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Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addresses the nation from the Red Fort on the 76th Independence Day

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi:

"One feels proud when there is freedom from dynasty and nepotism, and such results come along. My dear countrymen, there are many challenges no doubt. But if there are crores of problems before this country, then there are also crores of solutions and I have faith in 130 crore countrymen. When 130 crore countrymen take one step ahead with a set goal and the commitment to resolve, India moves 130 steps forward. We have to move forward with this capability. This is the first dawn of the 'Amrit Kaal' and we should not forget a single moment for the next 25 years. To live for the motherland each day, every moment of time and every particle of life will be our true tribute to the freedom fighters. Only then, the virtuous remembrance of all those who contributed in taking the country to this point in the last 75 years will be of use".

Watch the full speech at the following [LINK](#).



Glimpses from a memorable Independence Day program at the Red Fort

During the speech, the Prime Minister highlighted 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', and said the event is an opportunity to recall the contributions made by those who dedicated their lives to the country during the last 75 years.

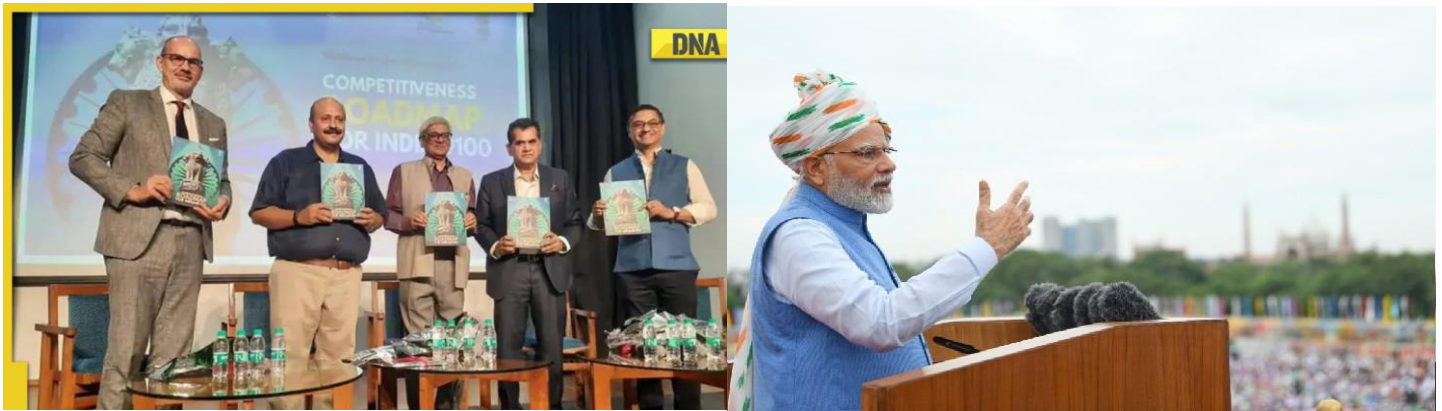


Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid out a development strategy for the next 25 years of India. The strategy, which he called 'Panchpran', includes five pledges for India's future.

PM Modi said India has to focus on five areas in the coming years. These include:

1. A developed India: The Prime Minister emphasised the need to move forward with bigger resolutions for a developed India. He said that initiatives like cleanliness campaigns, vaccination drives, electricity connection to 25 million people, stopping open defecation and focusing on renewable energy sources are being taken up to achieve this.
2. Freedom from the idea of servility: PM Modi also stressed on erasing all traces of servitude in order to change the people's mindset. According to Modi, the National Education Policy (NEP) is the way to get rid of the mentality of servility. He said, "We should be proud of every language of the country" and praised the rise of digital India. He also said start-ups are the result of the emerging power of the country.
3. Pride in heritage: In order to give solutions to the issues in the world, it is necessary to take pride in our own heritage, said the prime minister. He further said, "When we connect with our earth, only then will we fly high. Protection of the environment is hidden in our heritage."
4. Unity and solidarity: Prime Minister Modi said that unity and solidarity can be achieved by celebrating diversity. Respecting women, gender equality and respect for workers are part of celebrating diversity. He also spoke strongly against the discrimination against women and said citizens must strive to find a way out of this issue.
5. Fulfilling one's duty: As a part of the development strategy, PM Modi also emphasised the duty of the citizens towards the country. He said, "The duty of citizens paves the way for progress. This is the basic vital force." He added that it is not just the common man who must fulfill this duty but the union ministers, including the prime minister himself.

