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Newsletter

PM participates in the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Shri Ramlalla in the newly built Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Mandir in Ayodhya



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi participated in the Pran Pratishtha (consecration) ceremony of Shri Ramlalla in the newly built Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Mandir in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. Shri Modi interacted with the shramjeevi who contributed to the construction of Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Mandir. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister exclaimed that our Ram has finally arrived after centuries. "After centuries of patience, uncountable sacrifices, renunciation and penance, our Lord Ram is here", PM Modi remarked and congratulated the citizens on the occasion. The Prime Minister said that experiencing the divine consciousness inside the 'Garbh Grih' (inner sanctum) cannot be put into words and his body is pulsating with energy and the mind is devoted to the moment of Pran Pratishtha. He underlined that the morning Sun of 22nd January has brought a new aura along with it. "22nd January 2024 is not a mere date on the calendar, it is the origin of a new 'kaal chakra'", the Prime Minister said emphasizing that the joyous and festive mood of the entire nation was on a constant rise since the 'Bhoomi Pujan' of Ram Janmbhoomi Temple and the progress of the developmental works enthused new energy into the citizens. "

Read the full speech [here](#).

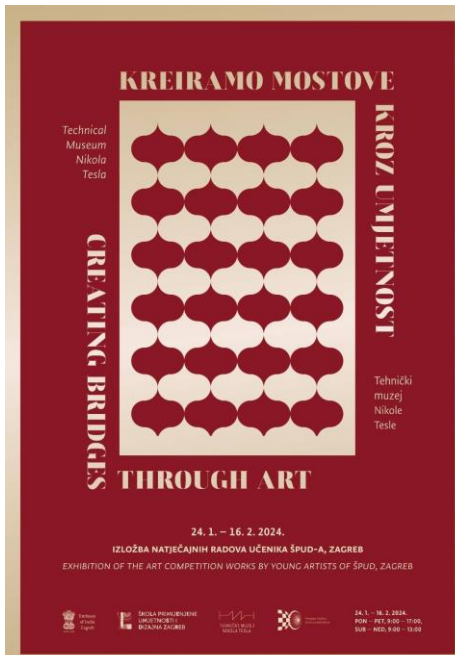
Glimpses Of 75th Republic Day Celebrations at Kartavya Path, New Delhi



At the invitation of Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, President of the French Republic H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron paid a State Visit to India as the Chief Guest for the 75th Republic Day of India.



Opening of the Exhibition of the Art Competition by Young Artists of School of Applied Arts and Design in Zagreb (ŠPUD) »Creating Bridges Through Art«



The official opening of the Exhibition of the Art Competition by Young Artists of School of Applied Arts and Design in Zagreb (ŠPUD) »Creating Bridges Through Art« was held in the Tehnički muzej Nikola Tesla on the 24th January, while the exhibition would stay open for visitors until the 16th of February. The Work of Art by Young Hearts was organized in partnership of the Embassy of India, Zagreb, the dedication of mentors and students of the School of Applied Art and Design in Zagreb (ŠPUD), and the support of Technical Museum of Nikola Tesla and the Croatian-Indian Friendship Society.



The opening gathered several distinguished guests amongst which were the former Croatian Presidents, H.E. Mr. Ivo Josipović, H.E. Mr. Stjepan Mesić, representatives of the diplomatic corps, Ministarstvo vanjskih i europskih poslova and Ms. Ivan Milardović Štimac, as the representative of the City of Grad Zagreb. The event was opened by Ambassador Srivastava who explained the background of the past endeavours with the 2022 established India's corner at ŠPUD which interest of students & mentors was marked in January 2022 by gifting 75 congratulation postcards to the Prime Minister of India and to the people of India. The Art competition »Creating Bridges Through Art« lasted from the 18th of September 2023 until the 1st of December 2023, where it was proposed to showcase India through 5 themes: 1) The World is One Family 2) India's Transformation and Space Research for Humanity 3) How to use Technology for your Advantages 4) Nikola Tesla – Bharat 5) Mission Life.

Croatian Jury Members' Choices					
Name and Surname	ARTWORK 1	ARTWORK 2	ARTWORK 3	ARTWORK 4	ARTWORK 5
Ministry of Culture and Media of Croatia	Tina Poljčanin, T1	Miro Simatović, Nela Martini, Anela Klavžar, T1	Nikola Kojanović, T2	Karlo Silić, T4	Frane Paulić, T5
Ivo Josipović, 3rd President of the Republic of Croatia	Aneta Jurij, T1	Vanesa Šušter, T1	Diana Jelen, T2	Frane Paulić, T5	Lina Čokorić, T5
Dragan Primorac, Former Minister and Renowned Genetic Forensics Scientist	Nika Tihomir, T1	Dora Futurini, T1	Katarina Vrhovinski, T3	Ljiljana Babić, T2	Lina Štorman, T4
Martina Dalić, Former Minister & current President of the Management Board of Poduzetka	Lara Kumić, T1	Miro Simatović, Nela Martini, Anela Klavžar, T1	Katarina Vrhovinski, T3	Vito Stojić, T4	Frane Paulić, T5
Dario Hrebak, Member of the Croatia-India Parliamentary Friendship Group & Mayor of the City of Bjelovar	Aneta Jurij, T1	Lara Radošević, T1	Lea Poljčanin, T2	Polina Glebova, T4	Eva Merić, T5

