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Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a historic 100th episode of the Mann Ki Baat radio programme on 30/4/2023, in which he said that the preservation and promotion of education and culture have been an ancient tradition of India, adding that the country was working towards that through various means like the National Education Policy and the option of studying in regional languages. During the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the programmes had been special for him as it gave him a platform to connect with the citizens. PM Modi reflected upon the past episodes, which celebrated the achievements of several grassroots champions. He even shared his conversations with some of the callers who had been featured in previous episodes. Listen to the episode here.





EU-India: Joint Press Release on Fourth Strategic Partnership review meeting in New Delhi



India and The European Union held their fourth Strategic Partnership Review Meeting on 08 May in New Delhi. The Indian side was led by Shri Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West) and the EU side was led by Helena König, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service The Meeting reviewed the entire gamut of the India – EU bilateral relationship detailed in the 'India-EU Strategic Partnership: A Roadmap to 2025' agreed upon during the 15th India – EU Summit in 2020. India and The EU went through an extensive review of their successful bilateral relationship also in the context of the meetings organized by India under its G20 Presidency. Source: LINK

Startup scene India-Croatia

Google leads funding round for Indian space startup Pixxel



Alphabet Inc's (GOOGL.O) Google is leading a \$36 million funding round for Bengaluru-based Pixxel, a satelliteimage startup, in the first major investment in the Indian space sector since the government launched its privatisation policy in April. Pixxel, founded in 2019, is building a constellation of satellites that have the ability to identify mineral deposits or the productivity of crops by analysing the spectral signature of an image. Miner Rio Tinto Ltd (RIO.AX) and Australian agritech company DataFarming are clients, Pixxel said. The startup has raised more \$71 million from investors including Accenture PLC (ACN.F). Pixxel did not specify the valuation it reflected. Google said it had made the investment in Pixxel through its India Digitalisation Fund, which focuses on investment in India-based startups. Founder and Chief Executive Awais Ahmed said Pixxel would be "the most valued space tech company in India after this investment".

That had been rocket and launch provider Skyroot Aerospace, valued at an estimated \$163 million, according to Tracxn, which tracks startups. "We work with satellite data and Google does a lot of work around that with agriculture and environment," Ahmed told Reuters. "They also have Google Earth ... so a combination of that led to them seeing a benefit." Pixxel is among the many private companies looking for a fillip since India opened the space sector, encouraging startups to deliver broadband services like Starlink and to power applications like tracking supply chains. The government announced its private-sector space policy framework in April. The funding comes at a time when startups globally have struggled to raise funds. Space startups, in particular, have come under pressure after the bankruptcy of Richard Branson's Virgin Orbit launch company. Ahmed said the funding would be used to build out its satellite network. Pixxel is readying six satellites for launch next year to add to the three it has now and looking to hire more engineers for its analytics. Ahmed has said he was inspired to launch a space startup from a visit Elon Musk's SpaceX as part of a student competition to build a demonstration "hyperloop" transport pod.

He and co-founder Kshitij Khandelwal set out to build an AI model that could use satellite data to predict crop yields, detect illegal mining and track natural disasters. They launched Pixxel when they concluded existing commercial satellite images did not provide enough detail. Pixxel's satellites take in and analyse a wide spectrum of light instead of just assigning primary colours to each pixel, a technology known as hyperspectral imaging.

Source: LINK

Amazon's AWS to Invest \$13 Billion in India



Amazon's cloud computing division, Amazon Web Services (AWS), has announced plans to invest \$13 billion in India by the end of the decade, reinforcing its commitment to tap into the surging demand for cloud services in one of Asia's fastest-growing economies. This substantial investment is in addition to the \$6.5 billion that Amazon has already poured into the Indian e-commerce market. The fresh investment will primarily be directed towards expanding and strengthening the cloud infrastructure in India. Furthermore, this initiative is expected to create over 100,000 full-time job opportunities annually. With this additional investment, Amazon's total planned expenditure in India will reach approximately \$16.4 billion by 2030.

Currently, Amazon operates two data centres in India, with one located in Mumbai and another in Hyderabad. These centres have been instrumental in delivering a comprehensive range of services offered by the cloud platform, which encompasses over 200 features, including storage, networking, and artificial intelligence capabilities.

