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# Newsletter



In a historic moment, India formally assumed the G20 Presidency, from Indonesia, 1<sup>st</sup> December. The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an intergovernmental forum of the world's 20 major developed and developing economies, making it the premier forum for international economic cooperation. On the occasion, Prime Minister penned an article outlining India's vision for the G20 Presidency. This was carried by publications across the world. In his article, the Prime Minister said that India looks forward to a Presidency of healing, harmony and hope. A key element of India's G20 Presidency will be taking the G20 closer to the public and making it truly a 'People's G20'. To realize this, Citizen engagement and large-scale public participation through various Jan Bhagidari activities are planned throughout the year. To mark the first day of India's Presidency, numerous activities were planned. Earlier in the day, a special University Connect event was organized, which virtually brought together students from 75 universities across the country. External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar and Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Shri P.K. Mishra were among the distinguished speakers at the event. The University Connect event aimed at engaging the youth in G20 activities. School students were also involved through special G20 sessions in various schools. Taking people participation further, The Hornbill Festival in Kohima featured a special focus on G20. One hundred monuments, including some UNESCO world heritage sites, are being specially illuminated, and citizens have been invited to join a selfie campaign on MyGov around these illuminated monuments. Sand artist Shri Sudarshan Pattnaik created sand art of India's G20 logo on Puri beach in Odisha. The G20 website recently launched by the PM also seamlessly migrated to the g20.org domain and India took over the official social media handles, including the Twitter handle @g20org, from the previous Presidency. Drawing inspiration from its G20 Presidency theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - 'One Earth One Family One Future', India will host over 200 meetings in over 50 cities across 32 different workstreams and would have the opportunity to offer G20 delegates and guests a glimpse of India's rich cultural heritage and provide them with a unique Indian experience.

## The 1st Sherpa Meeting of India's G20 Presidency in Udaipur on the 4th, 5th & 6th Dec. 2022



The 1st Sherpa Meeting of India's G20 Presidency kicked off on December 4 with colour and pageantry as delegates were treated to an exhibit of Jal Sanjhi art, a Desert Music Symphony, and various cultural performances through the day. A side event on 'Sustainable Development Goals: Transforming Lives at the Midpoint of the 2030 Agenda' was organised which focused on accelerating completing SDG targets, one of major priorities of India's G20 presidency. The next day (on December 5) substantive discussions on five key focus areas of India's G20 Presidency were held. In addition to the first two sessions on 'Technological Transformation' and 'Green Development and Lifestyle for Environment (LIFE)', a dialogue on 'Global & Regional Economy: Prospects & Challenges' and an informal 'Chai pe Charcha' among G20 member countries was held. Addressing the delegates, India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant provided a big-picture overview of India's G20 priorities across 13 Working Groups. Mr Kant highlighted India's role in providing a greater voice to the Global South, and harnessing its G20 Chairship to forge win-win collaborations between developing countries and advanced economies. Mr Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, outlined key economic challenges facing the world, and highlighted the need for collective efforts by the G20 to respond to them. The session on 'Green Development and Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE),' focused on forging effective strategies to collectively combat climate change. Fast-tracking just green and energy transitions was discussed, with India's G20 Sherpa highlighting the necessity of galvanizing collective action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The sherpas' meeting was suffused with India's fabled soft power, with Hotel Taj Fateh Prakash exuding elegance and cuisine curated to give a taste of India to the delegates. On Day 2, the show-stealer was a trip to the historic Manek Chowk in Udaipur where G20 Sherpas gathered in exuberant Rajasthani attire of jackets, Safas/Turban and stoles. Delegates were delighted to meet the world's longest turban binder, Pawan Vyas, who tied nearly half a kilometre of cloth in 30 minutes without using a single hairpin in 2020. Dinner at the magical Jagmandir, the iconic place for banquets and weddings located on an island in Lake Pichola, along with a fusion of Meera bhajans and Sufiana kalam, topped a day of serious discussions and cultural bonding. The first meeting of sherpas under India's G20 presidency in the lake city of Udaipur has provided a window to Indian culture and boost local economy, said Muktesh Pradeshi, Officer on Special Duty in charge of operations for India's G20 presidency. "G20 events hosted in different parts of India will contribute to the local economy. This will lead to recovery in the tourism sector," said Mr Pradeshi.