Indian Jury Members' Choices					
Name and Surname	ARTWORK 1	ARTWORK 2	ARTWORK 3	ARTWORK 4	ARTWORK 5
Vijay Sahasrabudhe, Member of Indian Parliament & President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations	Nour Abusali, T1	Diana Jelen, T2	Lina Stojanović, T4	Lorena Gligić, T5	Eva Merić, T5
Vikas Swarup, Former Diplomat and Famous Author	Lara Kumić, T1	Nikola Kojanović, T2	Eva Šimčić, T4	Vito Stojić, T4	Josip Šimić, T5
Vishwanathan Anand, Former Chess World Champion	Margita Jakić, T1	Veronika Radošević, T1	Diana Jelen, T2	Eva Bender, T2	Elia Lee Sherman, T5
Deepak Bagla, Former MD and CEO, Invest India	Nika Tihomir, T1	Vito Stojić, T1	Elia Hrabak, T1	Paola Galavarić, T1	Lara Prohaska, T5
Dr Tejas Patel, Renowned Cardiologist & Highest Indian Medical Award recipient	Izak Podgorac, T1	Sara Kovarić, T2	Karla Silić, T4	Frane Paulić, T5	Lara Prohaska, T5

Tomislav Bujas, Dean, Academy of Film Arts, University of Zagreb	Nika Tihomir, T1	Lara Radošević, T1	Nikola Kojanović, T2	Sandra Kubišić, T2	Una Štorman, T4
Goranka Horjatić, Director, Museum Castle Brijuni	Polina Glebova, T4	Nika Tihomir, T1	Nika Benić, T5	Lara Čokorić, T5	Lara Prohaska, T5
Igor Ština, Former Croatian Football player & current Head Coach of Indian National Football Team	Nika Tihomir, T1	Lara Radošević, T1	Aneta Klavžar, T1	Dora Futurini, T1	Miro Simatović, T1
Goran Karan, Famous Croatian Musician & frequent traveler to India	Lara Kumić, T1	Vito Stojić, T1	Elia Hrabak, T1	Dora Futurini, T1	Aneta Klavžar, T1
Sanja Drakulić, Croatian Actress & CEO, Duart	Nika Tihomir, T1	Dora Futurini, T1	Lara Radošević, T1	Paola Galavarić, T1	Una Štorman, T4

Terence Lewis, Artistic Director and Famous Director & Choreographer	Alana Kovar, T1	Vito Stojić, T1	Elia Hrabak, T1	Nikola Kojanović, T2	Frane Paulić, T5
Gayatri Mathur, Artist & Program Director, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	Aneta Klavžar, T1	Lara Radošević, T1	Jakov Pavk, T1-2	Magdalena Gligić, T2	Lorena Gligić, T2
Kruno Parekh, Musician, Magician, & Motivational Speaker	Alana Kovar, T1	Ljiljana Babić, T2	Eva Bender, T2	Una Štorman, T4	Elia Lee Sherman, T5
Anshu Bhattacharya, Indian Musician & Sitar Player	Katarina Vrhovinski, T3	Elia Hrabak, T1	Aneta Klavžar, T1	Nikola Kojanović, T2	Diana Jelen, T2
Sohini Roychowdhury, Indian Dancer & Author	Vito Stojić, T1	Diana Jelen, T2	Elia Hrabak, T1	Magdalena Gligić, T2	Elia Lee Sherman, T5

The award-winning artworks have been decided by an effort of 10 Croatian & Indian Jury Members' Choices amongst which were famous Croatian and Indian artist, institutions members that enabled a stronger tie between Croatia and India.



Ms. Markita Franulić, director of the Technical Museum Nikola Tesla welcomed the attendees and praised the efforts of the Embassy of India, Zagreb which created the bridge between Art & Science for the youth of Croatia and India. Mr. Filip Pintarić, headmaster of ŠPUD, congratulated the Embassy of India on recognizing the works and establishing the India corner, and on expressing support for future collaborations. He also stated that the bridges of ŠPUD students created on this occasion are not one-off instant solutions. Faced with the unfortunate situation of being displaced after the Zagreb earthquake and waiting for the School's reconstruction, they are reaching for artistic solutions armed with a positive attitude, broad view, galloping hope and uncompromising beauty. Mrs. Mirjana Piskulić, Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia, conveyed the greetings of Minister of Culture and Media H.E. Ms. Nina Obuljen Koržinek, and stated that the young artist did a tremendous effort to showcase their skills in the art competition. She also recalled about Rabindranath Tagore's heritage, which influenced all walks of generations, including herself. Mr. Ivo Josipović, former President of Croatia, praised the artworks of the young artist and the efforts of the Ambassador and Embassy of India, Zagreb to connect the youth of both countries. He also highlighted that the students are now citizens of the world and would have an opportunity to visit India, the country which have showcased the art exhibition. The event was followed with a short award ceremony for the most prominent student artworks, followed with Borna Šercer classical music intermezzo. The jazz group Borna Šercer's Jazziana Croatica would be one of the highlights of February month of the 9th edition of 'Delhi International Jazz Festival'.

