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# Newsletter



## India-Croatia Foreign Office Consultations

On 4th November, the India-Croatia Foreign Office Consultations were held in Zagreb, led by the Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Shri Sanjay Verma & Director General for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Mr. Petar Mihatov. The Indian delegation consisted of Shri Arun Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (Central Europe), Ambassador of India to Croatia, Mr Raj Kumar Srivastava & Shri Hermant Kumar Pandey SS (Pol, Com & Cons) who were received by the State Secretary for Political Affairs Mr Frano Matušić for a working lunch before the formal consultations, in which both sides carried out a comprehensive review of the existing bilateral relations, including strengthening of cooperation in trade and economic relations, defence and maritime, science & technology, innovation, research & development, higher education, tourism, culture, and P2P ties. Read more about the Foreign Office Consultations at the following links: <https://tinyurl.com/mr42yfmw> & <https://tinyurl.com/2vxjny8r>



## G20 India Logo | One Earth. One Family. One Future

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the logo, theme and website of India's G20 Presidency. Guided by the vision of the Prime Minister, the foreign policy of India has been evolving to undertake leadership roles on the global stage. In a significant step in this direction, India will assume G20 Presidency on 1st December 2022. The G20 Presidency offers a unique opportunity for India to contribute to the global agenda on pressing issues of international importance. The logo, theme and website of our G20 Presidency would reflect India's message and overarching priorities to the world. G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation representing around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population. During the course of its G20 Presidency, India will be holding about 200 meetings in 32 different sectors in multiple locations across India. The G20 Summit to be held next year would be one of the highest-profile international gatherings to be hosted by India. [LINK](#).



The Presidency of G20 has arrived as a big opportunity for us. We have to make full use of this opportunity and focus on global good. #MannKiBaat



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ONE EARTH • ONE FAMILY • ONE FUTURE



**India will assume the G20 Presidency from Dec 1, 2022. India's agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, decisive and action-oriented.**

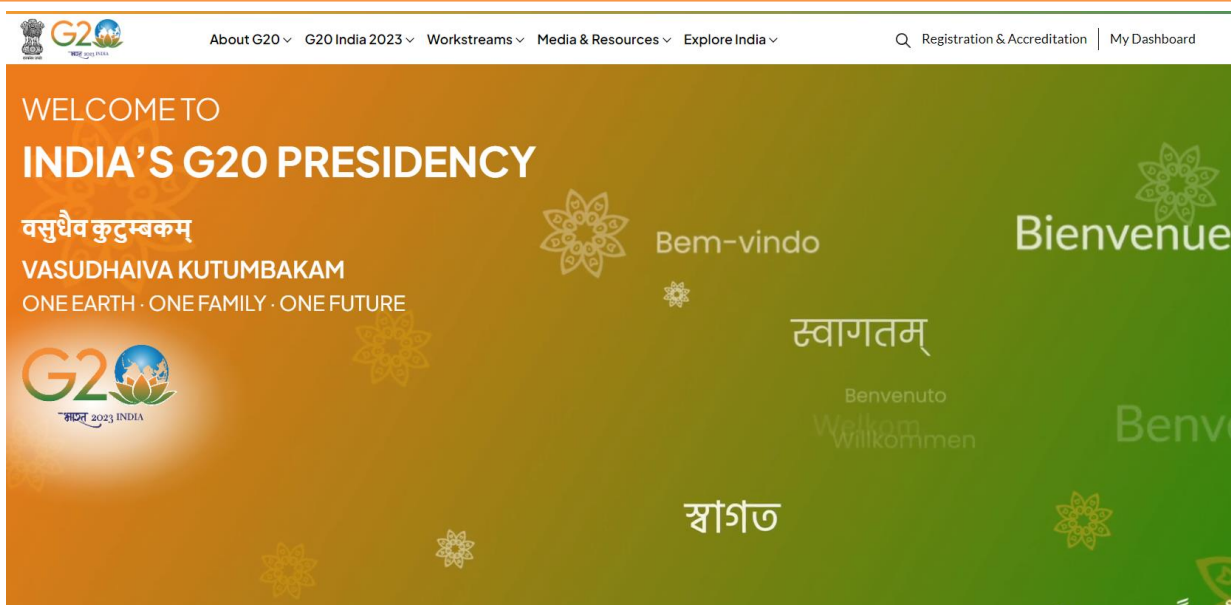
**We will work to realize all aspects of our vision of “One Earth, One Family, One Future”.**

The G20 Logo draws inspiration from the vibrant colours of India's national flag – saffron, white and green, and blue. It juxtaposes planet Earth with the lotus, India's national flower that reflects growth amid challenges. The Earth reflects India's pro-planet approach to life, one in perfect harmony with nature. Below the G20 logo is “Bharat”, written in the Devanagari script. The theme of India's G20 Presidency - “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” or “One Earth · One Family · One Future” - is drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad. Essentially, the theme affirms the value of all life – human, animal, plant, and microorganisms – and their interconnectedness on the planet Earth and in the wider universe. The theme also spotlights LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), with its associated, environmentally sustainable and responsible choices, both at the level of individual lifestyles as well as national development, leading to globally transformative actions resulting in a cleaner, greener and bluer future. The logo and the theme together convey a powerful message of India's G20 Presidency, which is of striving for just and equitable growth for all in the world, as we navigate through these turbulent times, in a sustainable, holistic, responsible, and inclusive manner. They represent a uniquely Indian approach to our G20 Presidency, of living in harmony with the surrounding ecosystem. For India, the G20 Presidency also marks the beginning of “Amritkaal”, the 25-year period beginning from the 75th anniversary of its independence on 15 August 2022, leading up to the centenary of its independence, towards a futuristic, prosperous, inclusive and developed society, distinguished by a human-centric approach at its core.

