



# Newsletter



## Human-Centric Globalisation: Taking G20 to the Last Mile, Leaving None Behind

**Author: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**

'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' – these two words capture a deep philosophy. It means 'the world is one family'. This is an all-embracing outlook that encourages us to progress as one universal family, transcending borders, languages, and ideologies. During India's G20 Presidency, this has translated into a call for human-centric progress. As One Earth, we are coming together to nurture our planet. As One Family, we support each other in the pursuit of growth. And we move together towards a shared future - One Future - which is an undeniable truth in these interconnected times. The post-pandemic world order is very different from the world before it. There are three important changes, among others. First, there is a growing realisation that a shift away from a GDP-centric view of the world to a human-centric view is needed. Second, the world is recognizing the importance of resilience and reliability in global supply chains. Third, there is a collective call for boosting multilateralism through the reform of global institutions. Our G20 Presidency has played the role of a catalyst in these shifts. In December 2022, when we took over the Presidency from Indonesia, I had written that a mindset shift must be catalysed by the G20. This was especially needed in the context of mainstreaming the marginalized aspirations of developing countries, the Global South and Africa. The Voice of Global South Summit, which witnessed participation from 125 countries, was one of the foremost initiatives under our Presidency. It was an important exercise to gather inputs and ideas from the Global South. Further, our Presidency has not only seen the largest-ever participation from African countries but has also pushed for the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member of the G20.



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An interconnected world means our challenges across domains are interlinked. This is the midway year of the 2030 Agenda and many are noting with great concern that the progress on SDGs is off-track. The G20 2023 Action Plan on Accelerating Progress on SDGs will spearhead the future direction of the G20 towards implementing SDGs. In India, living in harmony with nature has been a norm since ancient times and we have been contributing our share towards climate action even in modern times.

Many countries of the Global South are at various stages of development and climate action must be a complementary pursuit. Ambitions for climate action must be matched with actions on climate finance and transfer of technology. We believe there is a need to move away from a purely restrictive attitude of what should not be done, to a more constructive attitude focusing on what can be done to fight climate change.

The Chennai HLPs for a Sustainable and Resilient Blue Economy focus on keeping our oceans healthy.

A global ecosystem for clean and green hydrogen will emerge from our presidency, along with a Green Hydrogen Innovation Centre. In 2015, we launched the International Solar Alliance. Now, through the Global Biofuels Alliance, we will support the world to enable energy transitions in tune with the benefits of a circular economy. Democratising climate action is the best way to impart momentum to the movement. Just as individuals make daily decisions based on their long-term health, they can make lifestyle decisions based on the impact on the planet's long-term health. Just like Yoga became a global mass movement for wellness, we have also nudged the world with Lifestyles for Sustainable Environment (LiFE). Due to the impact of climate change, ensuring food and nutritional security will be crucial. Millets, or Shree Anna, can help with this while also boosting climate-smart agriculture. In the International Year of Millets, we have taken millets to global palates. The Deccan High Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition is also helpful in this direction. Technology is transformative but it also needs to be made inclusive. In the past, the benefits of technological advancements have not benefited all sections of society equally. India, over the last few years, has shown how technology can be leveraged to narrow inequalities, rather than widen them. For instance, the billions across the world that remain unbanked, or lack digital identities, can be financially included through digital public infrastructure (DPI). The solutions we have built using our DPI have now been recognised globally.

Now, through the G20, we will help developing countries adapt, build, and scale DPI to unlock the power of inclusive growth. That India is the fastest-growing large economy is no accident. Our simple, scalable and sustainable solutions have empowered the vulnerable and the marginalised to lead our development story. From space to sports, economy to entrepreneurship, Indian women have taken the lead in various sectors. They have shifted the narrative from the development of women to women-led development. Our G20 Presidency is working on bridging the gender digital divide, reducing labour force participation gaps and enabling a larger role for women in leadership and decision-making. For India, the G20 Presidency is not merely a high-level diplomatic endeavour.