Republic Day Celebration

The 75th Republic Day of India was marked by the unfurling of the National Flag by the Ambassador of India to Croatia Raj Kumar Srivastava at the Chancery premises with the attendance of Indian nationals and friends of India. This was followed by reading the address of the Hon'ble President of India to the Nation. The Embassy is congratulating its citizens and Friends of India on Republic Day 2024.



New India at work in diverse sports arenas



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the opening ceremony of the Khelo India Youth Games 2023 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. PM Modi also launched and laid the foundation stone of projects related to the Broadcasting sector worth about Rs 250 crores. He also witnessed a cultural program. He also placed the Games' torch handed by two athletes on the cauldron marking the inauguration of Khelo India Youth Games. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister welcomed everyone to the 13th Khelo India Games and said that it is a great way to begin 2024.

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 RIFLE/PISTOL FINAL MEDAL STANDINGS					
					TOTAL
1	 INDIA	13	10	7	30
2	 CHINA	6	4	3	13
3	 REPUBLIC OF KOREA	5	3	6	14
4	 KAZAKHSTAN	2	1	2	5
5	 VIETNAM	1	2	0	3
6	 UZBEKISTAN	1	0	0	1
7	 INDONESIA	0	3	4	7
8	 IRAN	0	1	2	3
9	 PAKISTAN	0	1	1	2
9	 MONGOLIA	0	1	1	2
11	 MALAYSIA	0	1	0	1
11	 SINGAPORE	0	1	0	1
13	 OMAN	0	0	2	2
14	 CHINESE TAIPEI	0	0	1	1
14	 THAILAND	0	0	1	1

📍 JAKARTA, INDONESIA



Working Hard to Host 2036 Olympics in India: PM Modi



The government of India's goal is to make India a top sporting nation even as all out efforts are being made to organise the 2036 Olympics and 2029 Youth Olympics in India, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India should become a hub for the global international sports ecosystem.

NEWS ON INDIA

Apple Strengthens India Commitment with Inauguration of Bengaluru Office

Tech giant Apple has officially opened its latest office in Bengaluru, India, showcasing a reinforced commitment to the country, recognized as the world's second-largest smartphone market. The newly unveiled office, spanning 15 floors, can accommodate up to 1,200 employees and features dedicated lab spaces, collaborative zones, wellness facilities, and Caffe Macs. A spokesperson for Apple expressed excitement about the expansion, highlighting Bengaluru as the residence of diverse talented teams covering software engineering, hardware technologies, operations, customer support, and more. The office has been meticulously designed to promote innovation, creativity, and collaboration, aligning with Apple's core values. Apple's Bengaluru teams are actively engaged in diverse business aspects, spanning software, hardware, services, IS&T, operations, and customer support. With almost 3,000 employees in India, Apple's collaboration with local suppliers contributes to the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs nationwide. The company also partners with various entities in India to support environmental protection initiatives and enhance access to education and employment opportunities.



Record-breaking Milestone: UPI Transactions Surpass 100 Billion in 2023

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has unveiled impressive statistics, indicating that Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions soared past the 100-billion mark in 2023. As the operator of the UPI service and other payment processing infrastructure, NPCI reported a staggering 117.6 billion transactions processed by UPI throughout the year, showcasing substantial growth compared to 74 billion transactions in 2022 and 38.7 billion transactions in 2021. The total value processed through UPI rails last year exceeded Rs 182 lakh crore. Monthly transactions on UPI witnessed a remarkable increase of over 49% from January to December 2023, as per NPCI data. In December 2023 alone, UPI payments reached 12.02 billion transactions, processing payments worth INR 18.23 lakh crore. This represents a 54% year-on-year growth in volume and a 42% growth in transaction value annually.



Three MoUs in Semiconductor Sector on Vibrant Gujarat Summit

Three crucial Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024, signalling a significant push in the semiconductor sector. One of them, between the Gujarat government and Simmtech, a South Korean PCB-manufacturing company, proposed an investment exceeding Rs 1,250 crore and creating over 1,000 job opportunities. In addition, two other MoUs were signed between Micron and Namtech, the education initiative of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel and between CISCO and Namtech. These agreements focus on advancing talent pipelines and creating cybersecurity, networking, and AI learning academic programs. At the event, Union Minister for Communications and Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw continued encouraging the semiconductor sector to invest in Gujarat and India. He specifically urged IIT Gandhinagar to establish a centre of excellence for semiconductor R&D. Vaishnaw asserted that the proposed semiconductor fabrication facility by Tata Group, currently under evaluation by the Union government, would surpass the scale of Micron Technology's semiconductor plant in Sanand. Emphasising the need for talent in the industry over the next decade, Vaishnaw, who also oversees the Railways portfolio, stated that India could provide a million more professionals. He expressed enthusiasm for creating an ecosystem for R&D and facilitating the growth of the semiconductor sector.



