

PM inaugurates Sudarshan Setu connecting Okha mainland and Beyt Dwarka island in Gujarat

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Delighted to inaugurate Sudarshan Setu today - a bridge that connects lands and people. It stands vibrantly as a testament of our commitment to development and progress.



The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Sudarshan Setu which connects Okha mainland and Beyt Dwarka island, built at a cost of around Rs. 980 crores. It is the longest Cable-stayed bridge in the country of around 2.32 Km. Sudarshan Setu boasts a unique design, featuring a footpath adorned with verses from Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and images of Bhagwan Krishna on both sides. It also has solar panels installed on the upper portions of the footpath, generating one megawatt of electricity. This bridge will ease the transportation and significantly reduce the time of devotees travelling between Dwarka and Beyt-Dwarka. Before the bridge's construction, pilgrims had to rely on boat transport to reach Beyt Dwarka. This iconic bridge will also serve as a major tourist attraction of Devbhumi Dwarka. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Governor of Gujarat, Shri Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel and Member of Parliament, Shri C R Patil.

Read more at the following [here](#).

PM Modi announces names of 4 astronauts for Gaganyaan



India introduced its first group of astronaut. They will not be the first Indians to fly into space — that distinction belongs to Rakesh Sharma — but are the first official class of astronauts as part of India's long-term program for human spaceflight called Gaganyaan. The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi announced in 2018 that India would embark on its own human spaceflight program. Last October he laid out plans including an Indian space station by 2035 and a man on the Moon by 2040. India conducted the TV-D1 uncrewed pad abort test of their crew capsule days later. An uncrewed orbital test flight is planned this year. PM Shri Narendra Modi was at the Indian Space Research Organisation's Vikram Sarabhai Space Center in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, to bestow wings on the four "astronaut designees": Group Captain Prasanth BalaKrishnan Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, Group Captain Angad Pratap, and Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla. Three will fly the first mission to Earth orbit next year, which is expected to last three days. All four are Indian Air Force test pilots and have been in training for several years including 13 months at Russia's Gagarin Training Center outside Moscow. In a post on X, Modi said they "reflect the hopes, aspirations and optimism of 140 crore Indians." (A crore is 10 million.)



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India is proud of Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, Group Captain Angad... [Show more](#)



GAGANYAAN MISSION

INDIA'S FIRST MANNED FLIGHT TO SPACE

The project was first approved by PM Narendra Modi on August 15, 2018.

It will send the three member crew to space for at least seven days by 2024–25.

ISRO hopes to deploy its biggest rocket, GSLV MK III, for this project.

The space agency hopes to launch the first mission within 40 months from the date of approval.

It would be one of the cheapest manned spaceflights in the world, with the estimated cost of not more than Rs 10000 crore.

India plans to call its astronauts "Vyomnauts" since 'Vyom' in Sanskrit means 'Space'.

India will become fourth country after Russia, US and China to send humans to space.



4T's Technology, Trade, Talent & Tourism

"Aiming for Human-Centric Growth by Harnessing Complementarities in 3Ts of Technology, Trade & Talent"

The Embassy of India in Croatia organized a conference "Aiming for Human-Centric Growth by Harnessing Complementarities in 3Ts of Technology, Trade & Talent" to exchange experiences on opportunities in New India. The event was held with the presence of about 60 guests, among whom were CEOs of the large & SMEs Croatian companies in the fields of Technology, Infrastructure, and Pharmaceuticals. The attendees listened to 22 speakers in the opening session and 3 panels.



The introduction was made by **Raj Kumar Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Croatia**, who welcomed the guests and explained the background of the 3T's Conference. Ambassador also mentioned the transformation that is taking place in India into a democratically, demographically, & digitally empowered, society with a knowledge-based economy, by ensuring inclusive growth with climate sensitivity through digital access, digital inclusion and digital empowerment.



Zdenko Lucić, State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia, talked about the integration of Croatia with the EU, and the next steps towards joining the OECD. The State Secretary referred to the perspectives of the Indian market for the economic growth of Croatia, highlighting that it is also necessary to know the opportunities offered to companies and the tools at their disposal.

Ivan Vidiš, State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy noted that the cooperation with India is recognized in Croatia and the Ministry is committed to welcoming India's young Talent & expertise.

Martina Dalić, Former Minister of Economy & current President of the Management Board of Podravka noted that her company is focused on the EU market. However, she believes that this focus will be extended to the Indian market in the near future.