**New Delhi Summit**

The 18th G20 Heads of State and Government Summit will take place on 9-10 September 2023 in New Delhi. The Summit will be a culmination of all the G20 processes and meetings held throughout the year among ministers, senior officials, and civil societies. A G20 Leaders' Declaration will be adopted at the conclusion of the New Delhi Summit, stating Leaders' commitment towards the priorities discussed and agreed upon during the respective ministerial and working group meetings.

Find out more at the following [link](#).



## India takes charge on the world stage

**As India takes over the reins at G20, inclusivity and cooperation are at the core of its mission, as indicated clearly by the symbolism behind its new logo. 2023 will be a watershed year for India in global policymaking**

In a historic moment, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi unveiled the logo, theme, and website of India's Group of 20 (G20) presidency on Tuesday. The vision and objectives he outlined for India and the world have raised the already massive expectations from the presidency and further entrenched India as an architect of the global agenda. India's assumption of the G20 presidency is consonant with the PM's mission of undertaking leadership roles on the international stage that will allow the nation to steer change, engineer sustainability, champion the causes of emerging economies and advance growth. With PM Modi framing India's imminent interventions at the G20 within the ethos of *vasudhaiva kutumbakam* (the world is one family), there is every indication that the qualities of inclusiveness and cooperation for the common good will prevail. Major Indian climate initiatives have recently been set into motion with the invocation of *Mata bhumiya putroham prithiviyah*, signifying that the earth is our mother, and we are her children. Similarly, the names of initiatives, such as the One Sun, One World, One Grid programme that India will build upon with partners at G20, reflect a spirit of unity and a shared future. As the PM observed while unveiling the G20 logo, the lotus represents shared knowledge, prosperity, and hope. These ideas stem from India's tradition of building consensus through dialogue. The very colours of the Indian flag on the logo assume a certain symbolic significance. Saffron has traditionally been associated with strength and courage, and these qualities are amply borne out by India's pragmatic, bold stand on climate action. The PM has set about dismantling the West's hollow and fitful climate commitments. His newly launched mission, LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), aims to promote sustainable and healthy lifestyles. It will democratise efforts to tackle the climate crisis, going beyond policymaking and encouraging every individual to contribute to the climate response. PM Modi has become perhaps the first political leader to state upfront and honestly that climate action will require lifestyle changes and sacrifices. Hitherto, heads of government across the world, particularly in the West, have provided glib assurances of zero lifestyle and consumption compromises while still promising to fight the climate crisis. For that courageous mindset change alone, India's G20 leadership provides hope. The green of the Indian Tricolour symbolises the fertility of the land and the richness of its biodiversity. Equally, it appears to reflect the seriousness with which India has approached its green commitments. India's annual per capita carbon footprint is well under 2 tonnes, about a fourth of China's and one-eighth of that of the United States. Nonetheless, the country pledged ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions, committing to reduce the emissions intensity of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 45% from 2005 levels by 2030, and, by the same year, install around 50% of electric power from energy resources that are not fossil-fuel-based. Even as much of the global discourse around climate response continues to focus on mitigation, India's G20 presidency will allow it to push the adaptation agenda. This will be especially important for developing nations as they struggle to adapt to emissions already released by industrially advanced countries. India must continue to counter the tendency of developed nations to hold their less advanced counterpart's captive to their caprices. Climate justice and equity must become the norm. Reimagine the blue chakra (wheel) at the heart of the Tricolour as a blue earth in silhouette. The World Economic Forum has argued that G20 must promote a sustainable blue economy. Oceans, coasts, and the resources they harbour could act as engines of economic growth. G20 nations — which make up 45% of the world's coastline and 21% of its exclusive economic zones — are extraordinarily well placed to foster blue development. As India leads the G20, its farsightedness about the blue economy could prove exemplary. India is finalising its national policy on the blue economy, a holistic plan to optimise all maritime sectors and develop coastal areas sustainably. Once ready, the policy could well serve as a model for other G20 nations. Finally, India's G20 presidency comes at a moment when the country is well on track to become a \$5-trillion economy, despite the multiple challenges to growth caused by the pandemic. Technology is working for and with citizens to unleash unprecedented value and entrepreneurial potential. The resulting model is uniquely Indian. Not only has the nation emerged as the world's first and largest truly digital democracy, but it is also catalysing the evolution of digital public goods, and citizens are producing value using them. Digital payments in India could reach \$10 trillion by 2026, and the country's digital economy alone is expected to cross \$800 billion by 2030. Boosting the global digital economy has been a core G20 objective. Helmed by India, the group will be able to draw on a wealth of cross-sectoral experience, technical expertise, and innovations that can be applied at scale. Driven by political will, spurred by technological breakthroughs, and fuelled by an unusual optimism, 2023 will be a watershed year for India. There could not be a more consequential time to lead the comity of influential nations.