PM's Economic Advisory Council released Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100



The Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100 was released by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) on the 30th of August. The roadmap, which is a part of the India Competitiveness Initiative, was released in the presence of Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman, EAC-PM, Sanjeev Sanyal, Member, EAC-PM, and the members of the Stakeholders Group formed as part of the initiative. The roadmap is a collaborative endeavor between the EAC-PM and The Institute for Competitiveness and is developed by Dr. Amit Kapoor, Chair, Institute for Competitiveness, Professor Michael E. Porter, and Dr. Christian Ketels of Harvard Business School. It envisions setting new guiding principles for the country's growth journey over the following years and guiding different states, ministries, and partners in India's growth to develop sector-specific roadmaps for achieving targeted goals.

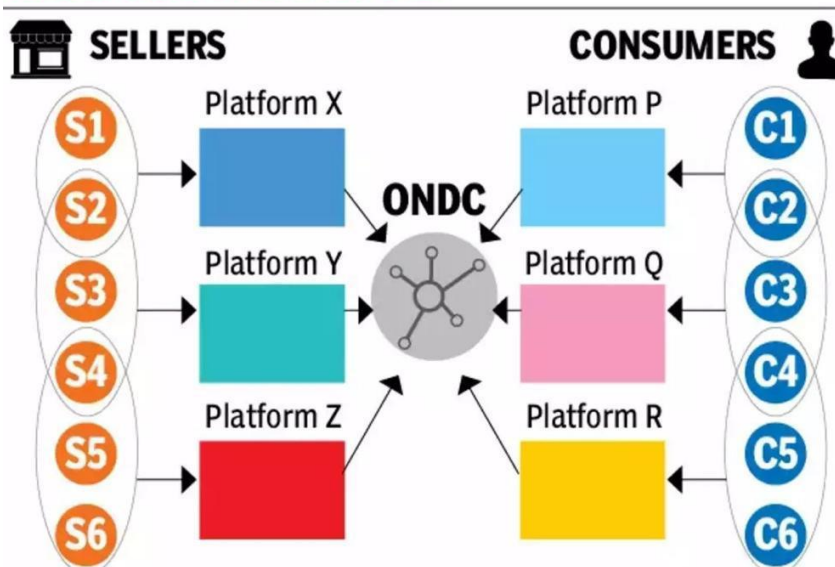
The Competitiveness roadmap for India@100 is based on the Competitiveness framework developed by Professor Michael E. Porter. The Competitiveness approach puts forth the idea of productivity as a driver of sustained prosperity. It emphasizes the context that a nation can provide firms with to be more productive and for individuals to be able to partake in the value generated through their productivity. Based on this approach, the India@100 roadmap guides the way for India to become a high-income country by 2047 through sector-specific and region-specific policies based on the '4 S' principles. The roadmap sets out to give new guiding principles that are based on clearly defined overall goals and the articulation of a new development approach embedded in integrating social and economic agendas. The '4 S' guiding principles redefine our approach to attaining prosperity by stressing the need for prosperity growth to be matched by social progress, to be shared across all regions within India, to be environmentally sustainable, and to be solid in the face of external shocks. By capturing these four important aspects, the '4 S' guiding principles pave the way for resilient and holistic development.

In his message, Professor Michael Porter mentioned, "The competitiveness framework underlying the roadmap offers a strategic perspective on how to translate the diagnostics on a country's competitiveness fundamentals into actionable insights. The solution does not lie in narrow interventions. What is needed to accelerate progress is a clear strategy enabling action to focus on key priority areas". Dr. Amit Kapoor shared the essence of the Competitiveness roadmap as he said, "The competitiveness approach must serve as the cornerstone of India's economic and social policy for us to be able to sustain long-term economic growth. The recommendations outlined in the roadmap factor in India's unique advantages and are based on a new set of guiding principles, policy goals, and an implementation architecture". The roadmap is a step in this direction. It offers a thorough diagnostic assessment of India's current competitiveness level, the primary challenges faced, and growth opportunities. Furthermore, setting out the pathway to becoming a high-income country, the roadmap suggests essential areas of action, including improving labor productivity and enhancing labor mobilization, boosting the creation of competitive job opportunities, and improving policy implementation through greater coordination across different ministries.