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**Statement by External Affairs Minister at the United Nations Security Council Open Debate on 'Maintenance of International Peace and Security: New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism'**

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar at United Nations Security Council Chaired the open debate in the Security Council on New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism. Dr. S. Jaishankar underlined the three challenges inherent in the IGN process:

1. It is the only one in the United Nations that is conducted without any time frame.
2. It is also singular in being negotiated without any text.
3. there is no record keeping that allows progress to be recognized and carried forward.

Not just that, there are actually suggestions that negotiations start only when consensus has been achieved! Surely, we cannot have a more extreme case of putting the cart before the horse.

Three decades since the formation of the Open-Ended Working Group on UNSC Reforms, we have nothing to show for precisely these reasons. This is creating an intense sense of frustration among the wider membership. Attempts to propose piecemeal changes will not be accepted by them as an alternative.

Reform is the need of the day.



**External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Thursday welcomed United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and other UNSC member states for a millets-based luncheon in New York**

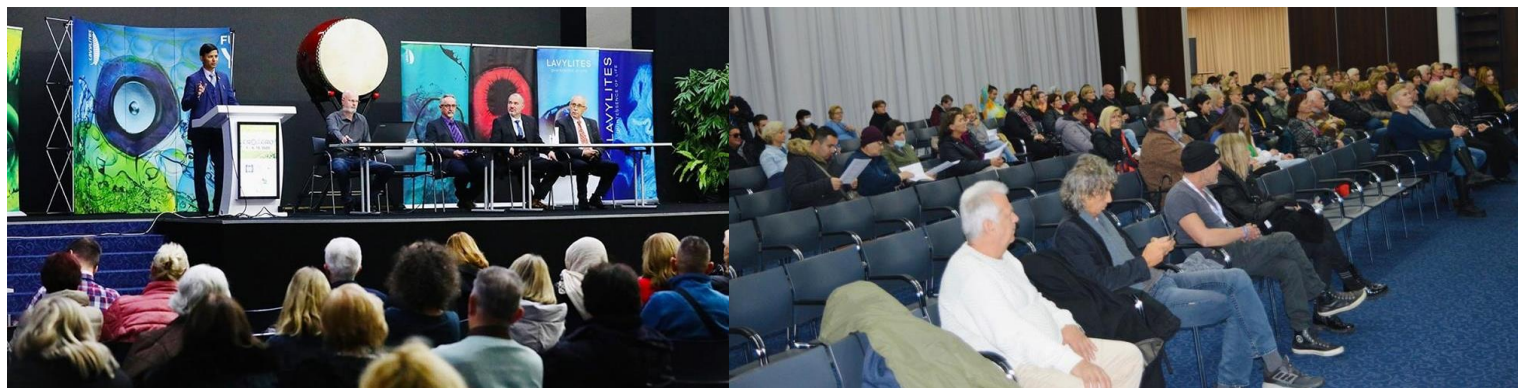
External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar welcomed United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and other UNSC member states for a millets-based luncheon in New York. "Delighted to welcome UNSG Antonio Guterres and UNSC members for a 'millet lunch' in New York today," Jaishankar tweeted. "As we head into International Year of Millets 2023, a strong message for their greater production, consumption and promotion would help global food security and enhance sustainability in agriculture," he said in another tweet. The United Nations General Assembly at its 75th session in March 2021 declared 2023 the International Year of Millets (IYM 2023).





## India's participation at the Food and Healthy Living fairs at Zagreb Fair showcased International Year of Millets in 2023, Mission LiFE, & Ayurveda for Healthy Lifestyle

India's participation at the Food and Healthy Living fairs at Zagreb Fair showcased International Year of Millets in 2023, Mission LiFE, launched by PM Narendra Modi with UN Secretary-General Mr Antonio Guterres on 20 October 2022 & Ayurveda for Healthy Lifestyle. The 3 topics were showcased in a keynote presentation by Ambassador Srivastava at the partnering 14th Congress event by HUPED - Croatian Association for Natural, Energetic and Spiritual Medicine. & Supported by the City of Zagreb.



