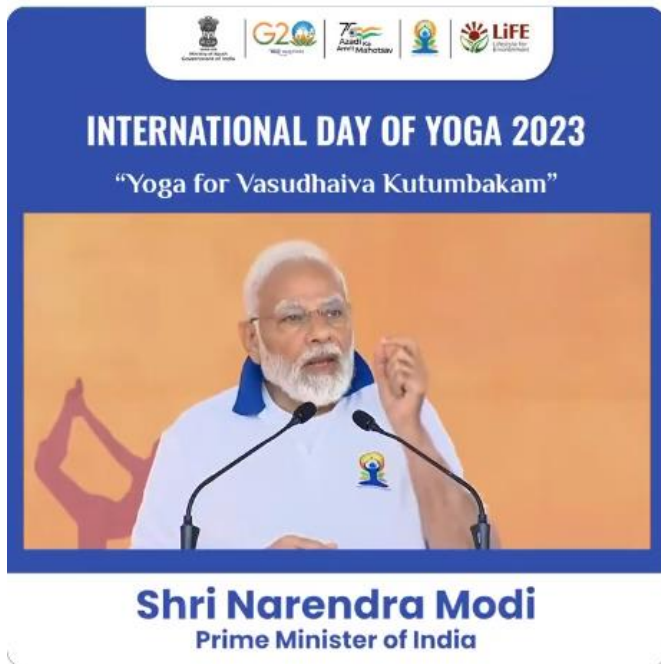




# Newsletter



**PM Shri Narendra Modi led a celebration of International Yoga Day at the United Nations in New York on 21st June and called on people "to join hands together to realize the goal of one Earth, one family, one future."**







Prime Minister Narendra Modi led a celebration of International Yoga Day at the United Nations in New York on Wednesday and called on people "to join hands together to realize the goal of one Earth, one family, one future." The United Nations in 2014 declared June 21 the International Day of Yoga, adopting a measure proposed by Modi. "Let us use the power of yoga, not only to be healthy, happy, but also to be kind to ourselves and to each other," Modi told a gathering of yoga devotees seated on yellow mats on the north lawn of U.N. headquarters by New York's East River. "Let us use the power of yoga to build bridges of friendship, a peaceful world, and a cleaner, greener and sustainable future," he said. The event saw participation from the President of the 77th United Nations General Assembly, Csaba Korosi, and New York City Mayor Eric Adams, along with personalities and influencers from all walks of life including diplomats, officials, academicians, health professionals, technocrats, industry leaders, media personalities, artists, spiritual leaders, and yoga practitioners, among others. Reportedly, people from 180 countries joined the PM for the program. The event created a Guinness World Record for seeing the participation of most nationalities in a Yoga session. GWR's official adjudicator Michael Empiric told the news agency ANI, "Today, there was a Guinness World Records title attempt for most nationalities in a Yoga lesson. The mark to be was 140 nationalities. Today, in New York, at the UN, they had 135. It is a new Guinness World Records title."



**Narendra Modi** ✓

@narendramodi

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What a grand Yoga Day programme in New York! Grateful for the energy and commitment shown by all participants. This shows how Yoga unites us in the pursuit of health, peace, and harmony.



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## Highlights from PM Modi's US visit

The three-day state visit, his first in nine years, included meeting with US President Joe Biden, an address to members of the US Congress, interactions with some of Silicon Valley's top CEOs, and meeting with Indian-American diaspora.



### PM's meeting with President of USA

The leaders highlighted the long-standing friendship and growing cooperation between the two countries, which spans areas like trade and investment, defence and security, energy, climate change, and people-to-people ties. Both leaders underscored the mutual trust and understanding, as well as the shared values between the two countries, which provide a strong foundation to take the relationship to new levels. They appreciated the rapid progress made through initiatives such as the Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) and the keen desire to elevate strategic technology collaborations to build resilient supply chains. They welcomed the deepening cooperation in critical minerals and space sectors. Both leaders reiterated their commitment to combating climate change and achieving a sustainable future. Discussions also covered regional and global issues of mutual interest.