As the Mother of Democracy and a model of diversity, we opened the doors of this experience to the world. Today, accomplishing things at scale is a quality that is associated with India. The G20 Presidency is no exception. It has become a people-driven movement. Over 200 meetings will have been organised in 60 Indian cities across the length and breadth of our nation, hosting nearly 100,000 delegates from 125 countries by the end of our term. No Presidency has ever encompassed such a vast and diverse geographical expanse. It is one thing to hear about India's demography, democracy, diversity and development from someone else. It is totally different to experience them first-hand. I am sure our G20 delegates would vouch for this.

Our G20 Presidency strives to bridge divides, dismantle barriers, and sow seeds of collaboration that nourish a world where unity prevails over discord, where shared destiny eclipses isolation. As the G20 President, we had pledged to make the global table larger, ensuring that every voice is heard and every country contributes. I am positive that we have matched our pledge with actions and outcomes.



## Croatian media's reaction to India's G20 presidency

**The cunning tactics of India and the West seem to have worked, with Russia and China ending up as the biggest losers**

Ukraine's mild reaction to the declaration may be evidence that Kiev was aware of the West's real goals at the G20 summit

It says: Zeljko Irljanec Published: September 11, 2023 2:48 p.m.

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**G20 accepted the joint declaration!**

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**Human-centered globalization: the final cycle of the G20 will leave no one behind**

Posted by Narendra Modi on September 6, 2023 at 10:00 p.m. 0 comments



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**The G20 summit began in India: the African Union became a member, deep divisions over Ukraine**

Russia is represented by Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergei Lavrov, Putin will not come



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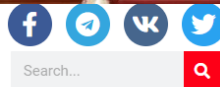
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**Digital public infrastructure for "One Country, One Family, One Future" launched at the G20 Leaders' meeting in India**

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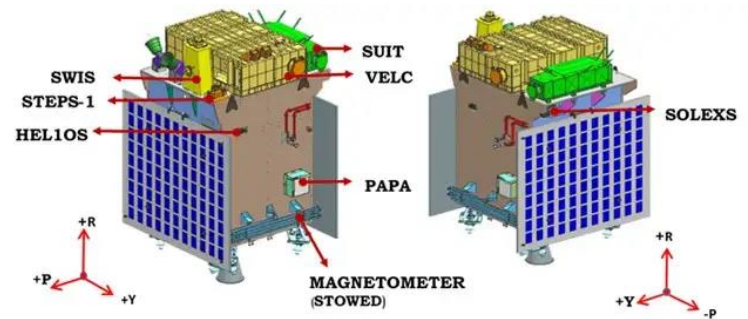
At the meeting of the G20 leaders in India, under the motto "One country, one family, one future", a new concept of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and the non-governmental organization One Future Alliance were launched. These initiatives aim to increase the interconnectedness of data-driven systems to meet the Sustainable Development Goals – a fusion of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda and the World Economic Forum's Fourth Industrial Revolution. This forms the basis for the technocratic society of social and planetary engineering envisioned by Zbigniew Brzezinski in his 1970 book *Between the Ages*. Welcome to the New International Economic Order!

Everything the G20 does is based on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. The leaders of the world's 19 largest economies pledge to "accelerate the full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" and advocate "lifestyles for sustainable development". The latter includes the introduction of a social credit system that rewards "correct" sustainable behavior. As expressed in the G20 High Level Principles on Lifestyles for Sustainable Development:

Leverage data to support and enable last-minute behavior change to adopt and drive sustainable lifestyles and consumer choices.

In order to meet the goals of sustainable development and tackle other global challenges, artificial intelligence will also be used in a "responsible" way and, for example, to detect potential risks.

## After a successful lunar landing Mission, ISRO's Sun Mission is on its way



Aditya L1 is the first space based Indian mission to study the Sun. The spacecraft is placed in a halo orbit around the Lagrange point 1 (L1) of the Sun-Earth system, which is about 1.5 million km from the Earth. A satellite placed in the halo orbit around the L1 point has the major advantage of continuously viewing the Sun without any occultation/eclipses. This will provide a greater advantage of observing the solar activities and its effect on space weather in real time. The spacecraft carries seven payloads to observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the outermost layers of the Sun (the corona) using electromagnetic and particle and magnetic field detectors. Using the special vantage point L1, four payloads directly view the Sun and the remaining three payloads carry out in-situ studies of particles and fields at the Lagrange point L1, thus providing important scientific studies of the propagatory effect of solar dynamics in the interplanetary medium.