Embassy's AYUSH Cell Sessions in January/February

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Raj Srivastava
Ambassador Of India to Croatia

Prof. Dr. Suresh Swarnapuri
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President & Hrvatski Ayurveda Institute

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Ambassador of India to Croatia

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DILGO KHYENTSE YANGSI RINPOCHE

Dilgo Khyentse Yangsi Rinpoche is the reincarnation of Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, one of the most revered teachers of Vajrayana Buddhism in Tibet of the 20th century. Trulshik Rinpoche (the most senior and accomplished disciple of the previous Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche) had numerous dreams and visions that indicated the identity of the incarnation. Later, His Holiness the Dalai Lama confirmed that he is the tulku of Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche. Dilgo Khyentse Yangsi Rinpoche is born in Nepal in a family of renowned teachers and yogis. He received Buddhist education in Bhutan, completed Shedra (nine-year philosophical college course) and received all the teachings and empowerments that his predecessor held. He is compassionate, kind, and genuine teacher, who has a deep commitment in helping people becoming a good human being focusing on practice and working with their own mind. He teaches all around the world and express great care for everyone who has contact with him.

Foundation stone for 'Ayush Diksha'



The Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for 'Ayush Diksha', a first-of-its-kind centre for development of human resources for Ayush professionals of future here today. This state-of-the-art centre will be developed within the campus of Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Bhubaneswar. Speaking at the event, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said that Ayush movement has gained a lot of prominence in the last 10 years and we are moving towards an integrated medicine approach where an empowered Ayush system of medicine will also be used along with the modern medicine system.

Ambassador Srivastava on Poslovni TV about New India Strengthening Global Partnerships - through 3D's: Democracy, Demography, Diversity"

Watch the latest interview with Ambassador Srivastava on Poslovni TV about New India Strengthening Global Partnerships - through 3D's: Democracy, Demography, Diversity". Ambassador explained how India has strengthened its Democracy by putting people empowerment at the centre of its initiatives, which would create human-centric progress. He also explained that 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 India-Croatia partnership would grow along with growing opportunities in the coming decade and deepen the already strong P2P ties.



OTKRIVAMO: Zašto je Indija najuspješnija zemlja svijeta?

Watch the full interview at the following link: <https://youtu.be/MZyke2qDrBs?si=-LbQLobRrvOQ11hP>

India in Local Media

A refreshing story of all-around human-centric governance, growth, & and globalisation published in Poslovni dnevnik newspaper is also a story of the 4 Ts - Technology, Tourism, Trade, & Talent. Uttar Pradesh is the growth engine of New India is home to Tradition & Modernity at the same time.

Lucknow Uz Taj Mahal i Varanasi, najmnogoljudnija indijska država dobiva i moderno svjetsko čudo

Nova indijska tehnološka velesila: Uttar Pradesh najavljuje prvi AI grad

Budući grad će obuhvaćati najnaprednije tehnologije, istraživačke centre i znanstveno-obrazovne institucije te pozicionirati Lucknow kao globalno središte umjetne inteligencije

D o sada je indijska savezna država Uttar Pradesh Hrvatima bila najpoznatija kao domovina jednog od svjetskih čuda – veličanstvenog Taj Mahala, no zahvaljujući novim pametnim politikama uskoro bi ova država na sjeveru Indije mogla dobiti i jedno čudo modernog doba – prvi grad umjetne inteligencije, tzv. AI grad.

Uttar Pradesh, najmnogoljudnija indijska savezna država, brendirana je kao dom jedne od najljepših građevina na svijetu, Taj Mahala te Varanasi, duhovne prijestolnice Indije pa ni ne čudi njena popularnost među turistima, koja je nakratko pala jedino tijekom pandemije Covida-19 i sveopćeg zatvaranja. Danas ova država ponovno bilježi rekorde u turističkoj posjećenosti. U 2022. posjetilo ju je impresivnih 318.5 milijuna turista, a taj je broj oboren već u prvih devet mjeseci 2023. godine. Osim atraktivne turističke ponude, stručnjaci kažu da iza toga sto-



Nova međunarodna zračna luka Maharishi Valmiki otvorena 30. prosinca u Uttar Pradeshu savršeni je primjer uspješnog indijskog spajanja modernog s tradicionalnim

je i značajna poboljšanja u infrastrukturi, posebice onoj zrakoplovnoj. Naime, od 2017. uređene su 73 zračne luke u cijeloj Indiji, a vlada je najavila kako će do 2025. godine uložiti dodatnih 11.9 milijardi američkih dolara u tu svrhu.