### Address to the US Congress

PM conveyed his appreciation for the long-standing and strong bipartisan support in the US Congress for the deepening of India-US relations. PM spoke about the rapid strides made in India-US bilateral relations and shared his vision for elevating bilateral ties. He also outlined the enormous progress made by India and the opportunities that it presents for the world.



### India-US Hi-Tech Handshake event

PM Modi participated in an India-US Hi-Tech Handshake event at the White House. The event saw the participation of leading Indian and American CEOs of tech companies and startups. The thematic focus of the forum was on 'AI for All' and 'Manufacturing for Mankind'. The event was an opportunity for both leaders to review the deepening technology collaboration between India and USA.



### Meeting with Indian-American diaspora

At the end of his three-day state visit to the US, Prime Minister congratulated Indian community members for the success in their respective fields in USA and invited them to contribute to India's growth during Amrit Kaal. Prime Minister also thanked them for playing a significant role in strengthening India-USA ties, and highlighted future areas of bilateral partnership.

Watch the highlights at the following [LINK](#).

ANALYSIS

# M. Šerić: How Indian soft power conquers the world

Author: Matija Seric June 21, 2023



The popular and picturesque term "soft power" has been increasingly used in recent years both in public discourse and in the political science academic community. The term was coined in 1990 by the American expert on politics and international relations, Joseph Nye. In short, soft power means the ability of a state/nation to influence other states/nations through persuasion and attraction and relies on three fundamental pillars: culture, political ideas and values, and foreign policy. It is opposed to the use of coercion or force ("hard power") by economic or military means. Hard power is, for example, an attack by one state on another or the introduction of international sanctions.

Rarely has the term soft power been applied so successfully to a country as to India. India's values are not necessarily related to the actions of its political leaders but speak more about its thousands of years of civilization. India is one of the countries that abound in the potential for soft power, the most important of which are: intercultural dialogue, yoga, Bollywood, democracy, the Indian diaspora, Buddhism, Indian cuisine and cricket. From 2014 onwards, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi consciously placed the idea of a civilizational state of India on the world stage and sought to increase India's soft power within the framework of India's foreign policy. And he succeeded. Modi declared: "India is not only a nation, but also an idea and a culture".

## Indian civilization - a civilization of dialogue

The roots of Indian civilization are very deep. Indian civilization is one of the oldest, largest and most successful civilizations, and it is unique in that, unlike others, it has maintained uninterrupted continuity with its glorious past. The civilization of India implies a unique and universalistic culture whose influence extends beyond India's historical territory and Indian ethnolinguistic groups. From a civilization over 5,000 years old, various social, political and spiritual thoughts emerge that govern daily life in India and beyond. The mythological epics Ramayana and Mahabharata form an important part of the cultural heritage of India and the world because they can be compared to the Iliad and the Odyssey, but they are many times longer than it.

India is a country with an extremely long tolerant interreligious culture; therefore, many religions have found a haven from persecution on Indian territory. The outcome of such religious tolerance is modern India, which is home to practically all world religions. An interesting characteristic is that the number one religion for most Indians, Hinduism, has no central authority, i.e., no central authority, no central church or foundation temple, hence Hinduism has developed into a vast number of sub-groups ranging from sects to family-level worshipping followings. individual gods. The main reason is that Hindus do not have one holy book and one center of religious power.

## Unquestionable pluralism

It should be noted that from its beginnings, the idea of India is the idea of a unique space from the Himalayas to the Indian Ocean, which constitutes a unique cultural space where, since time immemorial, the deeper truth, true meaning of life and spiritual values have been sought. These and such seekers of all possible religions and nationalities have been revered in India throughout its entire history. Pluralism of all kinds and colors is the very essence of India and forms its integral, inseparable part. Ever since the young Hindu monk Swami Vivekananda performed and wowed at the World Congress of Religions in Chicago in 1893, this oriental spiritual view of the world and philosophy of life has been present in the West. Its influence is getting stronger because people today are turning more and more to the intangible values found in religions and alternative forms of life. The pluralism and tolerance of India can certainly be seen in the diet of the population, which varies from vegetarians to Hindus and Muslims who have a special menu, to classic omnivores. They all live with each other and accept these differences as something natural. Apart from Hinduism, Buddhism is also an original Indian religion because it originated in the Indian subcontinent and spread to China, Southeast Asia and beyond.