Aditya L1 payloads are expected to provide most crucial informations to understand the problem of coronal heating, coronal mass ejection, pre-flare and flare activities and their characteristics, dynamics of space weather, propagation of particle and fields etc.

The major science objectives of Aditya-L1 mission are:

- Study of Solar upper atmospheric (chromosphere and corona) dynamics.
- Study of chromospheric and coronal heating, physics of the partially ionized plasma, initiation of the coronal mass ejections, and flares
- Observe the in-situ particle and plasma environment providing data for the study of particle dynamics from the Sun.
- Physics of solar corona and its heating mechanism.
- Diagnostics of the coronal and coronal loops plasma: Temperature, velocity and density.
- Development, dynamics and origin of CMEs.
- Identify the sequence of processes that occur at multiple layers (chromosphere, base and extended corona) which eventually leads to solar eruptive events.
- Magnetic field topology and magnetic field measurements in the solar corona .
- Drivers for space weather (origin, composition and dynamics of solar wind .

Read the last updates about PSLV-C57/Aditya-L1 Mission [here](#).



## New India at work in diverse sports arenas



**TEAM INDIA**  
SHOOTING - MEN'S 10M AIR RIFLE - TEAM

**GOLD**



**INDIA**  
WOMEN'S CRICKET COMPETITION

**GOLD**

India were 2-2 against Kazakhstan and then 2-0 down in the final game of the #AsianGames men's Table Tennis team event

And then Sharath Kamal turned on beast mode 🐾

India beat Kazakhstan 3-2!



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SHARATH KAMAL	5	7	11	11	11



**SHOOTING**  
**WOMEN'S 25M PISTOL TEAM**

RANK	NAME	SCORE
1	<b>INDIA</b>	1759
2	<b>CHINA</b>	1756
3	<b>SOUTH KOREA</b>	1742

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## India will host the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup

The 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup will be the 13th edition of the Cricket World Cup, a quadrennial One Day International (ODI) cricket tournament contested by men's national teams and organized by the International Cricket Council (ICC). The tournament will be hosted by India, beginning on 5 October, and concluding on 19 November 2023. Ten national teams will participate; Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, and Sri Lanka. Teams had to progress to the tournament via the 2023 Cricket World Cup qualification process, with the West Indies missing out for the first time in their history. England are the defending champions, having won the 2019 edition by defeating New Zealand in the final. It will be the first men's Cricket World Cup to be hosted solely by India, who with other countries on the Indian subcontinent had co-hosted the event in 1987, 1996, and 2011. The tournament will take place in ten different stadiums. The first and second semi-finals will be held at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai and Eden Gardens in Kolkata respectively, while the final will take place at Narendra Modi Stadium, in Ahmedabad.



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**ICC WORLD CUP 2023**  
**TEAM INDIA**

**Rohit Sharma**  
(Captain)



## NEWS ON INDIA

### UPI Transactions Surpass 10 Billion Mark

In a recent report released by The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), it has been revealed that transactions made through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) soared to new heights in August 2023. The data shows that UPI transactions not only crossed the remarkable milestone of 10 billion in volume but also reached a value of INR 15.18 trillion. This achievement signifies a remarkable growth trend, with UPI transactions exceeding a 50% year-on-year increase. To provide some context, just a year ago, in August 2022, there were 6.58 billion monthly transactions through UPI. The journey of UPI's rise has been impressive. It initially hit the 1 billion monthly transaction mark in October 2019, showcasing a fourfold growth in adoption in less than four years.