The roadmap was presented by Dr Christian Ketels, who highlighted the importance of building a complete understanding of India's strengths and its unique advantages, which can help enhance the country's overall national value proposition. He stated, "Understanding India's competitiveness challenges and opportunities also help gain insights into the challenges and opportunities that the world is facing. How India manages to address its major challenges will have a bearing on how the world tackles these challenges. India's performance matters". In the Keynote address on 'India- The Competitive Edge', Dr Bibek Debroy, Chairman, EAC-PM, mentioned, "If India's development trajectory has to emerge faster, higher, and stronger, both government policies and the enterprises and markets functioning in the environment set by the former, are of great significance". Adding emphasis to the importance of a renewed approach to development, Amitabh Kant, G20, Sherpa, stated, "In an ever-evolving global context, India is working towards presenting a sustained growth model based on ease of living for its people and ease of doing business for its industries. The emphasis is not just on attaining the ambitions set for India but also on how the country gets there. The roadmap provides directions guiding the process of attaining the set goals, and outlines the kind of principle changes required for the transformation we are working towards". The release also included a panel discussion among members of the stakeholder group constituted as part of the initiative. The panellists included Akshi Jindal, CEO, Barmalt Malting (India) Pvt. Ltd., Ashish Jhalani, MD, Square Panda, Gurcharan Das, Author, Hari Menon, Director, India Country Office, BMGF, Himanshu Jain, President, Indian Subcontinent, Diversey, Ravi Venkatesan, Chairman, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet, Sumant Sinha, Chairman & MD, ReNew Power. The discussion brought forth valuable insights pertinent to India's future growth trajectory. The Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100 provides the basis for a renewed approach to India's growth and development strategy. Moving ahead, the focus would be on developing KPIs and roadmaps for different industries, ministries, and states of the country to shape the journey towards reaching the country's ambitions by its centennial year. The change in approach to development in different sectors and states will not only shape policy actions today but also have an impact on the design and implementation of future policies.

The Next UPI: What is India's Open Network for Digital Commerce?

Transactions Across Platforms



ONDC, set up as a non-profit company is a network that lets sellers voluntarily display their products and services across all participating apps and platforms. Since this network uses open specifications and protocols and isn't tied down to any platform – it doesn't require buyers and sellers to use the same platform to complete a transaction. So long as the platforms are connected to this open network, buyers and sellers can transact irrespective of the applications they use. US firm Microsoft has become the first big tech company to ONDC. The software giant intends to introduce social e-commerce — group buying experience — in the Indian market, which would include a shopping app for Indian consumers along with their social circle, harnessing the ONDC network to discover the best pricing among retailers and sellers.

From the Global Media

‘Unprecedented urgency’ may have pushed India and the EU to revive trade talks after 9 years [\[BBC ARTICLE\]](#)



In a stunning turnaround, India and the European Union recently revived negotiations for a free trade agreement after talks halted nearly a decade ago — and observers say it could have been driven by “unprecedented urgency.” The next round of India-EU FTA talks will take place in Brussels in September. 52 technical sessions covering 18 policy areas of the free trade agreement and seven sessions on investment protection and GIs were held during the first round of talks. The deal is expected to double trade between India and the EU in the next five years, from an estimated \$115 billion in 2021, according to the Economic Intelligence Unit.

India’s Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis formally relaunched the negotiations in Brussels in June. “Both partners are now resuming the FTA talks after a gap of about nine years since the earlier negotiations were left off in 2013 due to difference in the scope and expectations from the deal,” India’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry said.

The deal, if concluded, would be one of the most significant trade agreements for India as the European Union is its second-largest trading partner after the U.S., according to India’s commerce ministry. It could lead to multiple benefits for both sides such as greater market access for businesses, helping lower tariffs, and easing the movements of goods and people for employment purposes.

The EU, which is India’s 10th largest trading partner, accounts for 2.1% of total trade in goods. Bilateral trade for services between them reached €30.4 billion (\$30.68 billion) in 2020, data from the European Commission showed. Merchandise trade between India and the EU hit an all-time high of \$116.36 billion in the financial year that ended in March — up 43.5% year-on-year, according to India’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry. India’s exports to the EU jumped 57% to \$65 billion for the full-year period, the ministry said.

Kashmiri Saffron: The Story of the World's Sweetest, Most Expensive Spice



STORY OF SAFFRON

Kashmiri saffron is known to provide a beautiful golden colour and pungent, aromatic flavour to food.

Amidst the towering snow-capped mountains of Pampore, Kashmir, lie fields covered in a blanket of purple crocus flowers. This is the flower that produces the precious spice known as saffron. Pampore, a small village located around 14 kilometres from the state capital, Srinagar, is known as the 'saffron capital of India', with more than 20,000 families associated with saffron cultivation.

The saffron produced in the region is of superior quality and can fetch as much as Rs 2,50,000 per kilogram in the market. The laborious task of cultivating saffron is what makes the spice so valuable.

The process begins with the villagers picking the delicate flowers and collecting them in wicker baskets. Each flower is then sorted according to its three parts — the petals, the yellow strands and the red strands. Pure saffron is derived from the red strands. More than 1,50,000 flowers are sifted and scanned for a kilogram of the crimson spice. After this, the strands are dried over a charcoal fire. Across India, this spice has many names — zafran in Urdu, kesar in Hindi, kong posh in Kashmiri and kungumapoo in Tamil. Alongside the multiple names it is known by, there are numerous accounts of how the spice came to India.

One such legend dates back to the 12th century, which says that while travelling through the country, two Sufi saints presented a local chieftain with a saffron bulb after he cured them of an illness. Another claims that the Persians brought it to the country from Iran in 500 B.C during their trades. A third dates the spice back to the Mughal Empire, and says the spice was used extensively in cooking.