Read the full article at the following [LINK](#)

## Highlights from PM Modi's Egypt visit



During PM Modi's two-day state visit to Cairo, Egypt and India discussed ways to further deepen the partnership between the two countries, particularly in areas like trade and investment, information technology, defence and security, renewable energy, agriculture, health, culture and people-to-people ties. In a special ceremony at the Presidency in Cairo on 25 June 2023, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, conferred Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with the 'Order of the Nile', the highest civilian award of Egypt. Prime Minister is the first Indian to receive the award.

## Startup scene India

### Indian startups raised more than \$1 Bn in May: Entrackr Report

#### Indian Startup Funding Report [May 2023]



Source: [LINK](#)



## New India at work in diverse sports arenas

Indian Football Team is on its dream run. Winning Intercontinental Cup and now looking forward to SAFF Cup. National Team's Coach Igor Štimac from Croatia is taking the team to new heights.





**CHAMPIONS**

The #BlueTigers 🐅 have been on an impressive run and haven't lost since September 2019 when playing in front of #IndianFootball fans 🇮🇳🇮🇳🇮🇳

**INDIA'S LAST 12 GAMES AT HOME**

Match	Score	Opponent
0-2	India vs. Bangladesh	
4-0	India vs. Bangladesh	
2-0	India vs. Bangladesh	
0-0	India vs. Bangladesh	
0-1	India vs. Bangladesh	
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1-2	India vs. Bangladesh	
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1-1	India vs. Bangladesh	

**UNBEATEN STREAK**



### Diksha Dagar wins Ladies Czech Open 2023 golf title

The 22-year-old Indian golfer won her second Ladies European Tour crown and became only the second Indian woman to win two or more LET titles after Aditi Ashok.



### WTT Contender Tunis 2023: Sutirtha and Ayhika Mukherjee win women's doubles crown for India

Indian table tennis players Sutirtha and Ayhika Mukherjee won women's doubles title, beating Japanese pair in final to become first Indians to win Contender title this year.



### Remarkable success for Indian sepak takraw players at Asian Championship 2023

Indian players achieved remarkable success in sepak takraw at the Asian Championship 2023, which took place in China. They secured two gold medals in the test event, a silver medal in the quadrant, and a bronze medal in the regular event.



## NEWS ON INDIA

### Indian Army celebrated 9th International Day of Yoga at 106 locations across country

The Army formed a 'Bharatmala' by conducting Yoga all along the border areas of the nation Ranging from Siachen Glacier & Ladakh in the North, Remote areas of Arunachal Pradesh in the East, Indira Point in the South to Kutch & Thar in the West.

### India's services exports poised to surpass merchandise exports in five years

India's services exports are projected to surpass merchandise exports within the next five years due to significant growth in emerging sectors of the service economy, according to a senior official from the Service Export Promotion Council. The council's director general, Abhay Sinha, said that their projections indicate services exports will reach \$780 billion by 2027-28, slightly surpassing goods exports in that year. For the current financial year the council has set a target of \$400 billion for services exports, a 23% growth from FY23, when the exports totalled \$325 billion. Last year services exports grew 27% while merchandise exports were up 6.7% on year to \$450 billion. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations estimates that merchandise exports will grow to \$500 billion this fiscal. Services exports will be \$100 billion less than goods exports this year. Government has set a target of \$2 trillion exports by 2030 with both merchandise and service exports contributing equally.