Well-read Economy Daily Newspaper Poslovni.hr Dnevnik reported about the well-organized conference
<http://tinyurl.com/7un79nwd>

PANEL DISCUSSION I – TECHNOLOGY PANEL



PANEL DISCUSSION I

TECHNOLOGY

MODERATOR:



Bogdan Okreša Đurić, Ph.D.,
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Boran Lončarić,
GDi



Boris Pogačnik,
Infobip



Hajdi Čenan,
Airt



Miro Hegedić,
Smion



Frane Šesnić,
ZICER

Major Statements/Discussion:

Hajdi Čenan, Airt: In AI, the emergence of multi-agent teams over individual agents ensuring more internal control is a potential area for huge opportunities. Cooperation on AI is still on individual levels, but is desirable on more institutional level. Both India and Croatia are in R&D stage in AI. Indian AI startups can come test their products and use Croatia as a 'sandbox', as it is a small EU market with good location, for testing their products and strategically moving to bigger EU markets. Croatia has nearly 100 AI startups, while some other countries are interested in block chain.

Boran Lončarić, Gdi: Regarding technological solutions in India and the challenges, India and Croatia are 'digital twins' on infrastructural processes, now enhanced by AI. Our users are from capital-intensive industries, infrastructure, and energy operation, etc. Gdi is a leader in Central Europe. Speaking on size, the size of pilot project for our cooperation with Jio in telecom sector was larger than full-fledged projects in Croatia. India offers quality engineers. In today's scenario, Indian stock market has just taken over Hong Kong's, while Croatia is one of the best-performing economies for 7 years in Europe. India and EU may jointly provide solutions to clients in Africa and Asia. A joint cooperation of Gdi, A1 Hrvatska, Vodafone and Infobip for the integration of order processing systems project is in the offing. In potential areas of cooperation with India, space image interpretation offers huge potential for EU space agency alongside healthcare and startups.

Boris Pogačnik, Infobip: Infobip's first Indian market cooperation in India was with Vodafone and now we have 200 employees in 3 States. The Indian banking industry is our next focus area. Now the trends are even reversing, as our financial and analysis manager in Istria is from India.

Frane Šesnić, ZICER: I was impressed by UPI payment system during my recent visit to Bengaluru and also TATA design studio. India is great market due to its size while Croatia offers great business opportunities due to its location between east and west Europe.

Miro Hegedić, Smion: India is a great market for startups. India's Silicon Valley Bengaluru has 34 unicorns while Croatia has only 2. Smion has 600 teams and 3000 employees. The need of the hour is Startup Bridge for the 'soft landing' of companies in India. Teamup is a great match-making platform for this purpose.

PANEL DISCUSSION II – TRADE PANEL



PANEL DISCUSSION II

TRADE

MODERATOR:



Krševan Antun Dujmović
Senior associate at IRMO



Gordan Kolak,
Končar



Stjepan Orešković,
M+ Group



Tin Viduka,
Altpro



Hrvoje Čeočić,
Belupo



Nedjeljko Štefanić,
Elproms

Major Statements/Discussion:

Krševan Antun Dujmović, IRMO: India is re-emerging as a strong economy, as it has surpassed most of the major economies of Europe. India has become the most populous country in the world with quality education and young people, while China is now grappling with some demographic issues and is likely to have economic backlash.

Gordan Kolak, Končar: Koncar has been in business for 100 years now with a presence in 130 countries in heavy electrical equipment. Now for past 5-7 years our Indian operations have come down due to price competition. Due to size, it's challenging to operate in India which demands product customization and price competitiveness which is not economically viable for us. Now, we will be interested only in specific operation in India.

Stjepan Orešković, M+ Group: We are a 10,000-employee company in Croatia which is comparable to L&T or Tata in India in terms of size, with 98% of our operations abroad. We see great enthusiasm in the Indian market which indicates fast growth, but we feel that outsourcing is the only key for a small company like ours to meet huge demands in Indian market.

Tin Viduka, Altpro: We have 15 years of cooperation with India which is our main export market. Our strategy to enter Indian rail signaling market was to provide some specific segments in the beginning as per Indian regulations and then later on expand to other operations. We have 40 people here just for our projects in India and are just acquiring 3000 sq meters in April in Velika Gorica for new facility. With 1.2 million employees, Indian railways lays 2700 kms of railway lines each year which is double the total rail length of Croatia.

Hrvoje Čeočić, Belupo: We source our pharmaceutical raw material from India and process semi-finished and raw products here. Currently we are working on exporting some products to Indian markets.