Amazon's latest move aligns with India's intensified efforts to attract substantial investments in the digital domain to meet the escalating demand for data storage and services from both corporate entities and government bodies. Market intelligence provider IDC predicts that India's public cloud services market will exceed \$13 billion by 2026, with a projected compound annual growth rate of 23.1% between 2021 and 2026.

Moreover, the country's broader technology sector has recently attracted notable investments. Networking equipment manufacturer Cisco Systems announced its plans to commence manufacturing operations in India, aiming to diversify its global supply chain. Additionally, Foxconn, a prominent supplier to Apple Inc., intends to invest \$500 million in establishing manufacturing facilities in the southern state of Telangana.

Source.

New India at work in diverse sports arenas

India claims gold at Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023

From 23 May to 1 June 2023, the best young Asian men's hockey teams went head-to-head in the Men's Junior Asia Cup Salalah 2023, competing for the gold medal and the final three spots up for grabs in the upcoming FIH Junior Hockey Men's World Cup 2023, to be played in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The finals saw India's win over Pakistan. A cagey and close encounter was edged by India who took a 2-goal lead into half-time and while Pakistan struck back once in the third quarter, India would hold their nerves to claim a 2-1 victory and the gold medal. Korea won the bronze medal match against Malaysia by a 2-1 margin. With the results India, Pakistan, Korea and Malaysia (hosts) have qualified for the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2023.

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Heartiest congratulations to our Junior Men's Hockey Team for their splendid victory at the Men's Junior Asia Cup. Their triumph reflects the burgeoning talent and determination that our youth hold. They have made India very proud.







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7	MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY KOTTAYAM, (KERALA)	8	1	6	15	
8	UNIVERSITY OF DELHI	7	13	14	34 🕡	
9	UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS	7	8	8	23	
10	MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY	7	7	12	26	

Khelo India University Games (KIUG), is a national level multi-sport event held in India, where athletes from universities across the country compete in different sports disciplines. The Khelo India University Games 2023 concluded on June 3 with Panjab University reclaiming the title after three years. Panjab University, who won the inaugural Khelo India University Games title back in 2020, topped the KIUG 2023 medals tally with 26 gold, 17 silver and 26 bronze medals (total - 69 medals).

Amritsar's Guru Nanak Dev University came in second in the overall championship race with 24 gold, 27 silver and 17 bronze (total 68 medals). The team with the most gold medals wins the team title. Last edition's champion Jain University had to be content with the third position in the KIUG 2023 medals tally with 16 gold, 10 silver and six bronze medals (total -32). However, the most decorated individual male and female athletes at KIUG were both from Jain University.

NEWS ON INDIA

Indian Ports Achieve Remarkable Turn-around Time, Boosting Efficiency: World Bank Report. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways announced that Indian ports have achieved a remarkable performance in improving their "turn-around time," surpassing several nations, as revealed in the latest Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2023 study conducted by the World Bank. This significant development highlights the enhanced efficiency and productivity of Indian ports. Reacting to the news, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his satisfaction with the performance of Indian ports and emphasized that India is well on its way to establishing itself as a hub for commerce and logistics, driven by the ambitious port-led development.

India has emerged as the 2nd Largest Producer of Crude Steel in the world: Union Minister of Steel & Civil Aviation Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation, Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, addressed a news conference at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi, on the theme "9-years of Government's "Seva, Sushasan and Gareeb Kalyan" focused on the Steel sector. The Minister began his speech by emphasising the importance of the steel industry in maintaining the country's Pragati (growth) and Vikas (progress). "India currently ranks as the World's 2nd largest Producer of Crude Steel, surpassing Japan in 2018," the minister stated, noting India's steel industry's extraordinary progress. By decreasing imports and adding approximately 60 million tonnes (MT) of crude steel capacity, the government policies for the steel sector helped the country save US\$ 4.21 billion (Rs. 34,800 crore) in foreign exchange. From 109.85 MT in 2014-15 to 160.30 MT in 2022-23, India's steel capacity climbed 46% to 160.30 MT, he said, adding that total production increased 42% from 88.98 MT to 126.26 MT. During the same period, per capita steel consumption increased by 43%, rising from 60.8 kg to 86.7 kg.