Značajan rast ekonomskih pokazatelja

Među njima je i međunarodna zračna luka Noida u Uttar Pradeshu, koja bi treba-

la biti završena ove godine i postati najveća azijska zračna luka. No, osim turizma, u Uttar Pradeshu cvjetaju i drugi sektori. U zadnje se vrijeme često može čuti kako je ova savezna država motor razvoja nove Indije – svi ekonomski pokazatelji bilježe značajan rast, te je postala druga najveća ekonomska sila Indije po svom udjelu u državnom BDP-u, odmah iza Maharashtra. Istovremeno, skočila je s 14. na visoko 2. mjesto na indijskoj ljestvici lakote poslovanja. Iza toga stoje brojne pažljivo skrojene politike i usredotočenost na sektore budućnosti, a prvenstveno umjetnu inteligenciju.

AI grad – središte za R&D i radnu snagu

Tako je nedavno odjeknula vijest kako je vlada Uttar Pradesh najavila povijesni projekt – otvaranje prvog tzv. AI grada. Ambiciozni projekt, za koji je već dodijeljeno 40 hektara zemljišta u glavnom gradu Lucknowu, ima za cilj stvaranje brzorastućeg ekosustava za istraživanje, razvoj i inovacije u području umjetne inteligencije.

Naime, prema izvještaju Grand View Researcha globalno tržište umjetne inteligencije doseglo je 136 milijardi američkih dolara u 2022. godini te se očekuje kako će do 2030. rasti po godišnjoj stopi od 37.3%, a investiranjem u projekt izgradnje prijestolnice umjetne inte-



Premijer savezne države Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath

ligencije Uttar Pradesh se pozicionira na čelu AI revolucije u Indiji, ali i šire. Budući grad će obuhvaćati najnaprednije tehnologije, istraživačke centre i znanstveno-obrazovne institucije te će služiti kao središte novih ideja i inkubator budućih radne snage u ovom sektoru budućnosti. Uz mnoštvo uredskih prostora za startupove, inkubatore i već uohodane tvrtke, projekt će obuhvatiti i izgradnju stambenih kompleksa.

Gospodarska sila vrijedna 1 trilijun američkih dolara

Inače, vlada države Uttar Pradesh zadala si je cilj da u idućih pet godina postane gospodar-

Investiranje u zračne luke i turizam

U 2022. Uttar Pradesh posjetilo je 318,5 milijuna turista, a ta je brojka oborena već u prvih devet mjeseci 2023.; veliki doprinos dalo je uređenje zračnih luka

stvo vrijedno 1 trilijun američkih dolara, a upravo su IT i ITeS prepoznati kao ključni sektori za dostizanje ovog ambicioznog cilja. Od velike će pomoći biti i činjenica kako se Uttar Pradesh ponosi s više od 75.000 tehnoloških stručnjaka, 23.000 diplomanata STEM-a i više od 300 fakulteta. Svi oni sada tako će dobiti poticajno okruženje za kreativnost i poduzetništvo. Kako će AI grad poprimati svoj oblik, očekuje se da će ne samo potaknuti tehnološki napredak, već i imati značajan utjecaj na turizam u državi, privlačeći profesionalce, istraživače i entuzijaste iz cijelog svijeta. Pametno korištenje tehnologije i inovacija te pogodni ekosustav trebali bi pozicionirati Lucknow kao globalno središte umjetne inteligencije, čineći Uttar Pradesh ključnim igračem u ovom sektoru budućnosti. Ukratko, Uttar Pradesh se uspješno transformira iz kulturnog i povijesnog turističkog odredišta u predvodnika revolucije umjetne inteligencije. Uskoro će biti prepoznat ne samo po svojim bezvremenskim čudima poput Taj Mahala, već i kao centar povijesnih dostignuća u umjetnoj inteligenciji.

Dodajmo još i kako će Indija biti jedna od zemalja koje će se predstaviti na ovogodišnjem Place2Go sajmu, koji se održava od 18. do 20. siječnja u Areni Zagreb.

Na indijskom će štandu svi posjetitelji moći dobiti aktualne informacije o putovanjima u Indiju, informirati se o destinacijama, kao i dobiti inspiraciju za buduća putovanja. Također, poznati hrvatski fotograf i putopisac Saša Pjanić održat će predavanje o svom nedavnom putovanju u Uttar Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh je zaslužan i za kreiranje indijskog brenda zvanog "ODOOP - One District, One Product", odnosno "Jedan okrug – jedan proizvod", koji je lansiran 2018. s ciljem osnaživanja lokalnih obrtnika i njihovih rukotvorina. Riječ je o iznimno uspješnoj inicijativi koja je rezultirala snažnim skokom u izvozu rukotvorina. Naime, one su 2018. činile manje od trećine izvoza Uttar Pradesh, dok su samo prošle godine imale udio od čak tri četvrtine. Drugim riječima, iz ove države se izvelo više od 15 milijardi američkih dolara ODOOP proizvoda, a program u kojem je originalno sudjelovalo 75 okruga iz Uttar Pradesh je u međuvremenu postao državni projekt u kojem danas sudjeluje 750 okruga iz cijele Indije. Izložbu navedenih proizvoda možete pogledati u Rijeci od 24. siječnja do 29. veljače.