Nedjeljko Štefanić, Elproms: Our area of excellence is R&D in smart living spaces. The ceremonial opening of 500 data switches with our Indian partners in Samobor is a landmark in our cooperation, which happened

PANEL DISCUSSION III – TALENT PANEL

PANEL DISCUSSION III

TALENT

MODERATOR:



Mato Njavro,
Dean, ZSEM



Tomislav Debeljak,
DIV Grupa



Marko Pekčec,
ManPower



Amit Srivastava,
COF & Director,
Anuna Skills Europe



Arvind Kapur,
Karma Group



Hrvoje Balen,
Algebra



Major Statements/Discussion:

Darko Pappo, DIV Group: We were the 1st company to bring 300 people from India in 2019 to work in Croatia & now 12500 Indians are working here, which is due to the good example that we gave to other companies in the field.

Hrvoje Balen, Algebra University College: There are huge talent opportunities in education and ICT sectors in Croatia. 40,000 university graduates from Croatia have left abroad in the last 15 years. Innovation without talent is impossible. Therefore, outsourcing is the key where Croatian immigration system needs to be agile to our advantage.

Arvind Kapur, Karma Group: Food delivery business is literally taken over by workers from Indian and Nepal. We have been in this business for 20 years with our operations in Gulf while we are headquartered in Croatia for our operations in the Balkans. Skill India is a great GoI initiative where you get quality workers as per your preferences.

Amit Srivastava, Anuna Skills Europe: We have been members of Skill India since its inception in 2014, which is 51% owned by the industry. Here, prospective employers have a role to play as they can do orientation of the desired skilled workers in terms of language and culture on the campus before their actual arrival here so that it's a more lasting and streamlined relationship between talent and employer.

Marko Pekčec, ManPower: We issued 6000 visas to India workers last year, but still potential of white collared work force from India has not been utilized.

Closing remarks by Ambassador: Societal integration of foreign workers should be strategic priority of the Croatian government for planning for better future. I am sure a historically diversified country like Croatia can easily integrate newly coming work force from India, Philippines, Nepal and Ukraine. In good working conditions and more streamlined migration procedures, Croatia will benefit from a more skilled workforce, who will be here to stay and integrate into Croatian society with positive economic contribution.

Tourism

Putovanje u Indiju s Vikasom Swarupom



Knjževnik Vikas Swarup s indijskim veleposlanikom u Hrvatskoj Rajom Kumarom Srivastavom

Glavni gost prošlogodišnjeg Interlibera bio je indijski veleposlanik i književnik Vikas Swarup, autor triju iznimno uspješnih knjiga, uključujući i knjigu „Pitanje i odgovor“, prema kojoj je snimljen Oscarom nagrađeni film „Milijsaš s ulice“. Na večernjem druženju s medijima, koje je održano posredstvom Veleposlanstva Indije i turističke agencije Integral, pred malobrojn timer uzvanicima predstavio je svoju mnogoljudnu zemlju. Malo je reći da nas je izlaganje popraćeno brojnim slajdovima oduševilo. Krajem večeri ljubazno smo ga pitali bi li nam ustupio tekst za objavu u Meridijanima jer takav dobar presjek o Indiji dugo nismo čuli. Rado je prihvatio. Nakon prevođenja, sada ga ekskluzivno donosimo u obliku posebnog priloga ovog broja Meridijana. U potpunosti smo ga fotografijama našeg stalnog suradnika Saše Pjanića, zaljubljenika u Indiju. Ako uskoro planirate put Indije, ovo je tema za vas

TEKST Vikas Swarup
S ENGLESKOG PREVELA Tamara Levak Potrebića
FOTOGRAFIJE I POTPISI Saša Pjanić

Veličanstvena bijela kupola i minareti Taj Mahala, remek-djela islamske umjetnosti u Indiji iz 17. stoljeća i dragulja svjetske baštine, otkrivaju se pogledu s krovova Taj Ganja - gusto zbijenog naselja južno od Velikih crvenih vrata (Darvaza Rauza)



Instrument koji se često veže uz mladog i zaigranog Krišnu, tradicionalna je indijska flauta Bansuri, izrađena od bambusa



Visoravan Dekan jedno je od geološki najstarijih dijelova kopra na našem planetu. Dugi njezina sjeverna ruba pruža se lanac niskih planina Vindhya na čijim se obroncima nalazi Sonbhadra. Regija je to krajnjeg jugoistoka indijske države Uttar Pradesh, glasovito po fosilnim nalazima čija se starost procjenjuje na 1,4 milijarde godina

Kamena skulptura Bude iz razdoblja vladavine dinastije Gupta (5. stoljeće) reljefno uklesana u pješčenjaku. Arheološko nalazište u Sarnathu

Visoko u Zapadnim Gatima koji, pružajući se uzduž Malabarske obale, razdvajaju indijske države Kerala i Tamil Nadu nalazi se planinska postaja (hill station) Munnar i najjužnije plantaže čaja na indijskom potkontinentu