### Automakers prepare for \$10 billion infrastructure investment

Automakers in India are set to invest nearly US\$ 10 billion by the end of the decade to establish infrastructure for manufacturing electric vehicles (EVs), according to data compiled by ETIntelligence Group (ETIG). The capital expenditure will involve constructing green field plants dedicated to EV production, investing in battery plants to manufacture batteries from the cell level, and establishing supportive grid charging infrastructure. Preliminary plans of carmakers indicate a capacity creation target of approximately 2 million EVs, which would bring the cumulative installed capacity to around 7.2-7.5 million units by 2030. With existing companies expanding their capacities and several new carmakers entering the market in 2025, the penetration of EVs in India's passenger car segment is projected to reach 25-30% by 2030.

### Tesla to come to India soon

Elon Musk, CEO of EV manufacturer Tesla, stated that the company will enter India as soon as possible, after a meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his state visit to the United States. The Indian government extended an invitation to Musk to explore investment opportunities in the electric mobility and commercial space sectors. Musk affirmed Tesla's commitment to India, with plans to make substantial investments soon. Last month, Reuters reported that Tesla had proposed the establishment of a manufacturing plant for electric vehicles and was also considering the production of EV batteries within the country.





# Read the latest article in the Croatian Business newspaper Poslovni Dnevnik written by Ambassador Srivastava headlined "Five key trends which will shape India's future in the next decade" about how New India's economy should become the third largest in the world by the end of the decade, which would be achieved with half a billion inhabitants of India's youth under the age of 21.

**Pet ključnih trendova koji će oblikovati Indiju u idućem desetljeću**

*S pola milijarde stanovnika mlađih od 21 godine, indijsko gospodarstvo trebalo bi postati treće po veličini na svijetu do kraja desetljeća, a do 2047. dosegnuti status razvijene ekonomije*

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Singh na sastanku ministarstva obrane SAD-a u Pentagonu. Indijski i američki vojnici sudjelovali su u zajedničkom vježbanju u okviru programa suradnje u području obrane. Singh je rekao da će Indija nastaviti biti partner u ovom području.

**Indijski premijer Narendra Modi kazao je kako budućnost svijeta ovisi o tome kako osnažimo mladu generaciju na svjetskoj razini, pored politike**

**500** milijuna ljudi više bi bilo u svijetu do kraja desetljeća, prema procjeni Svjetske banke. To će biti najveći porast stanovništva u povijesti čovječanstva.

**Indija je prešla iz zemlje u razvoju u zemlju s brzo rastućom ekonomijom**

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"The idea of elected leaders was a common feature in ancient India, long before the rest of the world. In our ancient epic, Mahabharata, the first duty of citizens is described as choosing their leader. Our sacred Vedas, speak of political power being exercised by broad-based consultative bodies. There are also many historical references to Republic states in ancient India, where the rulers were not hereditary. India is, indeed, the mother of democracy. Democracy is not just a structure; it is also a spirit. It is based on the belief that the needs and aspirations of every human being are equally important. Whether it is our effort to fight climate change through lifestyle changes, conserve water through distributed storage, or provide clean cooking fuel to everyone, every initiative is powered by the collective efforts of the citizens of India. India, despite the many global challenges, is the fastest-growing major economy today. This itself is the best advertisement for democracy in the world. This itself says that Democracy Can Deliver.", said Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Leader-level plenary of the second Summit for Democracy on March 29, 2023.

India as the largest and the oldest democracy on this planet believes that multipolarity in the world order democratises the opportunities for human beings and creates grounds for peace, progress, and prosperity. Today India's relations with every country stand on their own merits, not on an alliance-based mentality which is against inclusive growth of the planet. India's strategic partnerships across the globe have expanded both in content as well as in numbers in the last decade, surely strengthening multipolarity. The growing importance of G20 in addressing global challenges is again a stabilizing factor for the world order.

India's foreign policy is aimed at creating a positive atmosphere so that human-centric governance, globalization, and growth could happen. India's motto during its G20 presidency in 2023 is "Whole world is one family". Our global initiatives like the International Solar Alliance, International Day of Yoga, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, International Year of Millets, and Mission LiFE all focus on ensuring a better future for people as well as the planet. These ideas unite all and not divide the world. "India is committed to a rules-based international order, and we believe that a multipolar world is in the interest of all countries. We will continue to work with all major powers to advance our interests and promote global stability." - Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said at the 2021 Munich Security Conference.