### Yashobhoomi: India's Mega Venue for Global Meetings and Exhibitions

In a historic moment, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled Phase 1 of the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC), named 'Yashobhoomi.' The state-of-the-art facility, constructed at a cost of Rs 5,400 crore, is set to redefine the global landscape of meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE). The IICC spans over 73,000 square meters and features 15 convention rooms, including the main auditorium, a grand ballroom, and 13 meeting rooms, with a combined capacity to accommodate 11,000 delegates. This facility is poised to become a key player in hosting large-scale international events and conferences.



### India's Space Economy Soars: \$40 Billion by 2040

In a recent announcement at the S20 Conference hosted by Amity University, Union Minister Jitendra Singh revealed that India's space economy, currently valued at \$8 billion, is projected to reach an impressive \$40 billion by 2040. This substantial growth reflects India's rapid expansion and advancements in the space sector. Minister Singh also emphasized the remarkable growth in the Indian space startup ecosystem. In 2014, there were merely four space startups in the country. Fast forward to 2023, and this number has skyrocketed to over 150. Furthermore, he emphasized that India is on the brink of global leadership, citing the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 as evidence of the nation's impressive scientific capabilities.



### India-Middle East-Europe Corridor to become cornerstone of global trade: PM Modi

At the G20 Summit, leaders from India, Saudi Arabia, UAE, France, Germany, Italy, and the European Union, announced the ambitious India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC), set to revolutionize global trade. The IMEC comprises an Eastern Corridor connecting India to the Gulf region and a Northern Corridor connecting the Gulf region to Europe. It will include a railway and ship-rail transit network and road transport routes. "When India was very prosperous, silk routes were widely discussed in the country and the world. Now in modern times, India has suggested another economic corridor during the G20. It is the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor and history will remember that India initiated this corridor," PM Modi said.





## Ambassador Srivastava about India's Moon & Sun Mission and G20 Presidency at Dobro jutro Hrvatska

The Dobro jutro, Hrvatska (Good Morning Show) on Croatian National Television spoke with Ambassador Srivastava about ISRO - Indian Space Research Organisation successfully landing Chandrayaan-3 at Moon's South Pole and its first Sun mission Aditya L1 to study Solar events that impact life on Earth. Back-to-back successful launches are proof of Indian expertise in adding knowledge for human existence on this planet and towards understanding the secrets of this Universe.



Ambassador Srivastava also discussed the initiatives to promote people-to-people ties between India and Croatia and G20 India Presidency mentioning the essence of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam's "The World Is One Family" and initiatives to make the World Inclusive, Sustainable, and Equitable - WISE.



"Indian democracy derives its strength from the spirit and ethos of the country's citizens and people-centric development is its defining feature. India's inclusive approach to the G20 presidency is, therefore, an extension of its domestic approach to development and progress, which focuses on engaging all sections of society. Providing every citizen with the necessities of life is the highest priority for the government and it has consistently ensured that there is enough social security support for all citizens", notes Srivastava.

Watch the full interview at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndiainCroatia/videos/1155849465334008>

## Ambassador's outreaches

Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava received Hrvoje Cosic CEO of Aircash and understand how he brought an idea to fruition using his life experiences, digital technologies, and desire to bring convenience to people. Great possibilities to bring the people of India and Croatia closer using technology were discussed in detail.



Ambassador Srivastava visited the Technical Museum „Nikola Tesla in Zagreb“ and discussed several projects for the forthcoming year, including the exhibition “Creating Bridges through Art” Competition for the Students of ŠPUD.



Ambassador Srivastava received Mr. Slobodan Danko Bosanac from A3 Space Agency and discussed strengthening the India-Croatia research in the field of space Technology.



The conference "Smart Industry: Smart Industries to Accelerated Development and Growth of the Economy" will be held on October 12 and 13, 2023 in the Amadria Park Convention Center, Šibenik organized by Poslovni dnevnik. Ambassador Srivastava is giving a keynote lecture on 13<sup>th</sup> October on the topic “Harnessing the transformational potential of smart industries for people and communities”. More information about the conference: [LINK](#)





## Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava visited ŠPUD and announced the “Creating Bridges through Art” Competition for the Students of ŠPUD



The Embassy of India, Zagreb cordially invited the students of ŠPUD to participate in the art competition on various listed themes to showcase their creative imagination, which starts on the 18th of September, 2023 and lasts until the 1st of December 2023.