*Author: Samir Saran, President of the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), India's premier think tank.*

*The article was originally published in [Hindustan Times](#).*

## India To Promote Digital Public Infrastructure



Image tweeted by @amitabhk87



G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant has said that the long-term low-emission development strategy by India for achieving the climate goals and the need for sustainable production, emphasizing Sustainable Development Goals highlights that the country looks at alternative paradigms of production and consumption to achieve sustainable material and wellbeing of society. here is a geopolitical crisis in Europe, 200 million people have gone below poverty line and 100 million people have lost jobs due to COVID era, he said while speaking on the topic 'India's Digital Way: The Road to G20 and Beyond'. "There is a huge crisis of global debt. Almost 70 countries in the world are facing a debt crisis. We have the challenge of a global supply chain which is disrupted. You have the challenge of climate action," Amitabh Kant said. "But every crisis is also an opportunity. And to my mind, this is a huge opportunity for India," he said. "At G20 we will all work with countries and in partnership with them towards promoting digital public infrastructure so that we can deepen financial inclusion, we can improve efficiency of service delivery, we can lead to better women's growth, we can solve challenges of the world by leveraging technology," Kant said.



India will at the upcoming G20 meeting plans to pitch for a global alliance on biofuels on lines of the highly-successful international solar alliance, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Tuesday. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was conceived as a coalition of solar resource-rich countries to address their special energy needs and was launched on November 30, 2015 by India and France to implement the Paris Agreement. India, the world's third largest oil-consuming and importing nation, is now pushing for greater use of biofuels extracted from sugarcane, cereals and agri waste as a means to cut reliance on crude oil. "We will utilise our G20 presidency to try and set up an international biofuel alliance like the International Solar Alliance," Puri said KPMG's ENRich 2022 conference.



**Invest India, the country's investment promotion agency, is going all guns blazing to fulfil the prime minister's vision of propelling India into the next decade**

BusinessToday.In

## MODI'S UNICORN



*By: Rajat Mishra and Anand Adhikari. Read the full article at the following [link](#).*

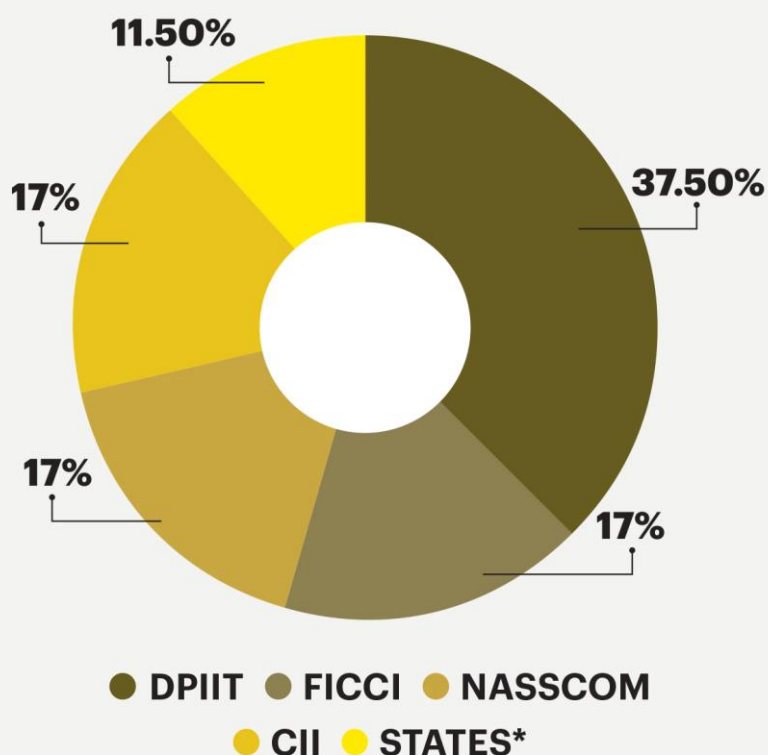
A few years ago, the CEO of a multinational company (MNC) flew down to experience India's 'friendly' business climate. The honcho ended up standing for hours at the jam-packed immigration desk at the airport. Some months later, when the CEO visited Vietnam, another competing destination for foreign investors, the President of the South-East Asian country rushed to the airport to welcome him. These are small, soft things; yet they matter. Things seem to be changing after Invest India, the country's investment promotion agency (IPA) which is a one-stop shop for foreign investors, was set up and empowered. Recently, the Invest India team went to receive a global CEO where the aircraft touched down. It's another story that the team had to speak to multiple departments to get clearances. "Costs are similar worldwide, [but] the investment decision in any country also depends on softer issues," says Deepak Bagla, MD & CEO of Invest India, sitting in his first-floor office at Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan. This quasi-government organisation, nestled in Delhi's posh Lutyens area, is fast emerging as the biggest driver for foreign investment. "We are good at joining the dots in a jigsaw puzzle," says Bagla, who knows a thing or two about investors' psyche, having worked for marquee names like the World Bank and Citibank. India had record FDI inflows of \$84.83 billion in FY22 (3.5 per cent higher than in FY21), despite the Covid-19 outbreak. Although China receives more than \$180 billion annually, India's current FDI run rate has more than doubled compared to a decade ago. "In the last few years, Invest India alone has been instrumental in getting investments worth Rs 3 lakh crore (\$33 billion) and is now working on getting in a total of Rs 16 lakh crore (\$196 billion) worth of investment. We have helped create 450,000 jobs, supported 81,000-plus start-ups, solved 300,000-plus queries from 174 countries, and facilitated 1,323 investment projects," rattles off Priya Rawat, Invest India's COO. This activity was propelled by the government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A year after taking over as PM, Modi had famously said: "The industry of red tape thrives on doubt, while the road with a red carpet is built on trust." In a sense, Invest India is Modi's very own unicorn. "To change red tape into red carpet, to hand-hold investors, to ease the investor journey, to facilitate investment and to be a one-stop shop, Invest India has done an excellent job towards the Hon'ble PM's vision of making India the most preferred investment destination in the world," says A.K. Sharma, who had worked closely with Modi in Gujarat (when Modi was chief minister between 2001 and 2014) and is currently Energy Minister in the Uttar Pradesh government.