"India sees itself as a bridge between East and West, and we will continue to work towards building closer ties with both regions. We are committed to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific, and we believe that this is in the interest of all countries in the region," notes the Indian Defense Minister Rajnath Singh at the 2020 ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus.



### **New Partnerships based on Technology & Talent and aimed at addressing Global Challenges**

India and the United States recently launched the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) with its inaugural meeting in Washington, D.C. It is aimed at strengthening technology partnerships and cooperation between the two countries. The initiative focuses on building technology value chains, co-development and co-production of items, and addressing regulatory restrictions, export controls, and mobility barriers. It covers various cutting-edge sectors, including quantum technologies, semiconductors, defence manufacturing, space, and telecommunications, among others. India and the European Union (EU) have come together to establish a new Trade and Technology Council (TTC) that will focus on collaborating on critical technologies such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, semiconductors, and cybersecurity. The TTC will also work towards addressing challenges related to trade, trusted technology, and security, with three working groups focusing on strategic technologies, digital governance and connectivity, green and clean energy technologies, and trade, investment and resilient value chains.

The Indian economy is poised to become the third-largest economy in the world by the end of the decade. Going ahead, five key trends are likely to shape the coming decade. First, India is set to see over 500 million more people living in urban areas by 2050. Second, survey data shows that there are more women than men in India for the first time, further strengthening India's demographic dividend. Third, digitalisation has picked up pace across the world. Fourth, the decarbonisation imperative still needs acceleration. Finally, owing to rising geopolitical and trade tensions, we are seeing an increasing trend towards deglobalisation. India is well placed amidst this global churn. In an ageing world, India is amongst the youngest. With robust digital public infrastructure, India is poised to capitalise on the digitalisation opportunity. India is looking outward at a world with disrupted supply chains and trade tensions. With many countries facing many challenges in decarbonisation, India has emerged as the most important country in the battle against climate change.

### **Between now and 2050, it is estimated that another 500 million more people in India will be living in urban areas**

Firstly, on urbanisation, the benefits offered by cities in terms of agglomeration and aggregation are well known. Between now and 2050, it is estimated that another 500 million more people in India will be living in urban areas. Without sustainable urbanisation, cities are likely to fall prey to congestion and pollution, rather than bringing the agglomeration benefits. The cities of the future must be designed around the principles of transit-oriented development, with public transport at their core. Urban planning must include elements such as bus rapid transit, light rapid transit, mass rapid transit and non-motorized transit systems. Principles of circular economy, for instance, to address water supply, must also be crucial for the new urbanisation model. Urbanisation will have to be a key driver of India's growth in the coming years.

Secondly, continued focus on building infrastructure through expanding capex is imperative. For the second successive year, the Budget has raised capital expenditure by 33%, bringing it to Euros 110 billion. The infrastructure being built will connect people and markets and reduce the cost of logistics. With global value chains being realigned, investing in infrastructure will make India an attractive option for global manufacturing.

Thirdly, India's digitisation and technological push mean that it is now generating vast amounts of data. For instance, through GST, nearly 25 lakh eWay bills were generated daily in December 2022. UPI processes millions of payments every day. Through CoWin, India administered 2bn+ vaccine doses. Since the digitisation of governance, vast amounts of administrative data are also being generated, in a real-time manner. Digital technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI-ML) have now come to the fore to enable India to technologically leapfrog. With both data and technology available, this is an apt time to take evidence-backed public policy to the next level. Fourthly, pursuing green growth. As a part of the government's overall market borrowings in 2022-23, sovereign Green Bonds will be issued for mobilizing resources for green infrastructure. The proceeds will be deployed in public sector projects which help in reducing the carbon intensity of the economy.