One District One Product

u atriju Pomorskog i povijesnog muzeja Hrvatskog primorja Rijeka od 24. siječnja, 2024.



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

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Gujarat zasjaao na globalnoj pozornici: Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2024 privukao svjetske čelnike

Summit je pokazao ključnu ulogu Gujarata u ekonomskom uspjehu Indije te ga pozicionirao na međunarodnoj gospodarskoj pozornici

Gujarat, indijska savezna država pokriva svega 6% indijskog teritorija i dom je 5% indijskog stanovništva. Iste se po tome što je zaslužna za 8.3% ukupnog indijskog BDP-a te čak trećinu ukupnog izvoza Indije, odnedavno najmnogoljudnije države svijeta.

Smještena na zapadu Indije, savezna država Gujarat ponosi se najdužom obalom među svim indijskim državama, što joj je dalo veliku geografsku prednost. Čak 1.600 kilometara duga obala imala je ključnu ulogu u njenom gospodarskom pozicioniranju, a posebice u sektoru brusenja i poliranja dijamanta u kojem Gujarat kontrolira 90% globalnog tržišta. Osim dijamanta, u Gujaratu se nalazi i najveće svjetsko središte za rafiniranje nafte, a važno je reći i kako kroz njegove morske luke prođe gotovo 40% ukupnog indijskog prometa. Što se tiče inozemnih ulaganja, Gujarat je na četvrtom mjestu među indijskim saveznom državama, te je u prošloj financijskoj godini zabilježio impresivan rast stranih ulaganja od čak 83%. Ovaj rast dokaz je uspješnih poslovnih politika i pozitivnog poslovnog okruženja, a sve je to prikazano cijelome svijetu tijekom Vibrant Gujarat globalnog summita, koji je održan od 10. do 12. siječnja u Gandhinagaru.

Vibrant Gujarat 2024.

Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, pokrenut je 2003. godine pod vodstvom tadašnjeg čelnika ove savezne države, a danas indijskog premijera - Narendre Modija. Ovo je bilo njegovo 10. izdanje, a kroz godine se razvio u prestižnu globalnu platformu za poslovnu suradnju, razmjenu znanja i dogovaranje strateških partnerstva. Pod motom "Vrata u budućnost", ovogodiš-

nji je događaj okupio 34 partnerske države i 16 partnerskih organizacija. Ključne rasprave vodile su se oko globalno relevantnih tema kao što su Industrija 4.0, tehnologija i inovacije, održiva proizvodnja, zeleni vodik, električna mobilnost i obnovljiva energija te tranzicija prema održivosti.

Summit je postigao rekord potpisivanjem Memoranduma o razumijevanju za čak 41.299 projekata, što ukazuje na značajni porast globalnog povjerenja i interesa u Gujarat. Navedeni projekti obuhvaćaju brojna nova područja, kao što su industrije poluvodiča, e-mobilnosti, zelenog vodika i obnovljivih izvora energije, a značajno je i da je gotovo polovica ulaganja bila usmjerena u zeleni sektor, usklađujući se time s nacionalnim ciljem održivog razvoja.

Među uglednim sudionicima bili su predsjednici Ujedi-

njenih Arapskih Emirata, Mozambika i Istočnog Timora, zajedno s premijerom Češke Republike i čelnicima vodećih indijskih i stranih tvrtki.

Mega projekti

Inicijativa Vibrant Gujarat poslužila je i kao platforma za predstavljanje tri mega projekta u nastajanju, a kojima je ujedno naglašena predanost Gujarata transformativnom razvoju:

1. Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City:

GIFT City, indijski pionirski Smart City, zauzeo je središnje mjesto na ovogodišnjem summitu. Riječ je o središnjoj poslovnoj četvrti u Gandhinagaru, koja se prostire na 886 hektara te je zamišljena kao globalno financijsko i tehnološko središte. Obuhvaća urede, stambene objekte, škole, bolnice i rekreacijske sadržaje, te je na-

pravljena kao četvrt u kojoj je sve nadohvat ruke. Zahvaljujući svojim smanjenim operativnim troškovima, poticajnom okruženju, atraktivnoj poreznoj politici i visokoj kvaliteti života, GIFT City je privukao velike igrače rijekom summita. Tako je Abu Dhabi Investment Authority najavio da će u GIFT Cityju uspostaviti svoje sjedište, postavši tako prvi državni fond koji je najavio svoj dolazak. Ostale tvrtke uključuju Wipro, Transworld Group, Accenture i ONGC Videsh, koje će se također pridružiti Googleu, koji je prije nekoliko mjeseci također objavio svoju odluku o dolasku u ovo novo poslovno središte.