Special Yoga sessions were organized by our yoga partners Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec, The Art of Living Zagreb, Hrvatski savez za yoga, Dharma Yoga Center Zagreb.





## International Year of Millets 2023

### Nutrihub - IIMR

# Nutrihub is the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India supported Technology Business Incubator hosted by the Indian Institute of Millets Research, ICAR - IIMR, Hyderabad.

# Nutrihub caters to innovations in the Nutricereals sector in the country. ICAR-IIMR through its TBI would like to contribute to the success of the National Innovation system, by nurturing innovation, technical skills and entrepreneurial talents of thousands of millets' stakeholders.

# Nutrihub is a focal point for entrepreneurs, agripreneurs, start-ups, experts, the academic and the funding agencies converging for creation of a new knowledge-based economy.

# Nutrihub Incubation Program is designed to help Nutricereal startups by providing them technology and business support system.

# Startups in Millets sector are incubated under NEST & NGRain to facilitate funding to idea stage and seed stage funding.



### Nutritional Value Compare To Cereals



ICAR - Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR) Brand and its Products.



### INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MILLETS 2023

*Moving Towards Nutritional Security*  
*Eat Millets Stay Healthy*

"Millets are one of the oldest crops known to humans and can grow in adverse weather conditions with marginal irrigation requirements. They were first domesticated in Asia and Africa and later spread across the globe as a cereal crop for the evolving civilizations."



**Sorghum** is the major millet grown globally constituting 55.8% of total millets. During 2010-19, the Sorghum area is near stable between 42.16 million hectares to 40.27 million hectares while production between 60.18 million metric tonnes to 57.89 million metric tonnes.

In India, millets are cultivated in an area of **13.83 million hectares**, producing 17.26 million tonnes with a yield of 1248 kg/ha. Sorghum is the fourth most important food grain in India after rice, wheat, and maize in terms of area (4.09 m ha) and production (3.47 m Mt). India is the topmost producer of Barnyard (99.9%), Finger (53.3%), Kodo (100%), Little (100%) and Pearl (44.5%), producing about 12.46 million metric tonnes from an area of 8.87 million hectares.



### Startups

Some of the notable startups incubated under Nutrihub - IIMR incubation programmes are performing well in the industry



### Millets Health Benefits



Millets are nutritionally superior as their grains contain high amounts of **protein, essential amino acids, minerals, and vitamins**. Millets are known for their high dietary fiber and protein content, and hence preferred as dietary foods for people with **diabetes and cardiovascular diseases**. Millets contain health promoting phenolic compounds which play a vital role in **combating multiple lifestyle related diseases**.



Value added processing can resolve the inconveniences associated with millets due to lack of gluten content with the existing machinery used in rice and wheat needed to make suitable for millet processing.

# Traditional techniques that are commonly used include decortication (usually by pounding followed by winnowing or sometimes sifting), malting, fermentation, roasting, flaking and pounding.

# Value addition in millet processing has high degree of interdependence with forward and backward linkages and hence can play an important role accelerating economic development.





## The English Translation of Ambassador's Interview about India G20 Presidency in Lider, published on 16th December 2022



**India will chair the G20 under the slogan 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' with the ambition to inspire responses to today's biggest challenges – climate change, terrorism, pandemics, and poverty – that can only be solved by working together.**

From the beginning of December, the presidency of the G20 for the next year was taken over by India. Indian Ambassador to Croatia Raj Kumar Srivastava pointed out that the goal of India's G20 presidency is to ensure healing, harmony and hope while working together to shape a new human-centred paradigm. India's agenda for the G20, says Raj Kumar Srivastava, will be inclusive, ambitious, decisive and action-oriented.