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75th Anniversary of Independence Day

As we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence Day, let us rededicate our patriotic fervor toward nation-building! On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Independence Day, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was marked with the enthusiastic participation of 100 guests in the Flag Hoisting ceremony. Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava unfurled the National Flag and read out Rashtrapatiji's message, followed by patriotic cultural performances which included a poem and performance of a song Har Ghar Tiranga.

Watch the glimpses [here](#) & [here](#).



National Day Reception on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence Day

Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava hosted the National Day Reception on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Independence Day at Zagreb and highlighted India's Amrit Kaal's resolve for transforming India into a developed country in the next 25 years by following Pancha Prana as mentioned by Prime Minister from the Red Fort on 15 August 2022. Apart from the iconic Amrit Mahotsav events in Croatia, Amb also appreciated the recently published book on 30 years of Croatian-Indian links "Thirty Chapters for Thirty Years of Diplomatic Relations (1992-2022)". Among the 150 distinguished guests were the former President of Croatia H.E. Mr. Stjepan Mesić, Mayor of the City of Zagreb, H.E. Mr. Tomislav Tomašević, and Member of the Prime Minister's Scientific Advisory Board and the Professor Emeritus of the National Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat Dr. Dragan Primorac. The guests witnessed the Indian classical music performance by Sarod Maestro Arnab Bhattacharya along with Tabla player Rohen Bose.

Watch the glimpses of the function at the following [LINK](#).



Published book on 30 years of Croatian-Indian links "Thirty Chapters for Thirty Years of Diplomatic Relations (1992-2022)"

CROATIAN-INDIAN LINKS: Thirty Chapters for Thirty Years of Diplomatic Relations (1992 – 2022)

Edited by
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Preface

AMBASSADOR OF INDIA, H.E. RAJ KUMAR SRIVASTAVA



As we celebrate three decades of India and Croatia diplomatic relations, this collection of 30 essays are the perfect tribute to those who contributed in bringing the two countries closer.

The year 2022 is also an important year for India, as we celebrate 75 years of India's independence in the form of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM). We celebrate this important milestone as a process, and not as an event, to prepare ourselves for Independence 2.0, which aims to harness the opportunities that are ahead of us in the next 25 years, when as a young nation and as largest democracy, India has the chance to not only create human-centric growth for itself but also contribute globally for the same.

One of the pillars of these celebrations is to celebrate the unsung heroes of our freedom struggle. The 30 chapters in this book also, in a way, are to celebrate the unsung heroes and themes of India-Croatia relationship. I am sure the readers and the stake-holders of our bilateral relationship would get motivation and inspiration while reading these chapters about how we can strengthen our bilateral partnership further in diverse areas and create new chapters in our bilateral relationship. Some of those new chapters are already taking shape in the areas of innovation, traditional systems of healthcare, demographic complementarities and the 3 Ts – Technology, Tourism and Trade.

I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the academic and research output produced in preparation for this project by the Indology Department of the University of Zagreb and the wholehearted support provided to this effort by the Croatia-India Society and the different authors of these chapters. The Ministry of Culture, Government of Croatia has provided constant support to this project which began exactly one year back and saw the fruition well in time before the day of 30 years of establishment of diplomatic relationship between our two countries.

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Ambassador Srivastava interview for the newspaper Poslovni Dnevnik on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of India's independence

Raj Kumar Srivastava Veleposlanik Indije u Republici Hrvatskoj, o snažnom gospodarskom rastu svoje zemlje, ve likom potencijalu u poslovnim bilateralnim odnosima i prilikama za hrvatske tvrtke na velikom indijskom tržištu

Naši odnosi mogu samo rasti, potencijal su talenti, tehnologija, turizam i trgovina

Zdravstvo, ugostiteljstvo, građevinarstvo, poljoprivredu i školstvo prihvaćaju tehnologije vidimo kao podršku za veliki potencijal za jačanje naših bilateralnih gospodarskih angažmana s Hrvatskom

SRIVASTAVA

Indija od najunajmljivijih zemalja svijeta Indija prošla je u proteklim godinama 75. godišnjicu neovisnosti, od tadašnje kraljevske imperije britanske vladavine. U trenutku u kojemu se većina država, posebno razvijenih zapadnih, bori s ekonomskim stopama inflacije i s niskim stopama rasta, Indija nema ni problema. Način na stope inflacije umjerene (6,7% u srpnju) uz stope gospodarskog rasta koje su najviše u posljednjem desetljeću (7%) te najviše među azijskim zemljama. Sve ovo rezultira u kadi N.E. Raj Kumar Srivastava, veleposlanik Indije u Republici Hrvatskoj, u intervju za Poslovni Dnevnik, nezahvalno prevođenjem informacija.