FDI inflows exceeded \$22 billion in Q1FY23, which, at the present rate, would bring the year's total to \$90 billion. When Invest India won the 2020 UN Investment Promotion Award, Modi wrote, "Over the last few years, India has received record FDI and created millions of jobs. It is in this journey that Invest India, the start-up of the Government of India, has played a crucial role in unleashing the country's talent, creativity, and zeal." A recent EY-CII report talks about India's potential to attract FDI inflows of \$475 billion in the next five years. What's making investors line up is a clear road map of India's ambitions. "The Indian economy will reach tenfold in the next 25 years, by 2047. With political stability, high competitiveness, collective efforts and a developing economic system, India will become an economic force in the world to reckon with," Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in Andhra Pradesh recently. Around a month ago, India displaced the UK as the world's fifth-largest economy. The timely production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme with an outlay of Rs 2 lakh crore (\$24.30 billion) in sectors like consumer electronics, auto, and pharma is attracting global multinationals like Dell, Dixon, Foxconn and Flex, among others. India is now being increasingly discussed in global boardrooms as a 'China plus 1' option. With 411 employees, most of whom are young women, Invest India addresses every minute detail of investment. Founded in 2009 as a 49:51 joint venture between the central government and industry association Ficci, not much happened for the first seven years. "There was a small room within Ficci with not enough space to have meetings with investors," says a person in the know. In fact, when professional CEO Bagla landed in February 2015, he had to do team meetings in a coffee shop near Delhi's Bengali Market.

## BREAKING STEREOTYPES

Since non-government entities together hold a majority stake in Invest India, it offers flexibility in operations

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**DPIIT** DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE

**FICCI** FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

**NASSCOM** NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOFTWARE AND SERVICE COMPANIES

**CII** CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN INDUSTRY

\*23 STATES OWN 11.5 PER CENT

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## Startup India Innovation Summit 2023

The Croatian Agency for Small Business, Innovation and Investments (HAMAG-BICRO) and Startup India, with the support of the Embassy of India in Zagreb to strengthen international cooperation and the innovation environment, India and Croatia established the [India-Croatia Startup Bridge](#), an initiative that enables startups, investors, incubators, corporations and entrepreneurs of both countries stronger connection, business expansion and positioning on the global market.

The largest startup event in India will be held in **January 2023**, organized by [StartupIndia](#) and [Invest India](#) with the support of the [Embassy of India, Zagreb, Croatia](#).

Globally, the rise of the startup revolution is celebrated through various international events held in different parts of the world. To celebrate the spirit of entrepreneurship while celebrating 75 years of India's independence, India's **largest startup event - Startup India International Summit** - will be held.

The **Startup India Innovation Summit 2023**, is planned to consolidate India's place among the leading startup destinations in the world.

### Startup India Innovation Summit 2023.

- **Gathering method:** physical
- **Number of days :** 3-4 days
- **Tentative date:** January 10-20, 2023.
- **Location:** to be decided later (India)

**Potential Audience:** More than 10,000 participants including Indian missions abroad, global innovation agencies, high-potential startup companies (unicorns and soon-to-be unicorns), government officials and delegations, school and college students (aspiring entrepreneurs), incubators and accelerators, business leaders and corporations, industry associations, VC/PE firms, Angel Investors and HNIs.

The Summit is expected to witness global participation from startups, innovators, venture capitalists, angel investors, enterprises, incubators, accelerators, academic institutions and government stakeholders.

In addition, the summit is expected to stimulate domestic discourse on new technologies and enterprises so that the public can participate and experience the thought leadership that India has achieved in the innovation ecosystem over the past few years.