### **What global challenges will you particularly dedicate yourself to?**

– As India commenced its G20 Presidency on 1st December 2022 for next twelve months, Prime Minister Narendra Modi explained clearly in an Op-Ed, what would India's key guiding principle be, during this important year of opportunity and responsibility for India. "The previous 17 Presidencies of the G20 delivered significant results – for ensuring macro-economic stability, rationalising international taxation, relieving debt-burden on countries, among many other outcomes. We will benefit from these achievements, and build further upon them. However, as India assumes this important mantle, I ask myself – can the G20 go further still? Can we catalyse a fundamental mindset shift, to benefit humanity as a whole? I believe we can. Our mindsets are shaped by our circumstances. Through all of history, humanity lived in scarcity. We fought for limited resources, because our survival depended on denying them to others. Confrontation and competition – between ideas, ideologies and identities – became the norm. Unfortunately, we remain trapped in the same zero-sum mindset even today. We see it when countries fight over territory or resources. We see it when supplies of essential goods are weaponised. We see it when vaccines are hoarded by a few, even as billions remain vulnerable. Some may argue that confrontation and greed are just human nature. I disagree. If humans were inherently selfish, what would explain the lasting appeal of so many spiritual traditions that advocate the fundamental one-ness of us all? One such tradition, popular in India, sees all living beings, and even inanimate things, as composed of the same five basic elements – the panch tatva of earth, water, fire, air and space. Harmony among these elements – within us and between us – is essential for our physical, social and environmental well-being." India's G20 Presidency aims to bring healing, harmony & hope and to work together to shape a new paradigm – of human-centric globalisation. India's G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive.

## **2. What does India's presidency of the G20 bring to India and what to the world?**

Housing one-sixth of humanity, and with its immense diversity of languages, religions, customs and beliefs, India is a microcosm of the world. With the oldest-known traditions of collective decision-making, India contributes to the foundational DNA of democracy. As the mother of democracy, India's national consensus is forged not by diktat, but by blending millions of free voices into one harmonious melody. Today, India is the fastest-growing large economy. Our citizen-centric governance model takes care of even our most marginalized citizens while nurturing the creative genius of our talented youth. We have tried to make national development not an exercise in top-down governance, but rather a citizen-led 'people's movement'. We have leveraged technology to create digital public goods that are open, inclusive and inter-operable. These have delivered revolutionary progress in fields as varied as social protection, financial inclusion, and electronic payments. For all these reasons, India's experiences can provide insights into possible global solutions. During our G20 Presidency, we shall present India's experiences, learnings and models as possible templates for others, particularly the developing world. Our G20 priorities will be shaped in consultation with not just G20 partners, but also our partners in the global South, whose voice often goes unheard. As part of the G20 process, people in India from diverse strata and occupations will also participate under different meeting formats. This is a great opportunity for every Indian citizen. Today, there is an unprecedented curiosity in the world to know and understand India. Today, India is being studied in a new light. Our current successes are being assessed and unprecedented hopes are being expressed about our future. In such an atmosphere it is the responsibility of the citizens to go beyond these expectations and acquaint the world with India's capabilities, philosophy, and social and intellectual strength. Our G20 Presidency provides an opportunity to our people to showcase India in ways befitting its stature and glory. Our G20 presidency is an opportune moment for us to showcase our tradition of Atithi Devo Bhava (a guest is akin to God). In October 2022, Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) was launched.

## **3. What do you mean by the slogan 'One Earth, One Family, One Future? Why did you choose it?**

Let me quote PM Modi again, "India's G20 Presidency will work to promote this universal sense of one-ness. Hence our theme – 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. This is not just a slogan. It takes into account recent changes in human circumstances, which we have collectively failed to appreciate. Today, we have the means to produce enough to meet the basic needs of all people in the world. Today, we do not need to fight for our survival – our era need not be one of war. Indeed, it must not be one! Today, the greatest challenges we face – climate change, terrorism, and pandemics – can be solved not by fighting each other, but only by acting together. Fortunately, today's technology also gives us the means to address problems on a humanity-wide scale. The massive virtual worlds that we inhabit today demonstrate the scalability of digital technologies. Our priorities will focus on healing our 'One Earth', creating harmony within our 'One Family' and giving hope for our 'One Future'. For healing our planet, we will encourage sustainable and environment-friendly lifestyles, based on India's tradition of trusteeship towards nature. For promoting harmony within the human family, we will seek to depoliticize the global supply of food, fertilizers and medical products, so that geo-political tensions do not lead to humanitarian crises. For imbuing hope in our future generations, we will encourage an honest conversation among the most powerful countries – on mitigating risks posed by weapons of mass destruction and enhancing global security. "

