data showed. "Non-petroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports in March 2022 were \$30.67 billion, registering a positive growth of 9.4% over non-petroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports of \$28.03 billion in March 2021 and a positive growth of 80.90% over non-petroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports of \$16.95 billion in March 2020," the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry said. Similarly, India's merchandise imports in March 2022 increased by 24.21% over last year to \$60.74 billion from \$48.90 billion. Non-petroleum, non-gems & jewellery (gold, silver & precious metals) imports were \$37.35 billion in March 2022 with a positive growth of 35.44% over non-petroleum, non-gems & jewellery imports of \$27.58 billion in March 2021 and a positive growth of 99.77% over non-petroleum, non-gems and jewellery imports of \$18.70 billion in March 2020. The trade deficit widened by 35.72% on a year-on-year basis to \$18.51 billion in March 2022 from \$13.64 billion in the like period of 2021. Both non-oil exports and non-oil non-gold imports recorded their FY2022 high in March 2022. However, the pace of growth of non-oil exports marked an FY2022 low of 8.9% in March 2022, whereas non-oil non-gold imports expanded by a massive 76.1% in YoY terms on a subdued base. The non-gold trade deficit widened multifold to \$17.5 billion in March 2022 from \$5.1 billion in March 2021, driven by petroleum products, coal and electronic goods, partly driven by the spike in commodity prices following the Russia-Ukraine conflict. In terms of the full fiscal year, the data showed that India's FY22 merchandise exports rose to \$419.65 billion, higher by 43.81% on a year-on-year basis from \$291.81 billion reported for the previous fiscal. Besides, the data showed that FY22 merchandise imports increased by 55.13% over last year to \$611.89 billion from \$394.44 billion in FY21. The trade deficit for FY22 widened by 87.32% on a year-on-year basis to \$192.24 billion from \$102.63 billion in the previous fiscal. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal said India has achieved these exports high despite the slowdown in the economy worldwide due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the recent geopolitical developments in Europe. "Services sector has achieved the all-time high despite services like Tourism, Aviation, and Hospitality industry being severely affected due to the Covid-19 pandemic," Goyal added. Further, Goyal said that India has been able to exceed the overall export target of \$650 Billion due to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and we turn India into an export-focused economy. Goyal said, "If we have to make India a developed nation, we will have to increase our international engagement. Government has struck vital trade deals with the UAE and Australia towards this end, he said, adding more FTAs and Comprehensive Trade Agreements are in the works with the EU, UK, Canada, and Israel." "Starting from the 'whole of the Government' approach, today 'Whole of the Nation' has joined hands to make India emerge as a trusted partner at the international level, dedicating itself to turn into an economy that provides quality goods and services to the world," he said. Goyal said that India is now an international aligned economy and the world is our market today, not India.

Construction equipment major JCB opens new factory in Gujarat with 100-million-pound investment



The company, which started manufacturing operations in India in 1979 with its first factory in Ballabgarh near Delhi, currently has six factories in the country at locations including Jaipur and Pune.

JCB Chairman Lord Bamford said in its first year of full production, JCB India manufactured just 39 machines and “by next year will have made a total of half a million”.

“This country is now a major engineering power and being here has transformed our business. It has been a fabulous success, with so much more potential for growth. Such progress has only been possible by continued investment and the opening of our new Gujarat facility is an important step in growing our business here and around the world,” he said.

India has been JCB’s biggest market every year since 2007 and one in two of every construction machine sold in India today is made by JCB, the company said.

Commenting on the new unit, JCB India CEO and MD Deepak Shetty said, “This new facility will create around 1,200 direct jobs when complete and thousands more in the supply chain.” JCB India said its new plant will be a gender-diverse manufacturing facility employing 50 per cent women. The company has also set up a skills centre at the plant where young professionals will be trained to work on diverse job roles in manufacturing.

Ambassador's Outreaches

On April 8, 2022, Ambassador Srivastava met with 15 undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students from Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, India at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb. The meeting was hosted by the Vice-Dean for International and Inter-Institutional Cooperation, Prof Kristina Kljak & Head of the Office for International Relations Ms. Martina Šipek. Students will stay at the Faculty of Agriculture for a period of 6 weeks for the purpose of professional practice in the various departments. We hope for a successful student exchange that will strengthen the Indian-Croatian academic & youth-driven partnership.



Ambassador Srivastava participated at the photo exhibition on "Life and work of Fr. Ante Gabrić in India: Where Palm Trees bloom" through the eyes of photographer Mr. Zvonimir Atletić in Blato, Korčula. Read more: [LINK](#)



Ambassador Srivastava visited Metković, the birthplace of father Ante Gabrić. He was taken on a tour of the birthplace of Father Gabrić, who left a lasting mark due to his humanitarian work in India. Members of the Father Ante Gabrić Foundation Nada Gabrić Veraja and Igor Štimac, who is the coach of the Indian national football team since 2019, were also present.