Since the India Book Corner has been successfully opened on 24th March 2022 we are looking forward to strengthening our cooperation through this project with the objective of bringing Croatia and India closer by enhancing our understanding of ideas of global importance for the People & and the Planet and building Trust & Transparency in our society.

Themes:

- 1) The World is One Family
- 2) India's Transformational Space Research for Humanity
- 3) Digital Technology for enhancing Trust & Transparency
- 4) Nikola Tesla & Bharat Connection
- 5) Mission Life

### 1) The World is One Family

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is a Sanskrit phrase from the ancient Indian text in the Maha Upanishad, which means "The World Is One Family". The idea of the phrase remains relevant today as it emphasizes a global perspective, prioritizing wholistic well-being of the People & the Planet as one connected ecosystem. It encourages to think about the welfare of others, fostering global solidarity and responsibility, especially in addressing crucial issues like climate change, sustainable development, peace, and tolerance, and human centric approach to development.

### 2) India's Transformational Space Research for Humanity

The Government of India is leading the push to modernize and expand country's infrastructure and logistics networks. The quality of India's infrastructure and logistics ecosystem will be key for the country to become a \$5 trillion economy by the mid-2020s, attract needed investment and expand its presence in global value chains.

The successful landing of the Indian Chandrayaan-3 mission on the South Pole of the Moon marks a big step in expanding the human exploratory frontier. India has also launched the Aditya-L1 mission to the Sun on 2nd September and many other space research projects are in the pipeline. Words of the Prime Minister of India Addressing ISRO scientists - "The spot where Chandrayaan-3 landed on the Moon will now be known as Shiv Shakti. In Shiva, there is a decision for the benefit of humanity, and Shakti gives us the strength to fulfil those decisions."

### 3) Digital Technology for enhancing Trust & Transparency

Digital Technologies are improving day by day which benefit people in several ways. India in the past seven years have democratized the benefits of Digital technology by establishing Digital Public Infrastructure which is creating startup revolution, self-reliance, entrepreneurship, and gender equality. It has also brought trust & transparency and attacked corruption frontally by reducing the role of middlemen.

### 4) Nikola Tesla & Bharat Connection

Nikola Tesla was influenced by Indian thoughts of Swami Vivekananda after listening to him in Chicago in 1893. He used ancient Sanskrit terminology in his descriptions of natural phenomena. As early as 1891 Tesla described the universe as a kinetic system filled with energy which could be harnessed at any location. His concepts during the following years were greatly influenced by the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. Swami Vivekananda was the first of a succession of Eastern yogis who brought Vedic philosophy from India to the West. After meeting the Swami and after continued study of the Eastern view of the mechanisms driving the material world, Tesla began using the Sanskrit words Akasha, Prana, and the concept of a luminiferous ether to describe the source, existence, and construction of matter. Nikola Tesla famously said "If you want to understand the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, vibrations, and frequency." Its interesting coincidence that civilizational name of India - Bharat is explained as combination of three syllables Bha-RaTa, being initial sounds of Bhaav, Raag, and Taal, which in Sanskrit mean Emotions or energy, Melody or vibrations, and Rhythm or frequency.

### 5) Mission LIFE

An India-led global mass movement to nudge individual and community action to protect and preserve the environment or develop Pro Planet People. Mission Lifestyle for Environment recognizes that Indian culture and living traditions are inherently sustainable. The importance of conserving our precious natural resources and living in harmony with nature is emphasized in ancient Indian texts. International Yoga Day, International Solar Alliance, International Year of Millets, Global Green Initiative (GGI), Global Hydrogen Ecosystems and Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA) are initiatives which are aimed at creating a lifestyle which is for the sustainability of the planet, without which humanity wouldn't exist.