Opportunities for the **Croatian startup ecosystem, startups and entrepreneurs:**

- Croatian startup showcase: **10 - 25 mature-stage startups looking for global opportunities with a plausible product/service can be presented at the event**
- A physical **stand with digital screens to display the product/service/customer journey/etc.**
- **Opportunity to present products/services to investors**, special booths for mentoring and capacity building
- Opportunities to **gain knowledge and network** through a diverse set of startups and ecosystem managers
- **Specialized sessions can be arranged**
- The round table for investors planned under the **Croatia International Bridge** can be tentatively announced, and all other key announcements related to startups (related to India) can also be made.
- Partners of the Croatian Startup Ecosystem and corporate partners can be invited to attend the event
- All key delegates/officials may be invited to the event

One of the sectors of interest is the gaming sector. More details are [here](#).

**If you want to present yourself and your innovation to the world and network with stakeholders in the global ecosystem, this is the perfect opportunity for you!**

**You can register your interest in participating in the Startup India Innovation Summit in January 2023 in India by filling out the [online Form](#) so that we can inform you about the details of participation!!**



## SPORT NEWS: India Won 25 out of 28 Golds at the 15th Asian Airgun Championships

In Shooting, a dominant India ended their campaign at the 15th Asian Airgun Championships in South Korea with a rich haul of 25 gold medals, including the two available on the final day yesterday. Indian Pair of Manu Bhaker and Samrat Rana won the 10-meter Junior Air Pistol Mixed Team event.

**MANIKA BATRA CREATES HISTORY BY BECOMING THE FIRST EVER INDIAN FEMALE PADDLER TO WIN A MEDAL AT ITTF-ATTU ASIAN CUP TOURNAMENT**



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**INDIA WIN 25 OUT OF 28 GOLD MEDALS AT ASIAN AIRGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS**



Manika Batra became the first woman to win a medal at the Asia Cup Table Tennis Tournament by defeating sixth-best player Hina Hayata of Japan. She defeated Hina Hayata, who is a three-time champion for a 4-2 score, and grabbed the bronze medal.

### YOUTH BOXING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 MEDAL STANDINGS

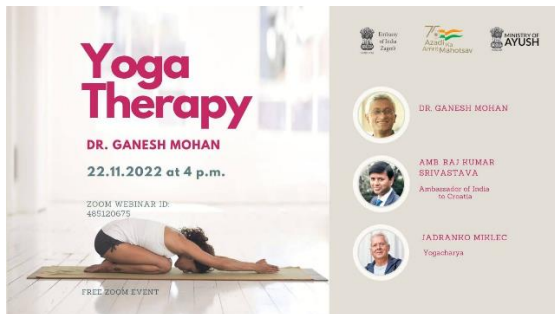
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1	UZBEKISTAN	5	3	2	10
2	INDIA	4	3	4	11
3	ENGLAND	2	2	3	7
4	KAZAKHSTAN	2	2	3	7
5	UKRAINE	2	2	1	5
6	CUBA	2	1	3	6
7	NETHERLANDS	1	1	1	3
8	MEXICO	1	1	0	2
9	IRELAND	1	0	5	6
10	UNITED STATES	1	0	3	4

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Indian boxers Vishwanath Suresh, Vanshaj, and Devika Ghorpade lived up to their favorites tag, registering commanding victories to clinch gold medals at the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022 in La Nucia, Spain. Chennai-born Vishwanath handed India their first gold at the prestigious championships after thrashing Ronel Suyom of Philippines without breaking a sweat in the men's 48kg final. This came after Bhawna Sharma bagged a silver medal in the women's 48kg category, losing 0-5 loss against Uzbekistan's Gulsevar Ganieva in the opening match of the day. Ashish (54kg) was the other Indian to finish with a silver medal. He went down 1-4 against Japanese pugilist Yuta Sakai in a thrilling final. Devika, who hails from Pune, added a second gold to India's tally, beating England's Lauren Mackie in the women's 52kg final. Youth Asian champion Vanshaj wrapped up the day in style for India by winning a third gold The confident Sonipat-based boxer made light work of Demur Kajaia of Georgia in the men's 63.5kg summit clash.

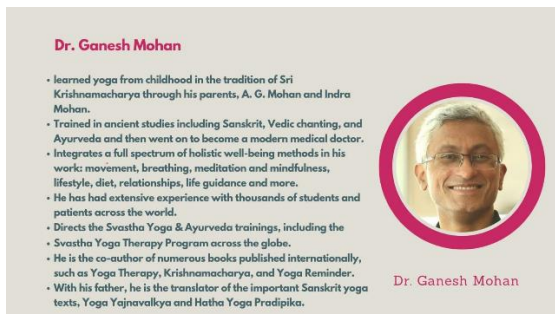
## Ambassador's outreaches

Ambassador Srivastava participated in the Zagreb-based AYUSH Cell Online Session: "Yoga Therapy" with dr. Ganesh Mohan, co-author of Yoga Therapy, Krishnamacharya, and Yoga Reminder, and Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec on Tuesday, 22nd November 2022.