India's internet economy is expected to hit US\$ 1 trillion by 2030, says the report. According to a report released by Google, Temasek, and Bain & Company titled "The e-Conomy of a Billion Connected Indians," India's Internet economy is expected to increase from US\$ 175 billion in 2022 to US\$ 1 trillion by 2030. The report, which was based on investor and consumer surveys, stated that digital consumption is fuelling growth in important Internet economy sectors like e-commerce, online travel, food delivery, and ride-hailing. The share of the Internet economy in India's technology sector will increase from 48% in 2022 to 62% in 2030. Further, it was claimed that it will also make up 12-13% of India's GDP, up from 4-5% in 2022. It ascribed the rise in the internet economy to India Stack's success, increased digital demand in tier 2+ cities, and the digitization of conventional enterprises. In the upcoming years, expansion of the digital economy will also increase India's appeal as a place to invest. Three out of five investors, according to the study, anticipate an increase in deal activity in India during the next 2-3 years. Most investors also stated that, over the next 5-7 years, they intend to devote more than 75% of their capital to digital investments. Investors are most interested in software-as-a-service (SaaS), fintech, and B2C/B2B e-commerce sectors, according to the report.

Spice exports have doubled in the last nine years, says Mr. Piyush Goyal. India's spice exports have doubled over the past nine years, from US\$ 216.2 million (Rs. 1,778 crore) in 2013-14 to US\$ 485.8 (Rs. 3,995 crore) in FY23, informed Mr. Piyush Goyal, the Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles. In FY23, approximately 165 countries imported spices from India, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce. Bangladesh, the UAE, Morocco, the Netherlands, Germany, and the US are a few top international markets for Indian spices. With 15.31 lakh tonnes of spices produced in 2021-22 and 2022-23, India is the world's top producer of spices, as per the Spice Board of India, a statutory organisation under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.









Ambassador's outreaches

Ambassador Srivastava witnessed the rowing races and met the India Rowing team who participated in the World Rowing Cup I, Zagreb, Croatia 5th-7th May 2023.



Ambassador Srivastava congratulated the table tennis club Starr for winning the Croatian Cup for the season 2022/23 amongst which also played the Indian player Wesley Do Rosario under the supervision of Mr Ronald Redjep. Indian and Croatia Sports partnership is strengthening further.



Ambassador Srivastava participated in the Zagrebbased Ayush Cell session "Yoga Therapy: Holistic Approach to Health" held with the Participation of Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec.



Join the Zagreb-based Ayush Cell session "Ayurveda and Marma Therapy" via the following <u>link</u> on 14th June at 4 p.m., which will be held with the Participation of Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec and Ambassador Srivastava.



From Farm to Market: How Millets are Boosting India's Economy





Thanks to the emphasis on climate-smart agriculture, millets are experiencing a resurgence in India as a staple food. The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) acknowledge the immense potential of millets in addressing objectives like Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-being, Sustainable Consumption and Production, and Climate Action. Considering the significance and potential of millets, the Indian government advocated for the declaration of 2023 as the "International Year of Millets." Millets have numerous advantages. They can grow in severe weather conditions and low-fertility soil, reducing soil erosion. They also require less water compared to other staples like rice and wheat, making

reducing soil erosion. They also require less water compared to other staples like rice and wheat, making them ideal for water-challenged regions. Millets also need fewer fertilizers and pesticides, simplifying crop maintenance.

The cultivation of millets helps combat climate change as they absorb and convert carbon dioxide. India, contributing 20% of the world's millet production, leads in varieties like Jowar, Bajra, and Ragi. Rajasthan, with its dry soil conditions, accounts for 29% of India's millet production.

Millets offer nutritional benefits, containing three times more fiber than wheat and ten times more than rice. They regulate blood sugar, making them suitable for diabetics, and are gluten-free, providing a low-cost option for those with dietary restrictions. Millets are also rich in zinc, calcium, and protein, and they have proven effectiveness in combating anemia.

With India being the largest producer and fifth-largest exporter of millets, the country's commitment to supporting farmers through various initiatives and promoting advanced farming technologies is fueling the growth of millet production. In 2021-22 alone, India recorded a remarkable 27% growth in millet production compared to the previous year.