Technical information:

- Duration: 18th September 2023 and lasts until the 1st of December 2023
- Exhibition and showcase: Physical and Digital
- Top 3 entries selected by a jury would be rewarded in a ceremony in December 2023



## Announcing the AYUSH participation at the CIHT | Crikvenica International Health Tourism Conference as a result of the MoU



### Schedule

#### Thursday, 26th of October 2023

Opening ceremony and welcome speeches  
09:30 – 10:00

#### Part I – CLUSTER COLABORATION

10:00 – 11:30

11:30 – 12:30 Panel discussion

12:30 – 13:00 B2B MEETINGS

#### Part II – TECHNOLOGIES AND HEALTH TOURISM

15:00 – 16:30

16:30 – 17:30 Panel discussion

17:30 – 18:00 B2B MEETINGS

The Crikvenica International Health Tourism two-day conference which gathers respectable local and foreign lecturers and participants from the fields of medicine, tourism, and economy, all with the aim to introduce new trends in tourism and medicine. The conference will be held with the successful cooperation between the Crikvenica Tourist Board and Kvarner Health Tourism Cluster, with the collaboration from Thalassotherapy Crikvenica and Polyclinic Terme Selce.

The conference will take place on the 26th and 27th of October 2023 with a 4-member AYUSH delegation who will present on the following topics:

- (i) Panchakarma and Skin Diseases- Illustrated Case Reports
- (ii) Millets and Yoga for Health and Wellness
- (iii) Ayurveda in the management of Non-Communicable Diseases

## "Health benefits of practising Ayurveda: Basic Self Pulse Diagnosis" about Nadi Pareeksha

Ambassador Srivastava interacted with the Ayurveda community at Napredak and Prof. Dr. Suresh Swarnapuri from Hrvatski Ayurveda Institute at the session "Health benefits of practising Ayurveda: Basic Self Pulse Diagnosis" about Nadi Pareeksha. The session highlighted the benefits of Ayurveda which could provide a consciousness-based approach towards a healthier lifestyle and promote the overall well-being of humanity in synergy with nature. The event was supported by the India-Croatia Society.



## International Peace Day 2023 in Zagreb

Ambassador Srivastava lit his candle for peace with us YIDL The International Day of Peace in Zagreb. Mr. Srivastava pointed out that only inner peace is the way to world peace and that yoga is the ideal way to achieve it.



## Ambassador Srivastava attended the Ratha Yatra celebration in Zagreb organized by ISKCON

Ambassador Srivastava attended the RathaYatra celebration in Zagreb organized by ISKCON and attended by over 700 persons. Remembering Lord Jagannath as the Protector of the Universe and this annual chariot procession bringing unity among people with blissful celebrations were the key highlights of the three-hour-long event which took place between two main squares of Zagreb city.