Osim o situaciji u indijskoj ekonomiji i indijskim snovima veleposlanik razgovara o prilikama koje to ograničeno tržište može pružiti hrvatskim kompanijama te o interesu indijskih kompanija da uđu na hrvatsko tržište. A ona kade, raste. Također, ovaj indijski građevinarstva po struci viditi interes predaje tehnologiji i startup sceni pa smo ga pitali kako ocjenjuje hrvatski startup sektor.



Država velikih planova

Vladina podrška za održavanje rasta i viziju vrsne infrastrukture nastavit će se prilikom priprema za 25 godina katapultiranja Indije u ekonomiju više srednje klase

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Iznenaduje hrvatska poduzetnost

Svevi put kad pogledam grad u Hrvatskoj iznenadim se kad vidim poduzetničku aktivnost malih i srednjih poduzeća te mladih hrvatskih poduzetnika u stvaranju vrijednosti za društvo

Kakva je situacija s inflacijom u Indiji?

Pandemija i rat glasnici su čimbenici inflacijskog pritiska diljem svijeta. U posljednjih šest mjeseci zabilježeno je dvostruko povećanje inflacije u zemljama u razvoju, što je prilično neobičajno za globalnu ekonomiju. S obzirom na poslovanje Indije u različitim sektorima, Indija je u posljednjih šest mjeseci zabilježila inflaciju od 6,7%.

11,4% godišnja

Je li ova stopa iznad prosjeka, najviše zabilježena u Indiji, u posljednjih šest godina

Ambassador Srivastava in an interview for Poslovni.hr headlined "Our (Croatian-Indian) relations can only grow with the potential of 4T (Talent, Tourism, Technology, and Trade)" pointed out that as India celebrates its 75th Anniversary on the 15th of August this year, India is firmly placed with resolve to make its next 25 years' journey empowering its most important resource, that is, its people for inclusive growth, driven by innovation and technology.

"As we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of India's independence on 15th August this year, India is firmly placed with resolve to make its next 25 years' journey empowering its most important resource, that is, its people for inclusive growth, driven by innovation and technology. For much of the 2000 years of the common history of humanity, India was the largest economy contributing 1/3 of the global output, but after two centuries of colonial subjugation and economic exploitation under the British Empire, India's contribution to global GDP came down to mere 3% at the time of independence 75 years back. Today, after 75 years of independence, in purchasing power parity terms, India's contribution to political GDP stands at 8.7%. With a 17.3% population of the world, India needs, at least, to double its global GDP contribution in the next 25 years to create democratic equality of opportunities for its people and, thereby, contribute to global peace, stability, and prosperity. The journey ahead is likely to be on an exponential growth path, given the demographic dividend that India enjoys with the average age of its population being at 29 years."

Read the full interview <https://bit.ly/3CcDm1d>

NEWS ON INDIA

India had proven to be the “pharmacy of the world” that assisted several countries in the remotest parts of the globe during the Covid-19 pandemic's recovery phase, President UN General Assembly (PGA) and Foreign Minister of Maldives Abdulla Shahid highlighted during his two-day visit to the country. In a meeting with Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, he acknowledged the pivotal role played by India during the Covid-19 pandemic. Dhankhar congratulated him for his exemplary leadership of the UN General Assembly, especially in wake of the COVID19 pandemic and ongoing international conflicts, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

Pointing out that the success of Maruti-Suzuki signifies the strong India-Japan partnership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that relations between the two countries have reached new heights in the last eight years. Addressing a programme marking the commemoration of 40 years of Suzuki in India at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Prime Minister Modi said, “when it comes to this friendship, every Indian definitely remembers our friend, former Prime Minister Late Shinzo Abe.” During the event, Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stones of two key projects of the Suzuki group in India - the Suzuki Motor Gujarat Electric Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Facility at Hansalpur, Gujarat, and Maruti Suzuki’s upcoming vehicle manufacturing facility in Kharkhoda, Haryana.