Ambassador Srivastava participated in the humanitarian chess tournament "The Queen's Gambit in the Croatian way" with the participation of Mr. Ivo Josipović, the former President of Croatia and famous Croats in the fields of science, art, and sports. Read more: [LINK](#)



The Lecture on Glorifying International Mother Earth Day on the topic "From Velebit to Himalaya" was held with the participation of Ambassador Srivastava, Mr. Stipe Bozic, Alpinist, writer, photographer, cameraman, and filmmaker on the 6th of April.



The Zagreb-based AYUSH Cell's fortnightly Online Session "Ayurvedic Methods of parasites, toxins, and stress cleansing" was held on 27th April with the participation of Mr. Vladimir Maruševac, Ayurvedic expert, Ambassador Srivastava & Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec.



Embassy of India, Zagreb and the Himalayan School of Traditional Languages organized a lecture on the "Importance of pronouncing words correctly in Sanskrit" on the 26th March.



AYUSH CELL

The Zagreb based AYUSH Cell's fortnightly Online Session "Ayurvedic Detoxification - PANCHAKARMA" with the participation of Mr. Nebojša Rađenović, Mr spec phitopharmacy & dietotherapy, and Ayurvedic practitioner of Detox Istria, Ambassador Srivastava & Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec was held on the 7th April.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2022

Marking 75 years of India's independence with 75 yoga events in different parts of Croatia

With #IDY2022 inching closer, the world is gearing up for the global event as well. Here is a look at when people throughout Croatia can tune into the monumental event. The list will be updated closer to the month of June at the following link: [LINK](#)

Zagreb & central Croatia (10th-21st June)

GRABOŠTANI - HRVATSKA KOSTAJNICA - 10/6 - 10 am
Community Centre Graboštani, Graboštani 29 A, Bhakti Marga - Spoznaj Sebe

MAJUR HRVATSKA KOSTAJNICA - 10/6 - 10 am
Area of Old School Majur, Ulica Davorina Trstenjaka 29, Bhakti Marga - Spoznaj Sebe

HRVATSKA KOSTAJNICA - 11/6 - 3 pm
Park in the town centre, Trg kralja Tomislava 2b, Bhakti Marga - Spoznaj Sebe

ZAGREB - 11/6 - 11 am
park Bundek, Bhakti Marga - Spoznaj Sebe

Zagreb - 11/06
Dharma-yoga, Pavla Hatza 10 (2 kat), ISKCON & DHARMA YOGA

SAMOBOR - 12/6 - 6 pm
151 Samoborske brigade 2, YIDL Zagreb

JASTREBARSKO (TBC)

SISAK - 14/6 - 6 pm
Promenade along Kupa river, Bhakti Marga - Spoznaj Sebe

ZAGREB - 14/6 - 6 pm
Verbasana yoga studio, Galjufova 5, Kvatrič, Zagreb, Croatian Yoga Federation & VERBASANA

ZAPREŠIĆ - 18/6 - 10 am
Park Novi dvor, meadow in front of the castle, Yoga in Daily Life Zagreb

ZAGREB - 18/6 - 9 am
Park Maksimir, near the main stage, Yoga in Daily Life Zagreb, Practice of Bari Khatu Pranam

KARLOVAC - 19/6 - 10 am
Vrbaničev perivoj na platou Hotela Korana Srakovčić, Yoga in Daily Life Karlovac

ZAGREB 18/6
ISKCON

VELIKA GORICA - 21/6 - 6 pm
Park Franjo Tuđman, Yoga in Daily Life Zagreb

SOS CHILDREN VILLAGE LEKENIK
Croatian Yoga Federation

CENTRAL CELEBRATION OF IDY 2022

ZAGREB - 21/6 - 9 am
Tomislavač park, Embassy of India, Zagreb with Yoga partners

YOGA PARTNERS

Istria (3rd-19th June)

PULA - 3/6
MOHANJI HRVATSKA

LABIN - 18/6 - 7 pm
at the YIDL Peace Tree (behind Erste Bank), Yoga in Daily Life Labin

PULA - 19/6
Yoga in Daily Life Pula

NOVIGRAD - 19/6 - 10 am
Park of the Novigrad Diocese, YIDL Labin

UMAG 19/6
YIDL Labin

ROVINJ - 19/6 - 7 pm
Beach "Porton Biondi"

POREČ - 19.06 - 10 am
Gradska plaža Naftalin u Poreču, ISKCON

Pula (TBC)
HRVATSKI SAVEZ ZA YOGU & MAYURVEDA

ROVINJ (TBC)