## Women Empowerment in India



### **Women's Reservation Bill Gets President's Assent Days After Historic Vote, Becomes Law**

President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Women's Reservation Bill, days after a historic vote, has become a law. The new law provides 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar earlier today signed the women's reservation bill before it was presented to President Murmu for her assent.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister welcomed the dignitaries to Gandhinagar, a city named after Mahatma Gandhi on its formation day and expressed delight that they are getting the opportunity to visit Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad. Underlining the need to find urgent and sustainable solutions for issues like climate change and global warming, the Prime Minister said that one can witness first-hand the simplicity of Gandhiji's lifestyle and his visionary ideas of sustainability, self-reliance and equality at Gandhi Ashram. Shri Modi expressed confidence that the dignitaries will find it inspirational. He also mentioned visiting the Dandi Kuteer Museum and informed that Gandhiji's famous spinning wheel or Charkha was found by a woman named Gangaben at a village nearby. Since then, the Prime Minister said that Gandhiji started wearing Khadi which became a symbol of self-reliance and sustainability. "When women prosper, the world prospers", the Prime Minister remarked as he noted that their economic empowerment fuels growth and their access to education drives global progress. In this Mother of Democracy, the Prime Minister said, the 'Right to Vote' was granted equally to all citizens including women by the Indian Constitution right from the beginning and the right to contest elections was also granted based on equality. The Prime Minister noted that elected women representatives have been key agents of economic, environmental and social change and informed that 46% of elected representatives in rural local bodies in India are women numbering 1.4 million. Underlining that the mobilization of women into self-help groups has also been a powerful force for change, the Prime Minister highlighted the self-help groups and elected women representatives emerging as pillars of support for our communities during the pandemic. The Prime Minister gave examples of their achievements and mentioned the manufacturing of masks and sanitisers, and creating awareness about prevention of infection. "More than 80% of nurses and midwives in India are women. They were our first line of defence during the pandemic. And, we are proud of their achievements", he added. Underlining that women-led development has been a key priority for the government, the Prime Minister mentioned that around 70% of the loans up to one million rupees to support micro-level units under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana have been sanctioned to women. Similarly, 80% of beneficiaries under Stand-Up India are women, availing bank loans for green field projects. Noting that clean cooking fuel directly impacts the environment and improves the health of women, the Prime Minister highlighted the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and informed that nearly 100 million cooking gas connections have been provided to rural women. He also informed that the number of women in technical education in Industrial Training Institutes has doubled since 2014, nearly 43 percent of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) graduates in India are women, and about one-fourth of space scientists in India are women. "Behind the success of our flagship programmes like Chandrayaan, Gaganyaan and Mission Mars lies the talent and hard work of these women scientists", he said. Today, the Prime Minister said, more women are enrolling in higher education than men in India. He also pointed out that India has one of the highest percentages of female pilots in civil aviation while female pilots in the Indian Air Force are also flying fighter aircrafts. Shri Modi noted

"From financial inclusion to social security, quality healthcare to housing, education to entrepreneurship, many efforts have been made to put our Nari Shakti at the forefront of India's development journey. These efforts will continue with even greater vigour in the coming times." - Prime Minister Narendra Modi Women play an integral part in society; without their progress, the overall progress of society comes to a halt. Societies in which women see consistent growth have been known to prosper themselves. It is through the empowerment of women that societies can ensure their growth as well. The Government of India has been focused on promoting "Nari Shakti" in the country. It is committed to improve women's lives in the country and remove any bottlenecks that come in the way of their development.



### EMPOWERING WOMEN IN UNIFORM

#### Permanent Commission for Women Officers in Indian Armed Forces



PM Modi's announcement on 15th Aug. 2018 for **Permanent Commission for Women Officers** in Indian Armed Forces fulfilled



Indian Navy to start inducting **women officers** in all branches, at par with male officers



All branches in Indian Air Force including **Fighter Pilots** now opened for **Women officers**



Women Officers in all 10 branches in **Indian Army** to be granted **Permanent Commission**

### Speed & Scale of Transformation

Transforming India

#### Ensuring Quality Life to Women



Ensuring Smoke-Free Lives for Every Indian Family Through **Ujjwala Yojana**

Over 6.86 crore poor women provided with free LPG connections, target raised to 8 crore

More than 1.7 crore antenatal check-ups conducted

**Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan** Making Safe Pregnancy a Mass Movement

As on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019



#### What PM Said on Independence Day?

“Women are equally contributing in building a strong India. The nation is experiencing the pride, contribution and potential of our mothers and sisters.”

- PM Narendra Modi

### PROMISES DELIVERED



More than 9 crore women have jointly benefitted from **MUDRA LOAN** and **Stand Up India**



The highest participation rate till date of 56% recorded during 2016-2017 in regard with **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act**



**Muslim Women Bill** passed (Protection of Rights on Marriage), which seeks to ban the practice of triple talaq

As on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019

### Women Led Development

Transforming India

#### Facilitating Well-being of Expectant Mothers

**Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)**



Launched to ensure **good health of mother and child**



More than **13161** health facilities across all state/UT



More than **1.7 crore** antenatal check-ups have been conducted as of June 2018



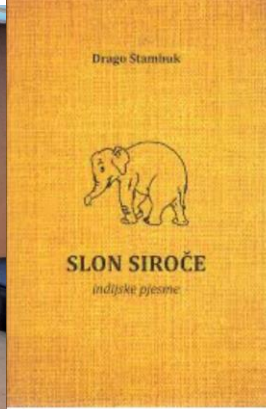
More than **8 lakh** high risk pregnancies have been identified.