**Yoga Therapy**  
DR. GANESH MOHAN  
22.11.2022 at 4 p.m.  
ZOOM WEBINAR ID: 485120675  
FREE ROOM EVENT

DR. GANESH MOHAN  
AMB. RAJ KUMAR SRIVASTAVA  
JADRANKO MIKLEC



**Dr. Ganesh Mohan**

- learned yoga from childhood in the tradition of Sri Krishnamacharya through his parents, A. G. Mohan and Indra Mohan.
- Trained in ancient studies including Sanskrit, Vedic chanting, and Ayurveda and then went on to become a modern medical doctor.
- Integrates a full spectrum of holistic well-being methods in his work: movement, breathing, meditation and mindfulness, lifestyle, diet, relationships, life guidance and more.
- He has had extensive experience with thousands of students and patients across the world.
- Directs the Svaatha Yoga & Ayurveda trainings, including the Svaatha Yoga Therapy Program across the globe.
- He is the co-author of numerous books published internationally, such as Yoga Therapy, Krishnamacharya, and Yoga Reminder.
- With his father, he is the translator of the important Sanskrit yoga texts, Yoga Yajnavalkya and Hatha Yoga Pradipika.

Dr. Ganesh Mohan

Ambassador Srivastava participated in the Zagreb-based AYUSH Cell Online Session: "Ayurvedic food supplements" with the participation of Irena Švenda, Adhara centre, Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



**Ayurvedski dodaci prehrani**  
IRENA ŠVENDA  
29.11.2022 at 4 p.m.  
ZOOM WEBINAR ID: 485120675  
FREE ZOOM EVENT

MR. SC. IRENA ŠVENDA  
AMB. RAJ KUMAR SRIVASTAVA  
JADRANKO MIKLEC



**Nutricionizam, ayurveda, ljekovito bilje, kretanje i bivanje u prirodi inspiriraju me u privatnom i poslovnom životu. Cilj mi je znanje i svjesnost o pravilnom, zdravom i lijepom životu putem prehrane, ljekovitog bilja (fitoaromaterapije), ayurvede, yoge, kretanja kroz prirodu te osvještavanja sebe i svojih potreba, prenijeti na one koji su za to spremni, kroz rad sa pojedincima, edukativnim ustanovama i tvrtkama.**

- Moja osnovna obrazovanja koja objedinjavam u svom radu:
- Mr. sc. (magistra znanosti) – poslije diplomski znanstveni magisterij iz nutricionizma
- B.Sc. of Ayurveda – četverogodišnji studij iz Ayurvede + praksa uz mentorstvo ayurvedskih liječnika u klinikama u Indiji
- Mag. nutricionizma – Završena visoka stručna sprema: Prehrambeno-biotehnoški fakultet u Zagrebu, smjer 1
- Mag. ing. bioprocenog inženjerstva – Završena visoka stručna sprema: Prehrambeno-biotehnoški fakultet u Zagrebu, smjer 2 /godinu dana kasnije
- Fitoterapeut – završeno nekoliko tečajeva za obrazovanje odraslih, Centar Cedrus – Stribor Marković i ustanova Galbanum za obrazovanje odraslih
- Yoga terapeut – Karnataka, Indija (Yoga and Ayurveda Institute)

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Ambassador Srivastava will participate in the Zagreb-based AYUSH Cell Online Session: "Ayurvedic food supplements" with the participation of Mislav Ježić, Indologist, Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec on 8th December 2022.



**08.12.2022 at 4 p.m.**  
**MISLAV JEŽIĆ**  
**Pātañjala-yogasūtre**  
FREE ZOOM EVENT  
ZOOM WEBINAR ID: 485120675

AKADEMIK MISLAV JEŽIĆ  
NI. E. RAJ KUMAR SRIVASTAVA  
JADRANKO MIKLEC



Mislav Ježić stekao je 1977. diplome profesora indologije i filozofije, te 1978. profesora opće lingvistike i grčke filologije. Godine 1983. obranio je doktorsku disertaciju iz vedologije. Od 1978. do 2017. radio je na Filozofskome fakultetu, a od 2017. do 2022. na Fakultetu filozofije i religijskih znanosti. Osim na Sveučilištu u Zagrebu predavao je na Sveučilištu u Delhiju i Sveučilištu Harvard. Od 2000. redoviti je član Hrvatske akademije znanosti i umjetnosti.

Glavna područja rada: vedski studiji, indijski epovi, početci indijske i helenske filozofije, indijsko jezikoslovlje, međunarodni kontekst hrvatske kulture. Glavni prinosi: Istraživanja o genezi vedskoga panteona i dijelova vedskoga korpusa, egzegaza rgvedskih himana, povijesno-filološka analiza slojeva upanišadskih (Kauṣītaki, Iṣa, Brhadāraṇyaka...) i epskih tekstova (Bhagavadgītā, Anugītā, Rāmāyaṇa...), proučavanje izvora i usporednica u staroj indijskoj i helenskoj filozofiji. Predaje staroindijske i staroiranske jezike, indijsku filozofiju i religije. Objavio je kao autor ili kao urednik 16 knjiga i preko 150 znanstvenih i stručnih radova u Hrvatskoj i u inozemstvu. Dobitnik je više državnih nagrada za znanost u Hrvatskoj i priznanja u Indiji. Glavni je urednik IV. i V. sveske enciklopedijske edicije HAZU Hrvatska i Europa. Glavni urednik radova Dubrovnik International Conference on the Sanskrit Epics and Purāṇas (do sada organizirao 9 konferencija) koje objavljuje HAZU, Zagreb, i Dev Publishers, New Delhi.