VODNJAN (TBC)

PAZIN (TBC)

MOTOVUN (TBC)

BUZET (TBC)

MEDULIN (TBC)

ROVINJ (TBC)

Kvarner (4th-21st June)

PLATAK - 4/6 - 9 am & 11 am
Mountain resort Platak, Bhakti Marga - Spoznaj Sebe

KRK (KRK) - 19/6 - 10 am
Surya Yoga

RIJEKA - 21/6 - 8 am
"Culture hall Yoga in Daily Life", Spinčićeva 2, YIDL Rijeka

RIJEKA (TBC)

OPATIJA (TBC)

CRIKVENICA (TBC)

RAB (TBC)

MALI LOŠINJ (TBC)

SENJ (TBC)

SELCE (TBC)

LOVRAN (TBC)

KRK (TBC)

KRK (TBC)

NOVI VINODOLSKI (TBC)

Dalmatia (4th-21st June)

VIS - 4/06
Croatian Yoga Federation

ZADAR - 10/6 - 7am
Art of living

KORČULA - 11/6 - 10 am
Yoga Korčula "Balancá", Vrt Maksimilijana Vanke

DUBROVNIK - 12/6 - 10 am
Otok Lokrum

T M Centar Dubrovnik OK
Yoga, Elixir Vitae Studio, Umijeće Življenja, Ambient Croatia, Dubljoga, Free Boat

Dalmatia

SPLIT 18/6 - 9.30 am
Park Sustipan, YIDL Split

Croatian Yoga Federation

SPLIT 19/6 - 7 pm
Sustipan, Bhakti Marga - Spoznaj Sebe

ŠIBENIK - 19/6
10:00 am, 11 am, 7.30 am

1 - Wind Rose Water Sports Center - Hoteli Solaris 86 (Amadria Park)

2 - D-Resort Šibenik, Obala Jerka Šižgorića 1 (Amfiteatar)

DSR DIVINE YOGA STUDIO

METKOVIĆ (TBC)

BLATO, KORČULA (TBC)

MAKARSKA (TBC)

VRGORAC (TBC)

HVAR (TBC)

Croatian Yoga Federation

BRAČ (TBC)

Croatian Yoga Federation

Medimurje, Zagorje & Slavonia (2nd-21st June)

LUDBREG - 2/6 - 2pm (Yoga conf.)
CZKI Dragutin Novak, AYANA YOGA

OSIJEK 4/6 - 10am
Šetalište Kardinale Franje Šepera (kod zdenca) - Yoga center LOTOS

SLATINA - 4/6 - 10am
Šetalište Julija Burgera, Udruga AUM

VARAŽDIN - 5/6 - 6pm
Šareni slon yoga studio, Ivana Kukuljevića Sakcinskog 42 - Bhakti Marga

LUDBREG - 11/6

VARAŽDIN - 18/6 - 10am
Old Town, near Museum entrance, Yoga in Daily Life Varaždin

VUKOVAR - 19/6 - 10am
Adica Forest Park, YIDL

LUDBREG - 21/6

KRIŽEVCI (TBC)

KOPRIVNICA (TBC)

BJELOVAR (TBC)

SLAVONSKI BROD (TBC)

ČAKOVEC (TBC)

SUHOPOLJE (TBC)

Countdown to International day of Yoga 2022



IDY 2022
International Day of Yoga
Marking 75 years of India's independence with 75 yoga events in different parts of Croatia