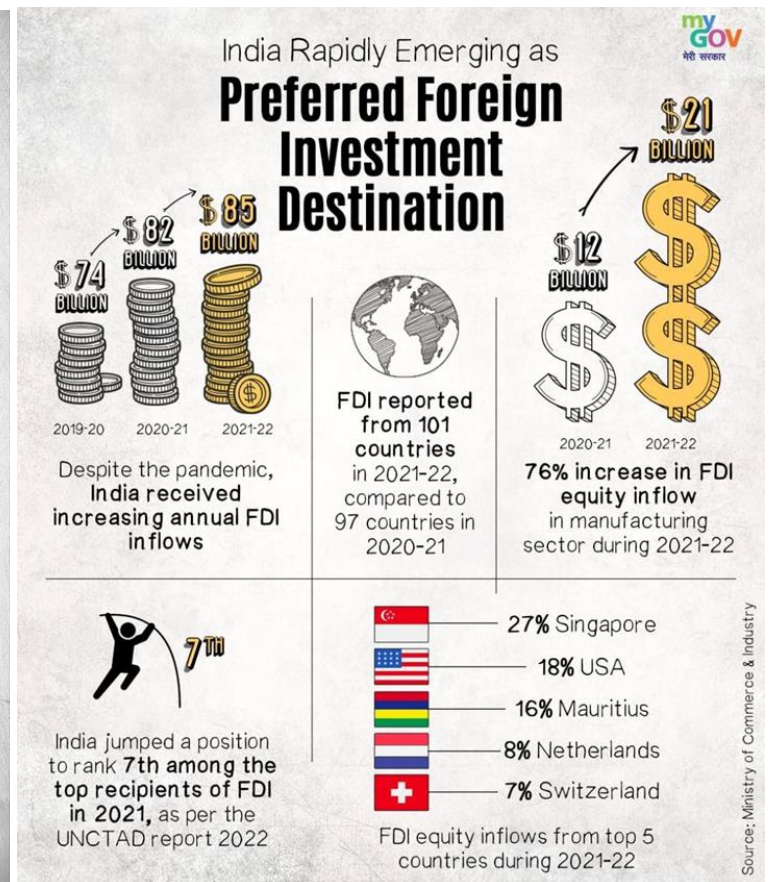
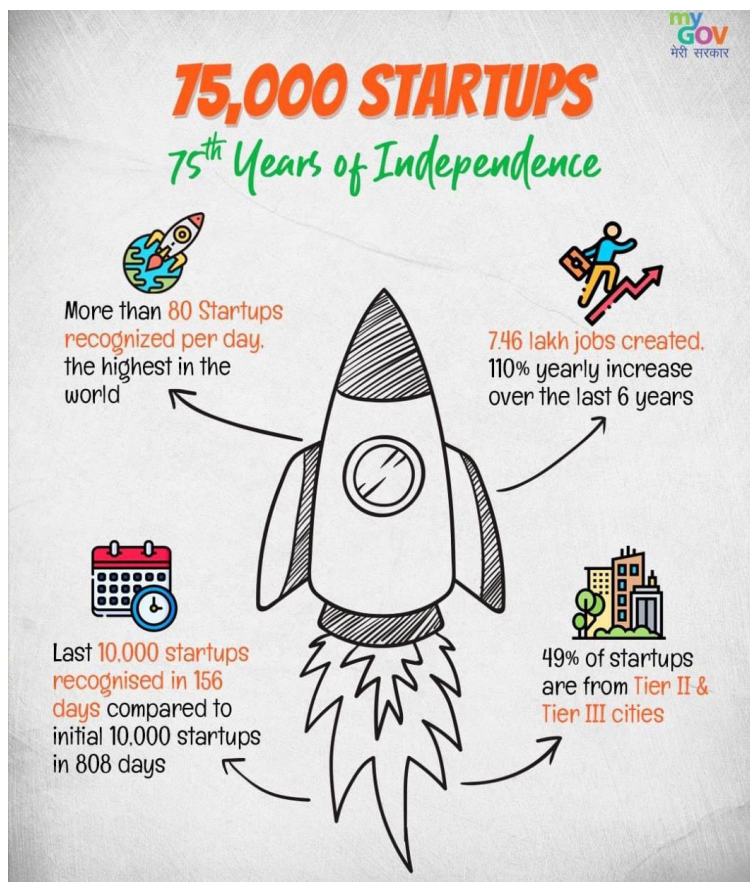
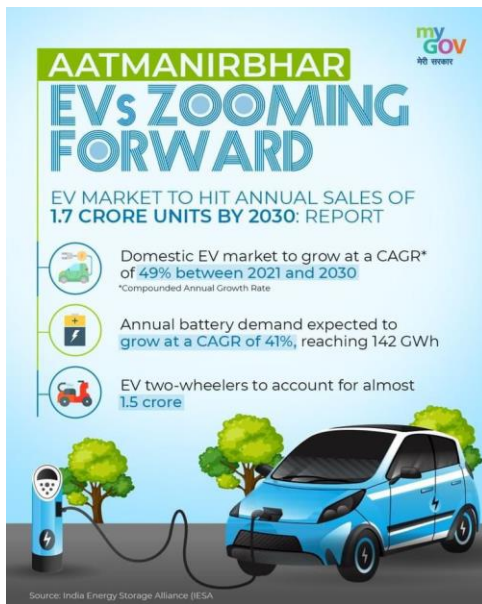
India plans to export \$23.56 billion in agricultural goods in 2022-23. India has set a goal of exporting \$23.56 billion worth of agricultural products in 2022-23, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a statement released on Sunday. APEDA, which is an export promotion organization for agricultural products of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has created an outreach strategy for the promotion of agricultural exports in order to reach the USD 23.56 billion export goal. Under this strategy, 300 events will be organized in the current year to increase exports. The APEDA also plans to raise awareness among the stakeholders in the food export industry by showcasing its impact on human beings through different digital platforms, including social media sites.