Glasoviti hinduistički obred Ganga Aarti, posvećen štovanju najsvetije indijske rijeke, svakodnevno izvode brahmanski svećenici pred sumrak, u tri indijska grada: Haridwaru, Rishikeshu i Varanasiju. Posebno veličanstven je onaj na gatu Dashashwamed u blizini Sivina hrama u gradu Varanasiju



The main guest of last year's Interliber was the Ambassador Vikas Swarup, the author of three extremely successful books, including the book "Question and Answer", based on which the Oscar-winning movie "Slumdog Millionaire" was made. At the evening meeting with the media, which was held through the Embassy of India and the Integral travel agency, he presented his populous country to a small number of guests.

"This is my first time in Croatia and I am very pleased to stay in Zagreb. It is an even greater pleasure to attend a dinner dedicated to India in Zagreb. This event is the result of a partnership between the Embassy of India and the travel agency Integral Zagreb, and if you think about it, you will see that "diplomacy" and "travel" have a lot in common because they are based on communication with foreign cultures. Diplomats can be very good travel agents. After all, the best definition of a diplomat is someone who can send you to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip! But do not worry, it's not a trip I'm going to take you on. Tonight, we travel to India, my home country. When most people think of India, they think of culture, cricket, and curry! But India is much more than that. It is truly incredible, as the slogan of our tourist advertising says. Where else can you find a country where 1.43 billion people seek to determine their destiny democratically? The country is so ancient that it prides itself on being the oldest continuous civilization in the world, where matters of marriage and death, worship and religion are still regulated according to the practices of thousands of years ago, and at the same time so modern that it is among the leaders in the field of innovation, technology, and progress in the world. India is the world's pharmacy: it is the largest producer of vaccines and antiretroviral drugs, the capital of the Global Competence Center (GCC) with a 50% share of the global market and the third largest startup ecosystem in the world, with 111 unicorns with a total estimated value of 349.67 billion US dollars. The country is so huge that it spans over five climate zones. From the scorching Thar Desert in the west to the perfectly preserved beaches of Goa, Kerala, and the Andaman Islands in the south and from the high peaks of the Himalayas in the north to the dense forests of the Western Ghats in the southwest, India is blessed with unmatched natural beauty." (Glimpses of Amb Vikas Swarup speech which were used for the magazine Meridijani edition)

New India at work in diverse sports arenas



Gukesh D defeated World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen at the Weissenhaus Freestyle. G.O.A.T Challenge 2024



Jasprit Bumrah becomes the first bowler in the history to become NO. 1 in all formats 🏏🔥🏏



PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS QUALIFIED INDIANS/QUOTAS

ATHLETICS

AVINASH SABLE
AKASHDEEP SINGH
VIKAS SINGH
PARAMJEET SINGH BISHT
PRIYANKA GOSWAMI
PARUL CHAUDHARY
MURALI SREESHANKAR
NEERAJ CHOPRA
KISHORE JENA

BOXING

NIKHAT ZAREEN
PREETI PAWAR
PARVEEN HOODA
LOVLINA BORGHAIN

MEN'S HOCKEY

SHOOTING

RUDRANKKSH PATIL
ARJUN BABUTA
SARABJOT SINGH
SWAPNIL KUSALE
AKHIL SHEORAN
BHOWNEESH MENDIRATTA
MEHULI GHOSH
TILOTTAMA SEN
MANU BHAKER
SIFT KAUR SAMRA
SHRIYANKA SADANGI
RAJESHWARI KUMARI
ANISH BHANWALA

WRESTLING

ANTIM PANGHAL

ARCHERY

DHIRAJ BOMMADEVARA



Thematic news from India

Tesla to Enter Indian Market?

Tesla, the US electric automaker, is on the verge of entering the Indian market as the government is finalizing a policy to extend preferential import duties on electric cars valued over INR 30 lakh for 2-3 years. In exchange for this, Tesla may provide bank guarantees for its proposed investment in establishing an electric vehicle factory in India, according to sources familiar with the matter. Currently, India imposes a 100% import duty on cars valued over INR 33 lakh and a 60% duty for those below this threshold. Tesla has expressed its willingness to invest up to \$2 billion if the government grants a reduced import duty of 15% on imported electric cars during the initial two years of operation.