Considering the numerous advantages, nutritional benefits, and government support, the numbers are expected to continue to grow. Millets are poised to play a crucial role in achieving sustainable development goals, ensuring food security, promoting healthier diets, and addressing the challenges posed by climate change.



Trade shows and fairs always showcase the special. But when it comes to exhibiting the rarest of goods and products, it becomes spectacular. It is the first edition of the annual UP International Trade Show (UPITS-2023).

It is a majestic trade show to be organized on the grounds of the dynamic India Expo Centre & Mart. It could be your favourite sourcing connection for the iconic products of Uttar Pradesh, the growth engine of New India. In a nutshell, it is a trade show of classic products, charismatic demos, prolific business opportunities, dramatic entertainment, and euphoric experiences.

The dates are September 21-25, 2023, and pre-registration has already begun. Displays that are spaced out and easy to visit would provide a unique and safe premium sourcing environment as well as great value for time.

UP ITS 2023 is set to fascinate all visitors and stakeholders with a varied selection of products and services from 2000+ exhibitors, as well as several growth-centric pro-business programmes and initiatives.

Expect amazing product offerings in a wide variety of product categories for classy, connoisseurs, traditional, and modern customers. Not to miss the ever-amazing sustainable goods that exude unique traditional workmanship & techniques. With eclectic display segments, the show offers a variety of creations, diverse in inspiration, processes, and materials.

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Joyful 90 minutes workshop with the students of the dance school Public Art Dance School Silvije Hercigonje

The Indian dancer and choreographer Mrs Sohini Roychowdhury Dasgupta in a joyful 90 minutes workshop with the students of the dance school Public Art Dance School Silvije Hercigonje, & introduced the essence of Indian Bharatanatyam dance.



Sohini Roychowdhury is an internationally renowned Bharatanatyam dancer, choreographer, author, speaker, producer, and professor of Natyashastra, is the founder of Sohinimoksha World Dance & Communications in Madrid, Berlin, Kolkata, New York, and Sohinimoksha Artes de La India in Spain. A visiting professor of dance at seventeen Universities across the globe, she has been honoured with multiple prestigious awards. Her book, Dancing With The Gods, decodes the various layers of Bharatanatyam through the journey of Roychowdhury's dance troupe.

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52 participants from 8 countries participated at the Common Yoga Protocol

From February 2 until April 27, 2023, through the Zoom application (two times a week), 52 participants from 8 countries (Norway, Denmark, England, Montenegro, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Germany, Croatia, and Serbia) participated in the CYP (Common Yoga Protocol) yoga volunteer training course, organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, the Embassy of India in Zagreb and Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec. The aim of the course organized was to promote and disseminate the knowledge and practice of yoga among the general public at the national level for the improvement of their health and well-being as a preparation for the celebration of IDY2023.

The course was international, and on May 17, 2023, in Zagreb, in the presence and welcoming speech of Ambassador Srivastava, we had a live demonstration (some present live and others participated through Zoom application) of the practice of CYP with the delivery of certificates.





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Exploring India & Croatia ties in R&D projects

Ambassador Srivastava participated in the open discussion organized by the Croatian Indian Society at HKD Napredak Zagreb "Exploring India & Croatia ties in R&D projects" with Prof. Mirko Orlic, FCA, Andrija Mohorovicic Geophysical Ins., Fac. of Science, Uni. of Zagreb who held a lecture on "How the discontinuity became Mohorovičić's" about the work of Croatian seismologist Andrija Mohorovičić, credited with discovering and defining the Moho Discontinuity in 1909. Ambassador Srivastava invited the attendees to join the strong ongoing R&D ties between India and Croatia which are connected already through several institutions which could create new potential breakthroughs for scientists and the youth of both countries. S.