AKADEMIK MISLAV JEŽIĆ



## NEWS ON INDIA

**India surpassed North America and China to become the largest smartwatch market in the world in the third quarter of this year, driven by local businesses, extremely affordable goods, and holiday demand.** India's share of the global smartwatch market increased to 30% in the July-September quarter of 2022, surpassing North America's 25% share and China's 16% share, according to research firm Counterpoint. In the same quarter last year, India came in third with a 14% share, trailing China's 22%, while North America held the biggest share of 27%.

**Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi expressed his satisfaction over the fact that phone exports increased by more than twofold YoY between April-October, breaking the US\$ 5 billion barrier in less than seven months. This is more than twice as much as India's US\$ 2.2 billion total for the same period last year.** The Prime Minister responded to a tweet from the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Mr Rajeev Chandrasekhar, saying that India keeps progressing in the manufacturing sector.

**India will take over the presidency of the Security Council on Thursday at a time of an acute international crisis that will call upon its diplomatic skills in the UN's highest decision-making body paralysed in the face of an invasion by a permanent member of a neighbour.** Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj will step in as President of a deeply polarised Council where the West is ranged against Moscow and Beijing in a situation exacerbated by veto-wielding Russia's devastating war against Ukraine. India will use its presidency to continue to put a spotlight on terrorism, an imminent threat. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is expected to personally preside over a special high-level meeting of the Council on December 15 on the global danger from terrorism.

**Young Indians help revive coastal towns reeling from climate change.** A raft of initiatives in the last three years has seen interventions focused on water protection, rejuvenation and rebuilding livelihoods. The UN agency, Unicef's Youth4Water, has mobilised local youth in Mangalajodi town, on the northern banks of the Chilika lake, in activities that strengthen ecosystem resilience. The town has a population of 10,000 people, mostly engaged in work around the wetlands. The campaign initiates weekly cleanliness drives around the tourist spots in the wetlands area and also a training session where the youth learn about the visual cues including certain bio-indicators to diagnose the water problems.

**Ola Electric opens 14 new experience centres in India, plans 200 by year-end.** Ola Electric announced that it has expanded its direct-to-consumer (D2C) footprint by opening 14 new experience centres across 11 cities in the country. The company opened 3 centres in Bengaluru, two in Pune and one each in Ahmedabad, Dehradun, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kota, Bhopal, Nagpur, Ranchi and Vadodara, it said in a statement. Ola Electric now has more than 50 experience centres and aims to open 200 by the end of this year.

**Uttar Pradesh eyes investments from Gulf region through global investor summit.** The Uttar Pradesh government, headed by chief minister Yogi Adityanath, is eyeing investments from 19 countries through the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit (UPGIS 2023), with a focus on middle eastern countries, especially the Gulf region. State officials are in constant contact with potential investors in the Gulf countries in this regard and entrepreneurs from cities like Dubai and Abu Dhabi have even shown interest in six sectors of UP in the initial phase of talks, an official release said.







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The Croatian national event supported by the Ministry of Agriculture and City of Zagreb on the subject of food, healthy living and the return to nature and healthy lifestyles to the joy of exhibitors and visitors is being held again at the Zagreb Fair from 1-4 December. The India corner will also be present in Pavillion 7 No 49.

**Don't miss the OPENING OF THE 14TH HUPED INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS: SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE IN UNCONVENTIONAL MEDICINE** with a welcome speech by the Ambassador of India to Croatia, Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava on Thursday at 1 pm, Congress Hall Fair Zagreb.



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A special corner will be available for visitors in Pavillion 7 at the Zagreb fair (No. 49) and will present the following 3 topics:

- 1) "International Year of Millets in 2023"
- 2) Mission "LiFE", which was launched by PM Narendra Modi with UN Secretary-General Mr Antonio Guterres at the 182 meters tall Statue of Unity in Kevadiya Gujarat on 20 October 2022.
- 3) "Ayurveda for Healthy Lifestyle"

Register for the Yoga sessions organized by our yoga partners Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec, The Art of Living Zagreb, Hrvatski savez za yogu, Dharma Yoga Center Zagreb at the following link:

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**INTRODUCTION**      **Millets - The Ancient grains of India**

**Millet Map of India**

India has been an abode to millet cultivation since ages. Owing to the subcontinent's large area of dry land, millet is one of the few crops that can withstand the harsh climatic conditions. From the coastal plains of Kanyakumari, to the foothills of Uttarakhand, it is grown in a large scale and has put India on the top of the global charts in millet production. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are further popular for their plethora of small millets. Millets are the staple food in many states and it is entwined within their culture and way of life.