Europe a Priority for India: EAM S Jaishankar

S Jaishankar, the Minister of External Affairs, highlighted the paramount importance of Europe to India, highlighting the depth of the relationship during the inaugural session of the 2nd CII India Europe Business and Sustainability Conclave. He pointed out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has visited Europe 27 times and hosted 37 European government heads. At the same time, Jaishankar has made 29 trips to Europe and received 36 of his counterparts, underscoring the enduring and continuous nature of the relationship. Highlighting recent agreements on mobility with European partners, the Minister stressed the relevance of concluding free trade agreements with the European Union and EFTA, acknowledging the need for a positive framework to accelerate trade further. On the topic of connectivity, Jaishankar suggested that beyond the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), a polar route could provide an alternative logistical pathway between India and Europe through the Indo-Pacific.

Microsoft to Train 2 million Indians in AI by 2025

Microsoft plans to train over 2 million individuals in India with artificial intelligence (AI) skills by 2025 as part of an initiative aimed at boosting job creation, according to Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella. The announcement was made during the Microsoft CEO Connection event in Mumbai, part of Nadella's annual three-day visit to India. He highlighted the commitment to equipping the workforce with the necessary AI skills to participate in the domain, highlighting the acquisition of skills and the job opportunities that will be generated. Referring to data from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Nadella pointed out that out of the US\$ 5 trillion GDP target set for 2025, around US\$ 500 billion would be attributed to AI. He noted the transformative potential of AI in making sense of digitalisation and introduced the neural reasoning engine as a new capability applicable to an increasingly digitised world. Puneet Chandok, President of Microsoft India, and South Asia, highlighted the vast potential for AI innovation and adoption in India, with 100 new startups emerging daily.

India's economy surges further ahead in February

The Indian economy, which expanded at a four-month high in January, continued to strengthen in February, seeing accelerations in both manufacturing and services sectors during the month. The latest flash PMI numbers, based on a survey of 400 manufacturers and 400 service providers, follow data showing a robust 7.6% growth in the Indian economy in the second quarter. This growth was supported by increased government spending and strong performance in manufacturing, mining, and construction, apart from the services sector. "The pace of acceleration in the output of India's manufacturers and service providers, combined, was at a seven-month high in February. Encouragingly, new export orders rose sharply, particularly for goods producers," said Pranjul Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC.



Media coverage locally on India

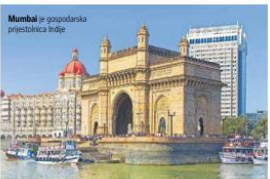
India invites companies to invest \$26 billion in nuclear power

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Maharashtra U narednih 6 godina privući će nove investicije, poticati rast i ostvariti više milijuna radnih mjesta

Prvo indijsko gospodarstvo na putu da postane vrijedno bilijun dolara



Mumbai je gospodarska prijestolnica Indije.

Maharashtra ima snažan automobilske sektor i vodeću poziciju u poljoprivredi, tekstilnoj i prehrambenoj industriji.

Maharashtra, već dugo poznata kao najbogatiji indijski država, sada je na putu da postane vrijedno bilijun dolara. Ova vizija, otkrivena u posebnom dokumentu, označava sveobuhvatnu strategiju za privlačenje investicija, poticanje rasta te stvaranje više milijuna radnih mjesta u narednih šest godina u ovoj najrazvijeniji indijskoj državi.

Smještena u zapadnoj regiji Indije, Maharashtra je već tradicionalno popularna destinacija među domaćin i stranim ulagačima. Može se pohvaliti zelenim industrijskim ekosustavom, koji obuhvaća snažan automobilske sektor, vodeću poziciju u poljoprivredi, tekstilnoj i prehrambenoj industriji te značajnu prisutnost u sektoru obnovljive energije. IT i proizvodnje čelika. Strateški položaj Maharashtra, dobro povezana infrastrukturna i široka mreža zračnih luka, željeznica, cesta i morskih luka značajno pridonose njegovom statusu lidera. Također, dom je najviše razvijene burze u Mumbaiu te ima najveći nominalni udio u indijskom BDP-u od 14% i najveći udio izvanjskih stranih ulaganja od čak 29%.

Osim toga, Maharashtra je također na prvom mjestu u pogledu proizvodnje električne energije, brežuljivosti i tehnoloških institucija te "startup prijestolnica" Indije. Ima ukupno 17 tisuća registriranih start-upova, a od više od 100 jednog u zemlji, 25 ih dolazi iz Maharashtra. Ove su brojke glavni razlog zbog kojih se Maharashtra smatra prvim indijskom državom koja će postati najbogatija u svijetu. Nedavno je gospodarsko vijeće ove savezne države pod nazivom Maharashtra Institution of Transformation (MITRA) kroz kreiranje strategije i preporuka poduzeću važan korak prema postizanju ovog prestižnog cilja.