2. Diamond Research and Mercantile (DREAM) City

Smješten u južnom dijelu grada Surata, DREAM City se prostire na 2.000 hektara i u njemu će biti smješteno Međunarodno

središte za trgovinu dijamantima i burza dijamanta. Zgrada Surat Diamond Bourse (SDB), najveći uredski kompleks na svijetu, bit će globalno središte za trgovanje neobrađenim i poliranim dijamantima, kao i nakitom.

3. Posebna investicijska regija Dholera (DSIR)

Otprilike 100 km od Ahmedabada, grad Dholera prolazi kroz veliku transformaciju. Izvorno stari lučki grad, Dholera će uskoro postati pametni grad.

Ubrzani napredak na ključnim projektima povezivanja i razmatranje Dholere kao budućeg indijskog središta poluvodiča stavili su ju u središte pozornosti. Čelnik tvrtke Tata Sons N. Chandrasekaran tako je otkrio da je tvrtka pri kraju pregovora za važnu jedinicu za proizvodnju poluvodiča u Dholeri.

Ova objava dodatno učvršćuje njen položaj kao značajnog igrača u indijskom gospodarstvu i naglašava njen potencijal kao središta vrhunske tehnologije. Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024. pokazao je ključnu ulogu Gujarata u gospodarskom uspjehu Indije.

Navedene nove inicijative dodatno pozicioniraju Gujarat prema središnjem mjestu na međunarodnoj gospodarskoj pozornici te označavaju njegovu transformaciju u istaknuto globalno središte za nove i sektore u nastajanju.



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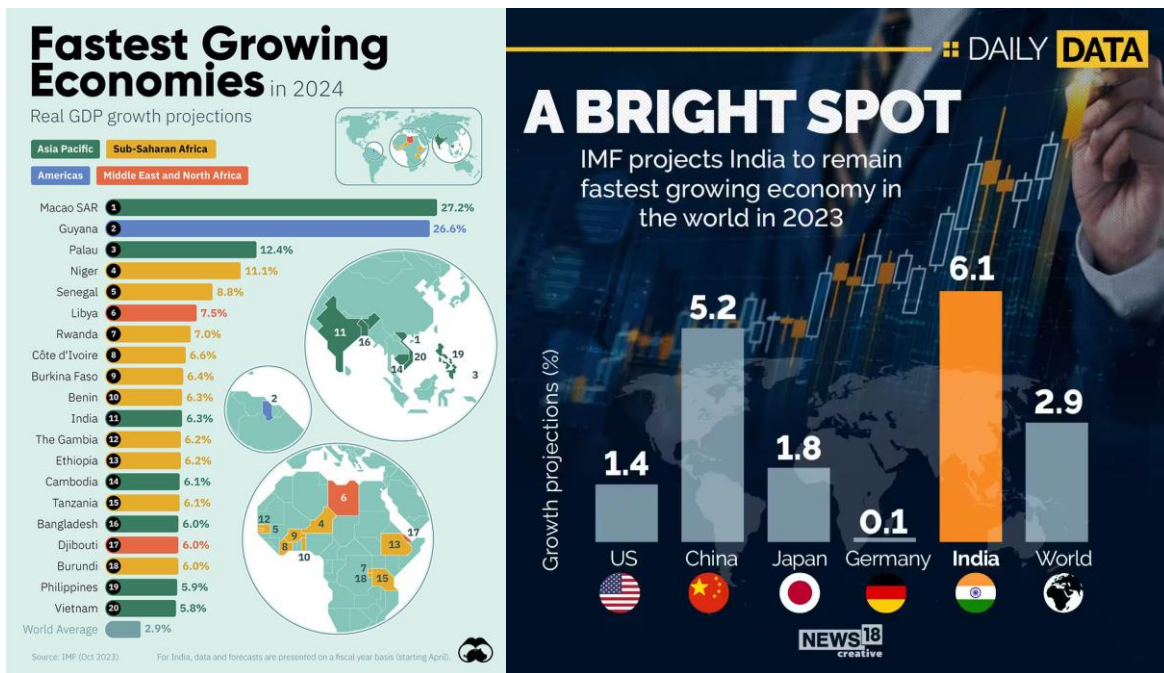
GIFT City je koncipiran na način da su svi sadržaji, kao što su škole, parkovi, klubovi i ostalo, nadohvat ruke, čime se značajno poboljšava kvaliteta života

"Indija napreduje u ulazi 'Vishwa Mitre' (globalnog prijatelja) u svijetu koji se mijenja velikom brzinom. Indija je svijetu dala povjerenje u postizanje zajedničkih ciljeva. Indijska posvećenost, trud i naporan rad za globalnu dobrobit čine svijet sigurnijim i naprednijim. Svijet gleda na Indiju kao na važan stup stabilnosti. Prijatelja kojem može vjerovati, partnera koji vjeruje u razvoj usmjeren na ljude, glas koji vjeruje u globalno dobro, pokretača rasta globalnog gospodarstva, tehnološko središte za pronalaženje rješenja, snagu talentirane mladeži i uspješnu demokraciju", rekao je premijer Narendra Modi prilikom otvaranja summita.