India-UK Free Trade Agreement: Teams working to finalise key features by October end. Negotiators from India and the United Kingdom are working towards wrapping up discussions on major issues for the proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by the end of October in keeping with a Diwali deadline. The two sides concluded the fifth round of talks for an India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on July 29. India and UK officials will continue to work intensively throughout the summer towards the target to conclude the majority of talks on a comprehensive and balanced Free Trade Agreement by the end of October 2022, India’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry said.

Developed countries keen to sign trade deals with India now, says Piyush Goyal India is one of the largest producers of cotton and asserting that the world now sees India as an engine of economic growth, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said that developed countries were very keen to sign trade deals. India enjoyed the confidence of the world today, Goyal stressed while addressing traders at the Vyapari Udyami Sammelan in New Delhi.



News from India in Infographics



Ambassador's outreaches

Ambassador Srivastava read the message from PM Narendra Modi on the occasion of Sri Krishna Janmashtami to the representatives of ISKCON Croatia (International Society for Krishna Consciousness).



The Zagreb-based Ministry of Ayush, Cell's fortnightly Online Session "Modern Science and Ancient Knowledge" with Denis Delogu, author of the book "In the Woods", Ambassador Srivastava & Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec was held on the 31st August.

A blue poster for an online session titled "MODERN SCIENCE AND ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE". It features a central text box with a quote: "A personal story about a journey from illness to the healing of the body and mind". Below this, there are three circular portraits: Denis Delogu (Project Manager/CEO), AMB. RAJ KUMAR SRIVASTAVA (Ambassador of India to Croatia), and JADRANKO MIKLEC (Yogacharya). The event is scheduled for 31.08.2022 at 16:00-17:00 (CEST) with Zoom Webinar ID: 485120876. Logos of the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, and the Embassy of India, Zagreb are at the top.

AYUSH CELL

In case you have missed watching the Zagreb-based AYUSH Cell's fortnightly Online Session "Understanding Essential Oils in terms of Ayurveda" with world expert Dr. Malte Hozzel, Founder of AHAM & Oshadhi, Ambassador Srivastava, and Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec, was held on the 10th August, you can find the recording at the following [link](#).

A purple poster for an online session titled "Understanding Essential Oils in terms of Ayurveda". It features three circular portraits: Dr. Malte Hozzel (Founder of AHAM AND OSHADHI), AMB. RAJ KUMAR SRIVASTAVA (Ambassador of India to Croatia), and JADRANKO MIKLEC (Yogacharya). The event is scheduled for 10.08.2022 at 16:00-17:00 (CEST) with Zoom Webinar ID: 485120876. Logos of the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, and the Embassy of India, Zagreb are at the top. The bottom of the poster shows several small vials containing different colored liquids, representing essential oils.

A blue poster for an online session titled "Modern Science and Ancient Knowledge" featuring Denis Delogu. It features a large portrait of Denis Delogu on the left. On the right, there is a list of bullet points describing his background and achievements. The event is scheduled for 31.08.2022 at 16:00-17:00 (CEST) with Zoom Webinar ID: 485120876. Logos of the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, and the Embassy of India, Zagreb are at the top.

From the Croatian Media

Awakening the Sleeping Giant: India is much more than yoga and Gandhi

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Indija je mnogo više od joga i Gandhija

Drugu najveću državu prema broju stanovnika i jednu od najvećih svjetskih ekonomija još uvijek se doživljava kroz nekoliko banalnih stereotipa na razini razglednice ili, gore, kao zaostalu zemlju trećeg svijeta. No, Indija je civilizacija za sebe i ekonomska sila u velikom zamahu koja nudi mnoge poslovne prilike voljnim zaviriti iza Bollywoda, joga, Gandhija, svetih krava i Taj Mahala

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INDIJA U BROJEVIMA

1. Sedma prema veličini zemlja svijeta, druga prema broju stanovnika
2. Čini je 28 država i osam saveznih teritorija koji se dalje dijele na distrikte
3. Svaka od tih jedinica ima svoje administrativno središte i vladu
4. Središnja je vlada u glavnom gradu New Delhiju, koji ima zaseban status
5. Godine 1947. Indija postaje neovisna

Aishwarya Rai. Priyanka Chopra. Bez obzira na to jeste li muškarac ili žena, ta ste imena teško mogli ignorirati. Dvije, prema mnogima, najljepše svjetske missice ikad stižu iz - Indije. Ukupno ih je ta zemlja iznjedrila šest.