Vizija za budućnost

MITRA, gospodarsko savjetodavno vijeće Maharashtra osnovano u prosincu 2022., postavilo je ambiciozne ciljeve za gospodarski razvoj države kroz dokument koji sadrži niz preporuka. One uključuju potrebu povećanja stope rasta BDP-a na 17 posto i stope industrijskog rasta na 18 posto. Također, preporuke uključuju snažnu potporu infrastrukturnim projektima, davanje prioriteta projektima navedenja te povećanje kapitalnih ulaganja kako bi se postigla navedena gospodarska vizija.



Dobro povezana infrastruktura i poticanje turizma, razvoj ključnih destinacija te stvaranje klastera za povezivanje i hotelske infrastrukture. Dokument također predlaže značajna ulaganja u istaknute strategije razvoja.

Preporuča također da se pripremi plan za poboljšanje zdravstvene infrastrukture, jačanje javnog zdravlja kroz modele javno-privatnog partnerstva (PPP) i proizvodnju električne energije te promicanje pristupačnih nekretnosti.

Za Metropolitan Region Mumbai (MMR), koja se smatra ključnim pokretačem gospodarskog rasta Maharashtra, ovaj dokument ističe potencijal za privlačenje čak 150 milijardi američkih dolara investicija. To uključuje razvoj regije kao središta financijskih usluga i umjetne inteligencije te vrhunskog obrazovanja i stručnog centra za Indiju. Predlaže se i integrirati Ancestry oko zračne luke.

Novi Mumbai, pozicioniranje MMR-a kao pristupačnog stambenog središta te pretvaranje Mumbaija, Goraja i Alibaga u turistička i ekoturistička središta kako bi se broj stranih turista udvostručio s na 10 milijuna. Ovi plani zahtijevaju ukupna ulaganja od 1,53 bilijuna američkih dolara u sljedećih šest godina. Prvi korak za ovaj cilj već je napravljen tijekom Sjevernog gospodarskog foruma u Davosu, gdje je vlada Maharashtra potpisala Memorandum o razumijevanju vrijedno preko 42,3 milijarde američkih dolara s indijskim i stranim tvrtkama. Njena industrijska moć, posebno u industrijskim MMSD nema premisa. S najvećim brojem Specijalnih gospodarskih zona, Maharashtra je pionir u sektoru koji se baziraju na znanju i u proizvodnim sektorima.

Ekonomski pokretači države uključuju mladu i kvalificiranu radnu snagu, rastuću ekonomiju, snažnu povezanost i rastuću val digitalizacije, istaknuo je tehnik Maharashtra Eknath Shinde.

Infrastruktura kao ključ razvoja i rasta

Sve će to biti podržano s nekoliko transformativnih infrastrukturnih projekata koji su pri kraju ili završeni, a među njima su Medunarodna zračna luka Navi Mumbai, autocesta Mumbai-Dehli, desetak projekata na infrastrukturni podzemnih željeznica u Mumbaiju, Nagpuru i Puneu te most Atal Setu između Mumbaija i Navi Mumbaija. Najveći mostovi most u Indiji. Njegova je izgradnja koštala 2 milijarde eura, a riječ je o 21,8 kilometara dugom mostu s ukupno šest traka. Omogućit će brzu povezanost s međunarodnom zračnom lukom Mumbai i međunarodnom zračnom lukom Navi Mumbai, smanjiti vrijeme putovanja od Mumbaija do Punea, Goa i južne Indije te poboljšati povezanost između luke Mumbai i luke Jawaharal Nehru. Osim toga, radi se i o novim sektorima, pa je važno spomenuti i pokretanje prvog AI sveučilišta koje je započelo svoju prvu akademsku godinu u kolovozu 2023., te je prvo sveučilište u Indiji koje daje diplome i postdiplomske specijalizacije tečajevima iz umjetne inteligencije.



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Vizionari Karnataka je među prvima u svijetu prepoznala važnost inovacija i tehnološkog razvoja

Tehnološki uspjeh Karnatake: Indijsko središte novih industrija

U Karnataki postavlja se ambiciozan cilj stvaranja gospodarstva vrijednog 1 bilijun dolara do 2032.

Karnataka se ističe kao lider indijskih tehnoloških scena, i to s impresivnim investicijama i izvornim brojevima. Pozitna kao najveći izvoznik softvera i glavni proizvođač u aero-svemirskoj i obrambenoj industriji, ova savezna država na jugu Indije također je među vodećima u proizvodnji kave, elektroničke, stregije, kao i u preradi hrane te tekstilnoj i automobilske industriji.