In January 2023 Ernst & Young came out with a detailed report titled India@100. The short summary of that report is instructive to understand where and how India is heading in terms of its economic development in the next 25 years.

Read the full article at the following [LINK](#).

## The 9th IDY during 01-25 June 2023 was marked with over 50 yoga events

The International Day of Yoga is being celebrated in Croatia since 2015. The number of cities and locations which are marking the International Day of Yoga has increased in the following 9 years. The first IDY in Croatia in 2015 was celebrated during 01-21 June 2015 in 16 locations in Croatia, which increased to over 50 locations this year. The final celebration of this year's International Day of Yoga was held on June 21, 2023, in Park Bundek (lake stage) with 100 attendees. In addition to civil society organizations, yoga workshops were organized with Tourist Boards and City Councils of several cities, students of the Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Zagreb, students of the School of Applied Arts and Design, Zagreb, SOS Children's Village Lekenik, Monte Zaro Elementary School Pula, Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster to promote the positive effects of traditional systems health like yoga that are effective for boosting immunity. In addition to practicing, participants had the opportunity to enjoy a presentation by yoga teachers and experts.

**CENTRAL CELEBRATION OF IDY 2023**  
**BUNDEK, ZAGREB - 21/6 - 7 pm,**  
**Embassy of India, Zagreb & Yoga partners**

**with over 50 yoga events in 5 regions of Croatia**

**Zagreb (1st -21st June)**

**ZAGREB - 5/6 - 7 pm,** Rudeška 160 a Branko Radosavljević &

**ZAGREB - 6/6 - 5 pm,** Suryapharm, Magazinska 9a

**ZAGREB - 11/6 - 9 am,** Main entrance Maksimir Park, Bhakti Marga

**ZAGREB - 12/6 - 6 pm,** Namaste Yoga Zagreb, Ul. Savezne Rep. Njemačke 2A

**ZAGREB - 12/6 - 8 pm,** Jezero Bundek, Seraphin Yoga

**ZAGREB - 12&13/6 - Dharma Yoga Centar Zagreb - Kuća Dharma joge.** Pavla Hatza 10, Zagreb, ISKCON

**ZAGREB - 16/6 - 8 pm,** rooftop, Verbasana yoga & HSY

**ZAGREB - 17/6 - 9 am,** park Maksimir (main stage), YIDL

**ZAGREB - 17/6 - 10 am,** MS "Stjepan Radić", Hercegovačka 111, Institute for Yoga and Ayurveda "SUNCE"

**ZAGREB - 17/6 - 10 am,** SVETICE 34, AM AJARA YOGA STUDIO

**Istria (16th-24th June)**

**PULA - 16/6 - 9.30am** Šumski vrtić, Partizanski put 2-A, Mohanji Croatia

**LABIN - 17/6 - 9 am** at the YIDL Peace Tree, YIDL

**NOVIGRAD - 17/6 - 10 am** Novigrad Diocese Park, YIDL

**POREČ - 18/6 - 6.30 pm** Materada (Czech Park), Association "Vitasana", Yoga Poreč, ISKCON

**UMAG 18/6 - 10 am** Beach Afrika, YIDL

**ROVINJ - 19/6 - 7 pm** Beach "Porton Biondi", YIDL

**PAZIN - 21/6 - 6 pm** Mala Traba 53H, (garden), "SAMSARA" Body & Mind

**PULA - 21/6 - 8.45 am** Bošković ascent 24

**MOHANJI HRVATSKA**

**VODNJAN - 24/6 - 9 am** Park Kažuna, Tourist Board Vodnjan

**Kvarner**

**RISNJAK - 3/6 - 9 am** Vilje parking lot, Bhakti Marga

**CRIKVENICA - 9-11/6 - 8 am** Crikvenica Tourist Board,

**RIJEKA - 12/6 - 7 pm** Pećine, Bhakti Marga

**KRK, KRK, 19/6 - 8 am** Activity centar Krk, Yoga otok Krk Surya Yoga

**RAB - 17/6 - 8 pm** Sqaure of sv. Kristofor, Bogdana Vukasović

**PUNAT, Krk 19/6 - 8 am** Yoga otok Krk Surya Yoga

**BAŠKA - 20/6 - 8 am,** Ul. Emila Geistlicha 48, Marija Skorčić & Tourist Board Baška

**RIJEKA - 21/6 - 8 am** park in front of Culture hall Yoga in Daily Life, Spinčićeva 2, YIDL

**RIJEKA - 21/6 - 7 pm** Scarpina 5, premises of the Cirrus association, Bhakti Marga

**MALINSKA, KRK- 22/6 - 8 am** Rova beach, TZ Općina Malinska yoga flow2glow

**Lika-Senj**

**Dalmatia (9th-21th June)**

**ZADAR - 9/6 - 7.30am** Greeting to the Sun and Sea Organ, Art of living

**DRNIŠ - 10/6 - 10 am** the town square of Poljana, Tourist Board Drniš

**KORČULA - 17/6 - 10 am** Yoga Korčula "Balanca", Vrt Maksimilijana Vanke

**SPLIT - 17/6 - 9.30 am** Park Sustipan, YIDL

**ŠIBENIK - 21/6, DSR DIVINE YOGA STUDIO** at 9 am & 8 pm

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

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

**ZADAR - 21/6 - 8 pm** Andrije Kačića Miošića 24e, Anahata Yoga Promotion Association

**DUBROVNIK - 25/6 - 10 am** Otok Lokrum, TM Centar Dubrovnik, OKEY Yoga, Buddha's Cat Studio, Udruga Umijeće življenja Zdravko Baselli. Free Boat Ride.

**Central & North-East-West Croatia (8th-21st June)**

**SISAK - 8/6 - 6 pm,** Ulica Ivana Meštrovića 30, Bhakti Marga

**OSIJEK 11/6 - 6pm,** Yoga center LOTOS

**ZAPREŠIĆ - 14/6 - 6.30 pm,** A. Mihanovića 2, Kundalini yog studio Sat Amrit

**GRABOŠTANI - HRVATSKA KOSTAJNICA - 16/6 - 9 am** Community Centre Graboštani, Graboštani 29 A, Bhakti Marga

**MAJUR HR. KOSTAJNICA - 16/6 - 10.30 am** Majur kindergarten building, Davorina Trstenjaka Street 29 Bhakti Marga

**VARAŽDIN - 16/6- 10 AM** Old town, near the entrance to the Museum, YIDL Varaždin

**KARLOVAC - 17/6 - 7 pm,** Mrežnica, Mrzlo Polje river beach near the waterfall, Bhakti Marga

**VARAŽDIN - 17/6 - 6 pm,** Šetalište Drava, Bhakti Marga

**SAMOBOR - 17/6 - 9 am,** park by Yoga in Daily Life Alley

**VUKOVAR - 18/6 - 10am,** Adica Forest Park, YIDL

**VELIKA GORICA - 19/6 - 6 pm,** Park dr. Franje Tuđmana, YIDL

**KARLOVAC - 21/6 - 6 pm,** Vrbaničev perivoj, YIDL

**SLAVONSKI BROD - 21/6, 6 pm,** Ante Starčevića 1, Saty Yoga Studio & HSY

**LUDBREG - 21/6 - 10 am,** Ayana studio/Youth Island Ludbreg

**Online Session:**  
**21st June by Croatia Ayurveda Institute**



## The central celebration of this year's International Day of Yoga was held on June 21, 2023, in Park Bundek

The final celebration of this year's International Day of Yoga was held on June 21, 2023, in Park Bundek (lake stage) with 100 attendees, organized by the Embassy of India in Croatia in partnership with the City of Zagreb, Zagreb Fair, YIDL, AOL, Mohanji, Bhakti Marga, ISKCON Croatia & Croatian Yoga federation.