## **4. What is the current economic situation in India? In which direction will the economy in India develop further?**

Indian economy is poised for sustained growth for the next two decades due to our three Ds strengths - Strong Democracy, Vibrant Demography, & Growing Demand. The government has focused on maximum governance & minimum government. The innovation ecosystem has exponentially grown which has contributed to economic growth both within the tech sector as well as a force multiplier in other sectors by improving efficiency and competitiveness. India's 80000 startups and 110 unicorns are the faces of New India which does not seek but create employment. Government supports them by providing digital infrastructure, tax incentives, and empowering the ecosystem. Both Digital India and Startup India programs have delivered great results in the past five years in digital transformation in India. This and Infrastructure development with a focus on environment-friendly technologies has provided great opportunities for companies in Europe to participate in the Indian growth story as India has successively attracted larger FDI than past years in past five years. This story would continue for years to come as the exponential growth in the Indian economy is yet to come and we are working continuously towards this unique opportunity. The most important resource for this Indian economic growth is its human resource - the people of India - rightly so for the largest democracy on the plane



## New India making its way in diverse sports arenas

### HISTORIC HAT-TRICK



**Indian's blind cricket team creates history by winning T20 World Cup 3 times in a row**

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### GOLD FOR INDIA



**Rudranksh Patil wins gold medal in Men's 10m Air Rifle at the ISSF President's Cup**

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**Indian Women's Hockey Team Emerge 2022 Women's FIH Nations Cup Champions**

### INDIAN BOXERS SHINE AT YOUTH WORLD

**BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP**



**INDIA FINISHED 2nd AMONG 72 NATIONS WITH 11 MEDALS INCLUDING 4 GOLD**



## Engineering and Manufacturing Transformation in India



Engineering and manufacturing functions are complex due to the requirements of product design and simulation and remote collaboration. Enterprises typically have customized, legacy engineering and manufacturing systems to maintain. And due to the inherent complexity and security concerns involved, organizations have been traditionally reluctant to host their engineering and manufacturing operations in the cloud. As the industry and technology landscape matures, this reluctance is gradually fading.

Enterprises have realized that engineering and manufacturing functions can be moved effectively to the cloud. The cloud-native applications available for these operations offer pay-per-use pricing, higher bandwidth, elastic computing, low maintenance costs, and advanced security protocols, making them more appealing than on-premises engineering and manufacturing applications. Further, the pandemic necessitated the need for remote collaboration between diverse design and production teams. This drove cloud adoption for engineering and manufacturing. As a result, the global cloud market for engineering and manufacturing operations continues to grow.

In this context, NASSCOM and Avasant release the Engineering and Manufacturing Transformation: Cloudification Approaches Critical Mass report. The report is developed in consultation with experts in the field across all stakeholder groups, including enterprises, ISVs, service providers, and cloud platform providers. It showcases the current state of cloud adoption across different engineering and manufacturing operations and industries. Further, it emphasizes the role of ecosystem players in driving this adoption. It also highlights the growth potential of this market in the next five to seven years and the recommendations to key stakeholder groups that can benefit from the underlying growth potential.

### **The full report provides a number of findings, including the following:**

The global cloud market for engineering and manufacturing functions currently stands at around USD 14.5B–C5B. This market is expected to reach USD 106B–108B by 2030 due to the advancements in technology as well as the industry landscape.

Applications with higher computing and collaboration requirements, such as product life cycle management and design systems, are expected to move faster to the cloud in the short-term to midterm, while manufacturing and operations systems will pick up pace in the long-term.

Industries with high product innovation requirements, such as automotive, manufacturing, and healthcare and life sciences, are ahead in adopting the cloud for engineering and manufacturing operations.

Service providers attribute 27%–32% of the global cloud market for engineering and manufacturing. Service providers are set to play a critical role in driving this adoption owing to the pressing need for business innovation, faster product rollout, and cost containment.

Despite the willingness to adopt the cloud for engineering and manufacturing operations, enterprises struggle to source talent with the right mix of cloud and domain skills; engaging with service providers will be the way forward.

Find the full study at the following [LINK](#).