Karnataka je među prvima prepoznala važnost inovacija i tehnološkog razvoja, ne samo u Indiji, već i u cijelom svijetu. Zato se Bengaluru, glavni grad ove savezne države, koji se često naziva "indijskim Silikonom doline", danas ponosi trećim najvećim startup ekosustavom na svijetu te je jednim od najvećih dobavljača po glavi stanovnika u Indiji. Za ovaj je uspjeh zaslužna i dva prometa povezanost. Naime, Karnataka je odlično povezana sa svim važnim tržištima kroz dvije međunarodne zračne luke, mrežu od 47 državnih autocesta, 3,811 kilometara dugu željezničku mrežu te 13 specijalnih i jednu glavnu morsku luku. Dodatno, Karta Karnataki prolaze Bengaluru-Mumbai godišnji koridor te Chennai-Bengaluru indijskih koridora.

Bengaluru - IT prijestolnica Indije

Bengaluru je danas vitalno središte indijske IT industrije i dom je niza velikih stranih igrača u poduzetništvu tehnologije i usluga, kao što su Goldman Sachs, Bosch, Hiltachi, IBM, Cisco, HP, ali i indijskih divova kao što su Tata, Infosys i Wipro. Tako se samo ovaj grad zaslužuje za čak 34 od 40 posto ukupnog indijskog IT izvoza. Posljednjo, grad je među omiljenim odredištima za IT i druge povezane industrije temeljene na znanju. Važno je istaknuti, ovaj 50 laka, od kojih su dvije velike i 48 malih, pokrivaju više od 20% ukupnog indijskog izvoza.



Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center (BIETC) je otvoren prošlog mjeseca

Ključna ulaganja u aero-svemirskom i obrambenom sektoru

Osim IT-a, Karnataka je također središte aero-svemirske i obrambene industrije. Samo ona zaslužna je za 65% indijskog izvoza u aero-svemirskom sektoru te je dom svim važnim tvrtkama u sektoru, kao što su Airbus, Boeing, Bolls Boyco, kao i ISRO (Indijska organizacija za svemirsku istraživanja) - koji je samu u prošlosti godini uspješno proveo dvije povijesne misije za istraživanje Mjeseca i Saturna. Prošlog mjeseca, sektor je također potaknut inauguracijom novog Boeing India Engineering & Technology centra za ljudsku genomiku, Instituta za bioinformatiku i primjenjenu biotehnologiju te Instituta za poliprotektivnu biotehnologiju. Tu se također nalaze i velike biotehnološke tvrtke kao što su Biocon, Syngene, Novo Nordisk i Bharat Biotech. Dodajmo još i kako su vlasti nedavno otkrile važne planove za uspostavu trećeg XLR grada - grada mangla.

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5500 IT/ITES radnih mjesta smjestilo se u Karnataki

47,30 milijardi dolara izvanjskih ulaganja Karnataki je privukla od listopada 2013. do rupa 2023.

400 tvrtki posluje u Karnataki s popisa Fortune 500

Biotehnologija kao rastući sektor

U Karnataki se nalazi čak 60% ukupnih indijskih biotehnoloških tvrtki, pa se ova savezna država pozicionirala i kao vodeće središte biotehnoloških inovacija. Naime, Karnataki je dala prioritet razvoju kvalificirane radne snage, usmjeravajući napore kroz institucije poput Centra za ljudsku genomiku, Instituta za bioinformatiku i primjenjenu biotehnologiju te Instituta za poliprotektivnu biotehnologiju. Tu se također nalaze i velike biotehnološke tvrtke kao što su Biocon, Syngene, Novo Nordisk i Bharat Biotech. Dodajmo još i kako su vlasti nedavno otkrile važne planove za uspostavu trećeg XLR grada - grada mangla.

Infosys u Hrvatskoj

Infosys, globalni lider u savjetovanju i digitalnim uslugama sljedeće generacije sa sjedištem u Bengaluru, s više od 300.000 zaposlenika radi na jačanju ljudskog potencijala i stvaranju uvjeta za budućnost za ljude, tvrtke i zajednice. Omogućavajući klijentima u više od 56 zemalja uzavršavanje njihovih digitalnih transformacija koja pokreću promjena Cloud tehnologija i umjetna inteligencija. Infosys je prisutan u Hrvatskoj od 2015. godine te trenutno zapošljava više od 100 inženjera stranojstava. Danas se Infosys u Karlovcu bavi projektiranjem glavnih i pomažućih turbina, zrakoplovnih motora, energetike i procesne opreme za brojne klijente širom svijeta.

Did you know?