As on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019



## Hindi & Sanskrit Diwas

India in Croatia (Embassy of India, Zagreb) along with the Indology Department of the University of Zagreb hosted the Hindi Diwas 2023 हिंदी दिवस & Sanskrit Diwas संस्कृत दिवस celebrations in Zagreb. Ambassador Srivastava acknowledged the rich and old tradition of Hindi & and Sanskrit in the Croatian education system. As a symbol of INHR friendship, he presented his Hindi translation of the poem "Slon Siroče" by the former Ambassador of Croatia to India Mr Drago Štambuki. He also compared deep-meaning words in Sanskrit & and Croatia, evidence of ancient connections of this land with Bharat India.



### SLON SIROČE

Cimeta vrtovi prostrti divljom planinom. Prekrižismo more i utihu zrcalnu začnemo u svom srcu. Pogledom jednim obuhvatismo sve, zbismo u čarobni sag svoja i tuđa srca. Prepustismo se, da ponesu nas na oblacima gorštacima u planine i u zarašten polože hram. Od ribara učismo o ljepoti mora, od liječnika o sućuti, od ratnika o milosrđu, od pjesnika o bogovima i o smrti, a od tebe tihi prosjače, od tebe slonovsko siroče što naučih uz ono što već znah? Poklonivši se prosjaku i pred slonićem pavši - završih svoju službu u Indiji. Pustih da s ramena

### निराश्रित गजराज

वन्य पर्वतों स्थित दालचीनी के बागानों का स्मरण, सागरों के पार, अपने अंतःकरण में शांति धारण, एक दृष्टि में समाहित, परस्पर हृदयों में स्थान, बादलों के पार उच्च पर्वत शिखर स्थित मंदिरों के आशीर्वाचन, मधुआरों से सागर की सुंदरता, चिकित्सकों से करुणा, योद्धाओं से दया का वर्णन, देवताओं और मृत्यु संबंधित, कवियों से, मौन भिक्षु से, निराश्रित गजराज से नवज्ञान, भिक्षु को प्रणाम एवं गजराज को दण्डवत नमन, मैंने भारत में अपनी सेवा को ऐसे दिया विराम, स्कंध-पतित मेरा परिधान, पथवी. पथ. प्रभाकर. एवं प्रभ को अर्पण।

### Sanskrit Words

अस्तिव	भागदत्त	कल्पना	भावत्व
भय	धृष्ट	मास	निर्भाग्य
फेना	परिवहन	प्रश्न	स्वप्न
स्थिर	श्वेतना	तक्षक	विद्या

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### Croatian Words

Jestastvo	Bogdan	Klapa	Bivstvo
Bojazan	Drzak	Mjesec	Nebog
Pjena	Perevoz	Prošnja	Spavanje
Stalan	Svitjanje	Tesač	Vid

### Sanskrit Words

ज्ञान	प्रबुद्ध	जीवन	मृत्यु
पथिक	दैनिक	प्रलोभक	अक्षि
श्रुति	प्रभु	संप्रदाय	तम
श्वेत	मधु	मुदु	स्थान

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### Croatian Words

Znanje	Probuđen	Život	Smrt
Putnik	Dnevnik	Preljubnik	Oko
Slušati	Probiti	Predanje	Tama
Svet	Med	Mlad	Stan





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The presence of ICCR's Hindi and Sanskrit Chair in Zagreb showcases Croatia's interest and ICCR's support to Indian culture, language and knowledge here. The program included speeches by Amb Raj Srivastava, Head of Indology Department Prof Ivan Andrijanic, 5th Hindi Chair Prof Meenu Krishna and 1st Sanskrit Chair Prof C B Jha and Swami Vivek Puri from Yoga in Daily Life. The students presented both literary and cultural programs during the evening showing the strong bond between India and Croatia.



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