## Ambassador's outreaches

Ambassador Srivastava participated together with the Ambassadors of Australia, Malaysia and Slovenia in a conversation about the positive impact of the Euro & Schengen on the Croatian economy and Croatia's links to the Indo-Pacific & the energy crisis with Croatian chamber Chief Economist Goran Šaravanja.



Ambassador Srivastava participated 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.

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In an interview with Broadcaster Jadran TV Ambassador Srivastava explained about expanding India-Croatia bilateral ties in the field of Healthcare, Sport, Digital Innovation Ecosystem, Agriculture, Tourism & Climate change technologies.



Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3s9mc789>



## NEWS ON INDIA

**The defense chiefs of US-Staff General Mr. Mark A Miley and India-General Mr. Anil Chauhan discussed the ways to deepen bilateral cooperation and interoperability and shared their assessments of the regional and global security environment, to deepen US-India military ties.** Mr. Joseph R., Joint Staff Deputy Spokesperson said that US and India have a strong military-to-military relationship under the US-India Major Defence Partnership and India plays a key role in maintaining a free Indo-Pacific.



**The Government of India has taken various steps to promote the domestic toy industry and to restrict the import of sub-standard and unsafe toys. The result of this can be seen in the volume of import of toys being decreased.** The import of toys of Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN) decreased by 67% from 2014-15 to US\$ 109.72 million in 2021-22. On the other hand, the export of toys of HSN codes 9503, 9504, and 9505 have increased by approximately **240% from US\$ 96.17 million in 2014-15 to US\$ 326.63 million in 2021-22.**



**With an oil price shock threatening to derail economies globally, the focus has shifted to renewable energy with over US\$ 25 billion (Rs 2 lakh crores) investment planned in India for using sunlight, water, and air to produce energy. As a result, the government in 2022, pushed for the adoption of electric vehicles, the production of green hydrogen, the manufacturing of solar equipment, and energy storage in pursuit of its ambitious 500 GW renewable capacity target by 2030.** The government is focusing on green hydrogen with its 'National Mission on Green Hydrogen'. The bids are expected for the manufacturing of electrolyzers next year which would also bring investment in the clean energy sector. Hydropower projects, being clean, green, and sustainable will be of paramount importance in India's clean energy transition journey, and owing to this, the government is also focusing on harnessing the potential of setting up large hydropower projects in the country. Large hydro has already been given renewable energy status like small hydro which has a capacity of up to 25 MW.



**UP Government approves Warehousing Logistics Policy 2022 and aims for US\$ 1 trillion economy.** Mr. Nand Gopal Gupta, UP's Industrial Development Minister said that the 'Warehousing Logistics Policy 2022' has been approved by the UP Government which will in turn help in the state becoming a US\$ 1 trillion economy. "The objective of this policy is to create a strong transport infrastructure network, upgrade and improve the existing warehousing and logistics infrastructure," he said. UP's Industrial Development Minister further added that this policy will help in creating an international-level business environment and developing a logistics ecosystem in the state, which would help in the development of new technologies in the fast-changing global economy. This policy would also be beneficial in the expansion of infrastructure facilities like storage facilities, logistic parks, dry ports, cargo terminals, etc. It will also help in making Uttar Pradesh a US\$ 1 trillion economy.



**Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) brought investment of US\$ 1,522.23 million in the textile sector from 2017-2022.** Ms. Darshana Jardosh, Union Minister of State for Textiles, shared that as per Economic Survey 2021-22, the employment in the unorganized sector in 2019-2020 was US\$ 5.3 million. The government of India has taken various measures to modernize the textile industry, enhance export and promote Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the textile sector. An investor-friendly and transparent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy has also been put in place and received an investment of US\$ 1,522.23 million from 2017-2022. Several Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) has also been signed with other countries to boost the textile industry in the country.



## AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

Glimpses of the Bhakti Marga Croatia's "Just Love" concert celebrating Indian spiritual music, supported by Embassy of India, Zagreb as part of the Amrit Mahotsav initiative. The gathering with attendees from several countries enjoyed the universal values through music focusing on India's rich cultural heritage.



## AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

### Yoga Conference on the subject "Yoga and mental health"

The Yoga Conference on the subject "Yoga and mental health" for yoga experts and practitioners, was held on the 17th of December and organized by the Croatian Yoga Federation and supported by the Embassy of India in Zagreb, Zagreb-based Ayush Cell, and the Faculty of Kinesiology in Zagreb with the participation Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology Mr. Mario Baić, Vida Demarin, academician prof. Dr. - Yoga and brain health, Pradeep Urs – former teacher of India's culture in Croatia, and Jadranko Mikleć, yogacharya





## AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

### Evening for the 60th Anniversary of the Indology Department, Hindi Diwas & Sanskrit Diwas संस्कृत दिवस

India in Croatia (Embassy of India, Zagreb) along with the Indology Department of the University of Zagreb hosted a celebratory evening for the 60th Anniversary of the Indology Department, Hindi Diwas हिंदी दिवस & Sanskrit Diwas संस्कृत दिवस. Ambassador Srivastava acknowledged the rich 60-year-old history of the Indology department and the future prospects which would strengthen even further the ties between India and Croatia. The presence of ICCR's Hindi as well as Sanskrit Chair for the first time ever in Zagreb augers well for an even brighter future of India's studies in Croatia. Three hour-long programs included speeches by Vice Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb, Ambassador Raj Srivastava, highly regarded Prof Mislav Jezic, Head of Indology Department Prof Ivan Andrijanic, 5th Hindi Chair Prof Meenu Krishna and 1st Sanskrit Chair Prof C B Jha. The students presented both literary and cultural programs during the evening showing the strong bond between India and Croatia. As a tribute to India Presidency to G20 currently, the students also prepared and read the Hindi, Sanskrit & Croatian translations of PM Modi's Op-Ed released on the inaugural day of India's G20 Presidency.

LINK: <https://youtu.be/IB5dUwL8ZCc> & <https://youtu.be/YDeAZzUEkQA>



## AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

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

The event 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 organized on 22nd December 2022 at Napredak in cooperation with the Embassy of India, Zagreb & the Croatian-Indian Society.



### 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**  
Former Head of the Department of Algebra & Fundamentals of Mathematics at the Mathematics Department & member of the European Academy



**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**  
President, Croatian-Indian Society

**Thursday, December 22nd, 2022, at 6.00 pm**  
**Cultural Center Napredak, Bogovičeva 1/I, Zagreb**

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

**18:00 - Welcome Remarks by the Ambassador of India to Croatia, Mr Raj Kumar Srivastava (5 min) & Documentary on Mathematics (15 min.)**

**18:20 - Prof. Kraljević Opening Remarks**

**18:25 - Prof. Marko Tadić "Ramanujan and Harish-Chandra, two great scientists who connect Indian and Croatian Mathematics"**

**18:40 - Prof. Rudi Mrazović "Ramanujan Graphs"**

**19:00 - Prof. Neven Elezović "Some Asymptotic Expansions of Ramanujan"**

**19:10 - Prof. Marcela Hanzer "Discussions"**

**19:15 - Q&A & Open Discussions.**

### Christmas Eve reception

**19:30 - Bhajans in Croatian**

**19:45 - Short lecture on Sanathan dharma in the Croatian tradition - celebrations of Diwali and Christmas by Mahamandaleshwar Swami Vivekpuri from the Hindu religious community of Croatia**

**20:00-21:00 - Reception on the occasion of Christmas Eve.**

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After the welcome speech by Ambassador Srivastava and Joginder Singh-Nijjar, President of the Croatian-Indian Society, prominent Croatian Mathematicians Prof. Hrvoje Kraljevic Former Croatian Minister of Science & Technology, Prof. Tadić Marko, Academician, Prof. Neven Elezovic, Professor at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering & Computing (FER) in Zagreb, Prof. Marcela Hanzer, Professor at the Department of Mathematics, PMF Zagreb University of Zagreb, Rudi Mrazovic, Assistant Professor at the Department of Mathematics, University of Zagreb, spoke at length how Srinivasa Ramanujan and another Indian mathematician Harish-Chandra have inspired many Croatian Mathematician and therefore contributed to the India-Croatian relations in the field of mathematics.





The event, being celebrated on Christmas Eve concluded with some spiritual songs and feist for the participants underlying the theme One World, One Family.





*The Embassy of India, Zagreb wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



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