Amb. Raj Kumar Srivastava
Ambassador of India to Croatia

Jadranko Mikleč
Yogacharya

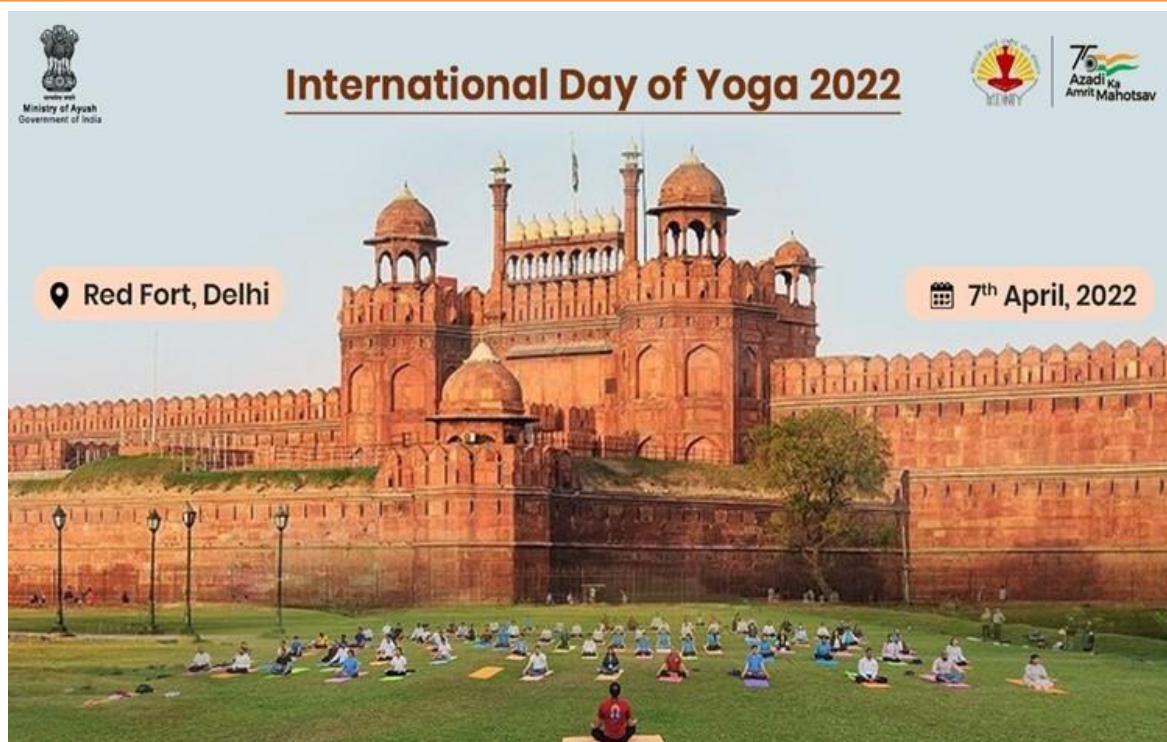
05.05.2022. from 16:00-17:00 (CET)
Zoom Webinar

Join the AYUSH CELL's online session on May 5 at 4 pm:

"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2022: Marking 75 years of India's independence with 75 yoga events in different parts of Croatia"

with participation of Ambassador Srivastava and Yogacharya Mikleč.

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On the Occasion of World Health Day celebrated on 7TH April, the Ministry of AYUSH organized Yoga Utsav - a health awareness program for the International Day of Yoga, at Red Fort. The Yoga Utsav has been organized before the International Yoga Day given the Union Government's initiative of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. "Yoga is our ancestral way of life. We have kept this Yoga exercise today before International Yoga Day about the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav,'" said the Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla. "Affordable, efficient, and reaching the grassroots, India's traditional systems of medicine are providing wellness and health benefits to millions, all over the world," he mentioned in the tweet. Sonowal also said, "The Utsav marks the onset of the countdown for 21 June (International Yoga Day). Every ministry on the occasion (21 June) would be celebrating the Yoga Divas at 75 iconic places of the country, marking Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav." The Union Minister of State for External Affairs of India Meenakshi Lekhi stated the message of the organized Yoga Utsav as "by realizing the importance to prevent ailments, the message is to encourage people to stay healthy and encourage them to stay indulged in preventive healthcare."

India was partner country for the first time of PLACE2GO International Tourism Fair: Opening of the Place2go International Tourism Fair

In the presence of H. E. Ms. Nikolina Brnjac, Tourism & Sports Minister of Croatia, and other dignitaries, the official opening of the Place2go International Tourism Fair took place on 8 April 2022 at Arena Zagreb with India as the partner country. Ambassador Srivastava highlighted the rapid developments that are taking place in New India as India celebrates 75 years of its independence – Amrit Mahotsav. He also mentioned that “A journey to India is usually a journey within oneself”, as acknowledged by many visitors to India including Croatian friends like Stipe Bozic, Goran Karan, and Igor Štimac.



Celebration of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav

India was partner country for the first time of PLACE2GO International Tourism Fair from 8-10 April in Arena Center, Zagreb.

Place2go, International Tourism Fair 2022 on 9th April brought the feel of India at Arena Zagreb with Talk Show, Saree Fashion Show, & Bollywood dance performances. You could get a glimpse of the Culture, Costumes, Cuisine, Cinema & Celebrations of India, which will prepare you for your next journey to India.



A Message of Friendship & an invitation from H. E. Kishan Reddy Gangapuram, Minister of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India welcoming our Croatian friends to visit India in the important year of 2022, when we celebrate together 30 years of our diplomatic relationship and 75 years of India's Independence - Amrit Mahotsav. Watch the video message at the following [LINK](#).



Celebration of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav

Comprehensive report on the celebrations of Indian-Croatian 30 years friendship in the City of Rijeka on 30 March 2022



Watch the full report: <https://youtu.be/RwdGAoB2PuQ>

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