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India's economy will grow 7% this year



India's economy is set to grow around seven percent in the fiscal year 2023/2024 thanks to domestic demand and private investment. In the new fiscal year, the economy will surpass the world average thanks to stable domestic demand and private investment, experts estimate in a government review of the economy. "Current developments in the Red Sea may have rekindled concerns about the security of global supply chains, further dampening softer growth in global trade in 2023," the government said in a statement.

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Yoga routes through India



India impressed me so much that I decided to come back after 6 months and stay longer, for a total of 6 months. And so since 2004, I have spent a total of ten winters in India, with my daughter who is now 17 years old. Travelling to India was one of the most beautiful and challenging experiences of my life. India is a land of contrast, beauty and chaos, wealth and poverty, wisdom and folly. India is a country that makes you face yourself, with your fears, prejudices, weaknesses and strengths. India is a country that teaches you to appreciate what you have, to be grateful, humble, open and compassionate.

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Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassadors of different countries accredited to the Republic of Croatia visited the City of Varaždin



Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassadors of different countries accredited to the Republic of Croatia visited the City of Varaždin, an important city of Croatia with very rich history & traditions, and economic, technological, & sporting potential, on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. They were greeted by the Mayor of the City of Varaždin, Neven Bosilj and County Prefect Anđelko Stričak. The visit program was designed by the tourist board offices of the City of Varaždin and Varaždin County in consultations with the Dean of Croatian Diplomatic Corps association, Apostolic Nuncio of H. E. Giorgio Lingua, and Corps' current Secretary General, Ambassador of India to Croatia, H. E. Raj Kumar Srivastava.



India was the highlight of the Place2Go Tourism Fair



The recently held Place2Go Tourism Fair had a special 1-hour session on New India in front of 100 attendees at the centre stage. The attendees witnessed India's Cuisine, Festivals, Luxury, ODOP & Handicrafts, Ayurveda and Rejuvenation & Adventure Tourism and Business opportunities by Ambassador Srivastava who explained why a visit to India is not just any other visit, how it helps in self-discovery, given the widest possible canvass that India offers. The photographer Saša Pjanić, a recent visit to the most populated and fastest growing state of India - Government of UP presentation showed glimpses of the transformational and progressive opportunities which the state has to offer. Also, Izabela Marić, the President of the Croatian Yoga Federation & and Željka Barišić, former Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) participants, explained their past trips to India and how the visit changed their perceptions and created new long-lasting friendships and knowledge which have been inspiring to create new personal and business opportunities.



"One District One Product" in Rijeka



In cooperation of the Maritime and Historical Museum of the Croatian Coast (PPMHP) Rijeka and the Embassy of India, the exhibition "One District, One Product", was officially opened in Rijeka. The director of PPMHP, Tamara Mataija praised ODOP, which aims to promote a typical product of a certain region and thus stimulate the entire economy, and given its success, the project has expanded, and the exhibition is an opportunity to learn about India's heritage.



Mayor of Rijeka, Marko Filipović followed up on that by greeting his dear friend Ambassador Srivastava, and pointed out that in today's polarized world, India has and can play an important role in international relations. The deputy prefect of the Primorsko-goranski county Marina Medarić said that the exhibition represents a successful and commendable initiative that managed to preserve and revive a part of Indian culture and tradition, and is also a successful continuation of the cooperation between the two countries. Ambassador Srivastava opened the exhibition and emphasized that India is not only about its foundation in spirituality but also about its outlook towards technology, where focus is to use the new & emerging technologies for democratising the opportunities and find solutions for global challenges. , India's ongoing transformation is going to create more opportunities for India to contribute in contributing towards global peace, progress, & prosperity. As for the project itself and the export of handicrafts, he explains, it was about 30 percent in the beginning, and until today it has grown to almost 75 percent in case of state of Uttar Pradesh from where ODOP idea originated in 2018 and now it has become a pan India initiative. ODOP is an example of how India's transformation is inclusive, democratic, and empowering to the people. The event was closed with a performance from Zoran Majstorovic playing on the frequency of the universe with Indian Cuisine experience which followed shortly afterwards.


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 Ivan Vidiš, State Secretary at Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy

 Martina Dalić, Former Minister of Economy & current President of the Management Board of Podravka

11.25 – 11.55 | TECHNOLOGY PANEL : Moderated by

 Boran Lončarić, GDI

 Boris Pogačnik, Infobip

 Miro Hegedić, Smion

 Frane Šesnić, ZICER

11.55 – 12.00 | SHORT BREAK

12.00 – 12.30 | TRADE PANEL : Moderated by

 Krševan Antun Dujmović, Senior associate at IRMO

 Gordan Kolak, Končar

 Stjepan Orešković, M+ Group

 Tin Viduka, Altpro

 Hrvoje Čević, Belupo

12.30 – 13.00 | TALENT PANEL : Moderated by

 Mato Njavro, Dean, ZSEM

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