Ambassador Srivastava highlighted the theme of the 9th IDY of "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - Yoga for World as one Family". The awareness about Yoga has increased in the past nine years globally since the United Nations declared 21st June as the International Day of Yoga and on the occasion of 9th IDY Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the yoga session at the UN headquarters in New York with every nationality present on the ground. Truly Yoga has united the world as one Family. Zagreb Fair Director Ms. Renata Suša welcomed the participants and Zagreb residents to celebrate 10th #IDY at the large Zagreb Fair premises in 2024.





## Yoga events in Kvarner (2nd – 21st June)

**RIJEKA**, YIDL Rijeka



**PUNAT**, Yoga otok Krk Surya Yoga



**RAB**, Aqua Yoga Rab



**RISNJAK NP**, Bhakti Marga



**MALINSKA**, flow2glow & HSY



**BAŠKA**, Tourist Board Baška



**KRK**, Yoga otok Krk Surya Yoga



**CRIKVENICA**, Crikvenica Tourist Board, Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster, KUŠAC ASSOCIATION



## Yoga events in Međimurje, Zagorje, Podravina & Slavonia (2nd-19th June)

**VARAŽDIN**, Bhakti Marga



**OSIJEK**, Yoga center LOTOS



**SLATINA**, Udruga AUM



**VUKOVAR**, YIDL



**VARAŽDIN**, YIDL Varaždin



**LUDBREG**, AYANA YOGA





## Yoga events in Zagreb & central Croatia (3rd - 21st June)



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 IDY 2023 in Croatia this year.

**ZAGREB**, Branko Radoslavljevic



**SAMOBOR**, YIDL Zagreb



**ZAGREB**, Bhakti Marga



**ZAGREB**, Institute of Yoga and Ayurveda "SUNCE"



**KARLOVAC**, Bhakti Marga



**SISAK**, Bhakti Marga



**ZAGREB**, Croatian Yoga Federation & VERBASANA



**ZAGREB**, Namaste Yoga Zagreb



**ZAGREB**, YIDL Zagreb





## Yoga events in Istria (2nd – 24th June)

### VODNJAN, Tourist Board & City Council of Vodnjan



### LABIN, YIDL Labin



### PAZIN, "SAMSARA" Body & Mind



### NOVIGRAD, YIDL & Amrit Sagar

Ambassador Srivastava participated at the IDY2023 celebration in Novigrad with over 100 yoga participants jointly with the Mayor of the City of Novigrad, Mr. Anteo Miloš. The event was also supported by the City of Novigrad, Tourist Board of Novigrad Cittanova and the association Amrit Sagar - Yoga Novigrad-Poreč.



### POREČ, "Vitasana", Yoga Poreč



### UMAG, YIDL Labin

### ROVINJ, YIDL Labin





## Yoga events in Dalmatia (9th – 24th June)

**DUBROVNIK**, TM Centar  
Dubrovnik, OKEY Yoga, Buddha's  
Cat Studio, Udruga Umijeće življenja



**KORČULA**, Yoga Korčula  
"Balanca"



**ZADAR**, Art of living



**SPLIT**, YIDL Split, Bhakti Marga



**DRNIŠ**, Tourist Board Drniš, Yoga Back to Basic - Šibenik Knin

Ambassador Srivastava participated in a yoga session, which took place in Drniš Fortress Gradina and was organized in cooperation with the Tourist Board Drniš and Yoga studio Yoga Back to Basic - Šibenik Knin.



**ŠIBENIK**, DSR DIVINE YOGA  
STUDIO



*Pictures from all IDY location will be shared in due course of time.*



## A magical evening: “Empowering the Universe Within”

In a unique event at Napredak, the accomplished female mentalist and mind trainer, Dr. Kruti Parekh gave a wonderful demonstration on the power of mind and ‘how to empower the universe within’. In 60 minutes of spell-bound presentation and show, she could demonstrate the different phenomenas associated with mind such as Telepathy, Psychometry, Mind conditioning and Meditation as a state of thoughtless awareness. The magic of mind was at display when audience was mesmerized by some of the acts which involved audience, yet the outcomes were unexplainable. A truly empowering session for all of those who attended.



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