We've all heard the old saying "You are what you eat", and it's still true. A balanced nutritive diet is the *mantra* to good health. In recent times people are becoming conscious of the consumption of balanced and nutritional diet leading to a healthy lifestyle. Millet grains have been the traditional component of food basket in India. So why not include it in the daily diet, eat right (*eatrite*) and stay healthy!

**Millet Health Benefits**

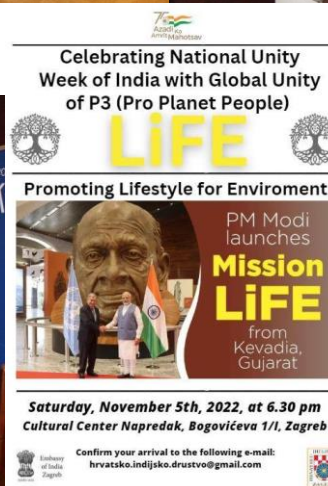
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- TELMIL WHITEL**: Helps in maintaining overall health.



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### "Celebrating National Unity Week of India with Global Unity of P3 (Pro Planet People): LiFE"

On the occasion of National Unity Day 2022, the Croatia-India Society hosted a seminar "Celebrating National Unity Week of India with Global Unity of P3 (Pro Planet People): LiFE" with a welcome speech by the Ambassador of India to Croatia, Mr Raj Kumar Srivastava, presentations by Ms Dunja Mazzocco Drvar, Director for Climate Activities of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, "The Croatian experience on Green transition and Sustainable Development and Bilateral Opportunities for Cooperation in the Context of the Mission Life." and Prof. Ivan Andrijanić, Head of the Department of Indology and Far Eastern Studies "Sardar Patel: The Iron Man of India who Unified the Country after 1947." At the event was also presented Shri Arun Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (Central Europe) of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Mission LiFE was launched by PM Narendra Modi with UN Secretary-General Mr Antonio Guterres at the 182 meters tall Statue of Unity in Kevadiya Gujarat on 20 October 2022.

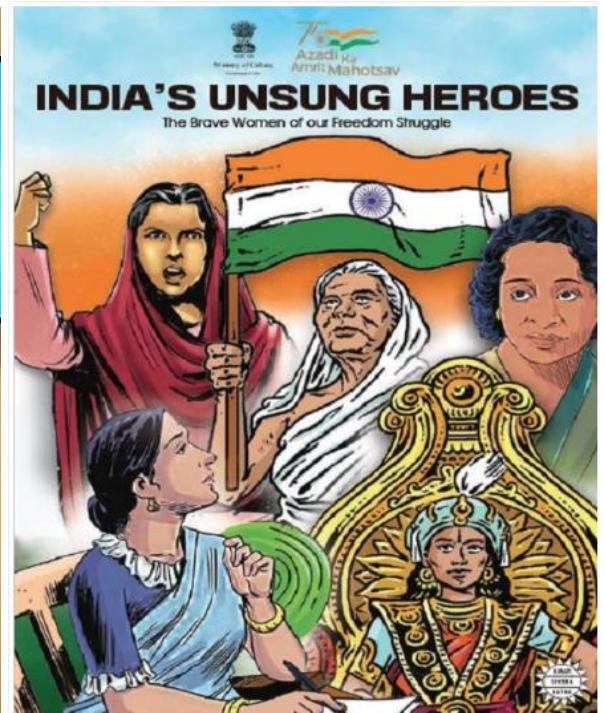




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### 57th Zagreb Salon: Seminar on the "20 Women Freedom Fighters of India"


Ambassador Srivastava made a presentation in the Memorial apartment of the late 1st Croatian female journalist of Marije Jurić Zagorke on the topic of the unsung heroines of the Indian freedom movement and presented the comic book released in Jan 2022 by the Minister of State for External Affairs of India, Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi, about "20 Women Freedom Fighters of India". The director of the Center for Women's Studies Ms Dorotea Šušak and the curator of the Zagreb Art Salon Ms Leila Topić also took part in the conversation. The seminar was part of the India block in the 57th Edition of the Zagreb Salon Art fair celebrating Amrit Mahotsav as well. As part of the future endeavours between EOI and the centre, 10 copies of the comic book presented would enrich the public library of the centre.









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### On the occasion of India's National Mathematics Day

### 135 Birth Anniversary of legendary Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan & on Christmas Eve to celebrate India-Croatia Mathematics ties







**Prof. Tadić Marko, Academician**  
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at the Mathematics Department &  
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**Prof. Hrvoje Kraljevic**  
Former Minister of Science and  
Technology of Croatia




**Prof. Neven Elezovic,**  
Professor at the Faculty of Electrical  
Engineering and Computing (FER) in  
Zagreb, author of numerous books on  
mathematics




**Welcome speech by  
Raj Srivastava**  
Ambassador of India to  
Croatia




**Prof. Marcela Hanzer**  
Professor at the Department of  
Mathematics, University of Zagreb




**Rudi Mrazovic,**  
Assistant Professor at the  
Department of Mathematics,  
University of Zagreb




**Joginder Singh-Nijjar**  
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