Joga. Osim ortodoksnih vjernika (bez obzira na to koju vjeru prakticiraju) gotovo nema Zemljanina koji nije zavirio u svijet najtarnije vjerske discipline, danas obožavane u svakom zalutalom globusu.

I, da, tu je i Mahatma Gandhi, čovjek koji je 1947. Indiju izveo iz kolonijalizma i uveo je u svijet slobode i demokracije. Neuslono.

I to bi za većinu, kada je o Indiji na prvu riječ, bilo - to. Okej, ima tu još ponešto indijske kuhinje s mirisanim začinima, životinjske egzotike, hiperprodukcije bolivrudske filmske produkcije, svetih krava, golemog jaza između bogatih i onih na dnu, bez veze s tim, srednjeg sloja. Ali, ekonomije i geopolitike teško. Pa, pogrešno!

Zemlja u naponu snage

Osim što će iduće godine prema svim predviđanjima preteći Kinu u broju stanovnika, prosječno starih 27 godina, dakle, u naponu fizičke i kreativne snage, Indija grabi svoj dio kolača i u geopolitici. Jer, dobre su joj karte pale u ruke. - U ratu svjetova koji nam se upravo odvija pred očima ključno je pitanje kako će se svrstati Indija. Rusija i Kina protiv su SAD-a i on se silno trudi da drugu najmnogoljudniju zemlju privuče Zapadu. Indija je, doduše, duhovno blizu Kini, ali imaju dosta otvorenih vojnih i sigurnosnih pitanja. No, činjenica je da će svijet i kapital nakon Kine, kojoj pripada 21. stoljeće, krenuti u Indiju, tek potom u Afriku. Prednost joj je engleski jezik, tek službeni, a i procjene su ekonomskoga rasta na strani Indije, ona će idućih godina rasti više od šest posto, Kina oko četiri do pet posto - uvjerava ekonomist Ljubo Jurčić.

No, Kristijan Kotarski s Fakulteta političkih znanosti ne glorificira toliko ulogu te zemlje, prije svega onu ekonomsku. - Indija je važan dio QUAD-a (Kvadrilateralnog sigurnosnog dijaloga, koji čine SAD, Japan, Indija i Australija), kojemu je cilj biti protuteža rastućem utjecaju Kine u Indijsko-pacifičkoj regiji. Najveća je prijetnja Indiji ipak njezin susjed Pakistan, koji uživa veliku vojnu, političku i ekonomsku podršku Kine, a nakon toga Kina, s kojom Indija ima niz otvorenih graničnih pitanja. Dugoročno, interesi Indije više konvergiraju sa Zapadom nego s blokom država koje dijele autoritarni model upravljanja. No, svjesna svoje strateške uloge, Indija vidi povećani manevrski prostor koji je stvorila ruka agresija na Ukrajinu. Stoga se treba čuditi da uz diskont kupuje ogromne količine ruske nafte i umjetnih gnojiva kako bi lakše održala ekonomsku stabilnost u zemlji s ogromnim postotkom mlade populacije. Do sada je Indija kupovala dosta vojne opreme od Rusa, ali sada je Rusija sve manje atraktivan partner jer je pod sankcijama i nedostaje

„The most beautiful miss world winners in the world come from India. Yoga, a worshiped physical discipline, was born in that country. Of course, also Mahatma Gandhi, the man who led India out of colonialism in 1947 and introduced India to the world of freedom and democracy with the Non-violent movement. And for most, when they first hear about India, it would be - that. Okay, there is also some Indian cuisine with fragrant spices, exotic animals, hyperproduction of Bollywood film production, holy cows, a huge gap between the rich and those at the bottom, without connective tissue, the middle class. But economics and geopolitics are difficult. Well, wrong! Apart from the fact that next year, according to all predictions, it will threaten China in terms of the number of inhabitants, who are on average 27 years old, therefore, in the tension of physical and creative strength, India is also grabbing its share of the cake in geopolitics. Because the good cards fell into their hands.“

Glimpses from the article which was published in the July edition special editorial publication on India in the LIDER Magazine can be observed at the following [link](#).

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence Day, Sarod Maestro Arnab Bhattacharya & Tabla player Rohen Bose enthralled the audiences at Dubrovnik Summer Festival & Split Summer festival



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CULTURE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE

Arnab Bhattacharya and Rohen Bose presented Indian classical music

Read the media publication in Dubrovački vjesnik about the performance of Arnab Bhattacharya along with Tabla player Rohen Bose at Dubrovnik Summer Festival on the 14th August at the following [link](#).



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

An evening of Indian classical music on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence Day, by Sarod Maestro Arnab Bhattacharya along with Tabla player Rohen Bose was held at the Ludbreg Castle. The event was attended by the Mayor of Ludbreg, Mr. Dubravko Bilić, and Ambassador Srivastava.



Watch the full performance at the following [link](#).



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