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1st International Amateur Tournament in Table Tennis

The Embassy of India, in cooperation with the StaRR Table Tennis Club, hosted an international amateur tournament that took place in STC Zagreb on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. The tournament was attended by 11 diplomats (from 8 different countries) and 11 guests who played 63 games of table tennis within 3 hours. The proud winner of the international table tennis tournament is Mr Saša Markovski, an employee of the city of Grad Rab, second place went to Branimir Blajić, the manager of the company Best Hospitality Solutions for hotel management, while the third place was won by Mr Neven Bosili, the mayor of the city of Grad Varaždin. The tournament was opened by the Ambassador of India to Croatia, Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Ms Renata Suša, director of the Zagreb Fair, and Ronald Redep, president of STK "STARR". Ambassador Srivastava assessed that the goal of such events is to further strengthen interpersonal ties through sport and a strong partnership with Indian table tennis academies. "Table tennis is extremely popular not only in Asia, including India but also in Croatia, which has a number of players on the world rankings, which shows us the universal aspect of table tennis, which is present in the bilateral relations between Croatia and India." Renata Suša praised the mentioned initiative and invited all interested partners to explore the possibilities the Zagreb Fair offers. As the motto of this tournament is to strengthen interpersonal ties through sport, the director of the Zagreb Fair expressed her satisfaction that the Zagreb Fair is the venue for this sports event organized by the Starr Table Tennis Club from Varaždin and the Embassy of India in Croatia. The event also witnessed a beautiful musical intervention by the famous Nenad Bach, an American-Croatian musician, composer, performer, producer, and peace activist.



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Central celebration of the IDY 2023

The central celebration of this year's International Day of Yoga will be held on June 21, 2022, in Park Bundek (lake stage) starting at 7 PM.



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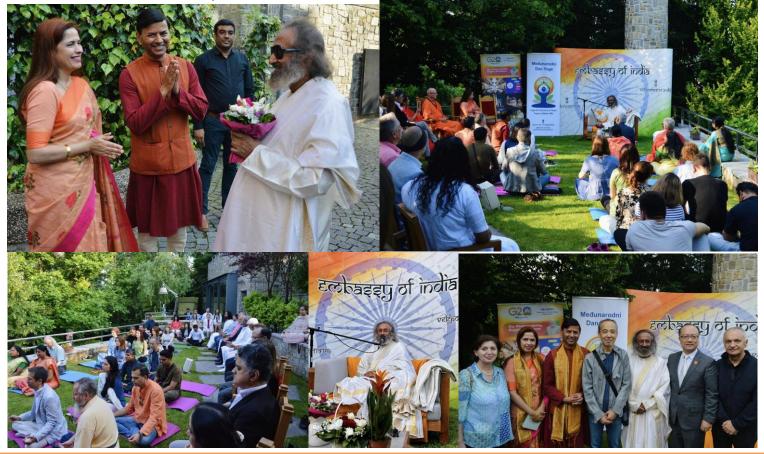
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The month-long celebration of the International Day of Yoga started with a a blissful session by Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

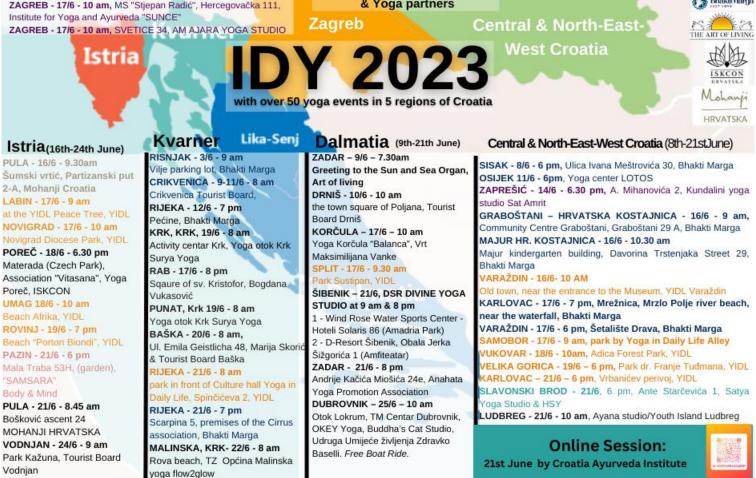
It was a real honour & privilege for all of us to host Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar at India House in Zagreb for a blissful session of wisdom & meditation for 50 esteemed guests. With this also began the 20 days long 60 events rich in Croatia this year.



Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in Zagreb on 02/06/2023: "A society free from violence, a body free from disease, a mind free from confusion, an intellect free from inhibitions, a memory free from trauma and a soul free from sorrow, is the birthright of every person." A blissful evening for 1500 persons full of positive energy



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