PROJECT SHIVOAM

CHESS
& its roots in MAHABHARATAM

अक्षौहिण्याः परीमाणं नराश्वरथदन्तिनाम्
"Akshauhini comprises of Infantry, Cavalry, Chariotry & Elephantry."
- Adi Parvam, Mahabharatam






Infantry Cavalry Chariotry Elephantry

Not many are aware that Chess has its Roots of Origins from the Grand Epic of MAHABHARATAM.



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These 4 divisions of Army are considered as 4 limbs, hence CHATHURANGA.

Early forms of chess originated in India around the 6th century AD in the Gupta Empire. Its ancestor, "Chaturanga," a Sanskrit name for a type of battle formation, found its mention in Mahabharatha. Chaturanga was a popular four-player war game that had several critical aspects of modern chess. There are several similarities between this old game and modern-day chess. For example, there are different pieces in both games, and they have different powers. Also, victory was based on only one piece, aka the king in modern chess. By the 7th century, Chaturanga (the word is based on the four commanding wings of an army), the earliest known precursor of modern chess, was flourishing in northwestern India. Travellers, saints, artists, and kings took some version of Chaturanga to Persia on the Silk Road, where the name of the "King" in Sanskrit, "Rajah," changed to Persian "Shah". All the European names of the game have roots in the Persian language. French "Echec," and English Checkmate all originated thanks to their Persian roots. At the same time, Buddhist pilgrims are known to carry it towards the East. Where several versions of the games (inscribed discs placed on the intersection of the lines of the board rather than within the squares. By the 11th century, it reached Japan and Korea. In conclusion, Chaturanga played with dice on a 64-square board and gradually transformed into shatranj (or chatrang). [Source.](#)

One Akshauhini



109,350
Foot Soldiers



65,610
Horsemen



21,870
Chariots



21,870
Elephants

Adi Parvam of Mahabharatam gives detailed specifics of Akshauhini.
CHESS as a game is a derivative of Akshauhini of MAHABHARATAM.



Outreaches

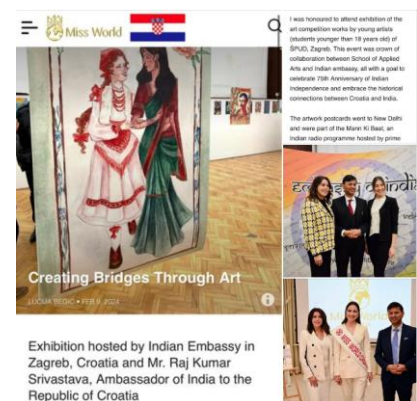
Ambassador Srivastava hosted at India House “Food for Thought Lunch Series” with diplomatic counterpart friends Ambassadors of the USA, Spain, Malaysia, Ireland Lithuania along with friends from the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia and Reputed journalists from top media houses who are preparing for their maiden trip to India in two weeks time.

Upon the invitation of the Director of RACVIAC, H.E. Constantin-Mihail Grigorie, Ambassador of Romania to Croatia and H.E. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Croatia, visited RACVIAC-Centre for Security Cooperation on 22 February 2024. Ambassador expressed gratitude for the kind invitation and thanked RACVIAC for the well-presented information on the Organization's overall work over the last 23 years.

The forthcoming 71st Miss World pageant is held in New Delhi and Mumbai in India, from February 18 to March 9. The Croatian representative Lucija Begić has been preparing for this big competition for months by visiting an exhibition of the art competition works by young artists of ŠPUD, Zagreb held on the 24th of January at the Technical Museum Nikola Tesla where she also met Ambassador Srivastava who briefly conveyed what the contestant can expect by visiting New India. The Directorate of Miss Croatia for Miss World Ms. Iva Loparić Kontek also thanked Ambassador Srivastava for his wholehearted help and advice.

The 8-member Indian Council For Cultural Relations troupe Bhangra Folk Dance Group's visit to Croatia started by participating in the 41st Jubilee of the International Carnival Parade in Rijeka which was attended by over 10,000 participants. Ambassador Srivastava visited the Rijeka Carnival and met with the Mayor of the City of Grad Rijeka Mr. Marko Filipović and the Tourist Board of Rijeka Mr. Petar Škarpa.

Good luck dear Marin! **Ambassador Srivastava received the football player of Rajasthan United F.C Marin Mudražija before his trip to India** and gifted him from the "One District, One Product" initiative a dedicated Handicrafts Football ball, which presents "pure love and passion for the game". The Handicrafted football ball also presents the sport's ties between India and Croatia which are also evident with the continuous efforts of the Croatian-origin head coach Igor Štimac leading for almost 5 years the National Indian Football Team



Ambassador Srivastava gave a presentation 100th anniversary of biodynamic agriculture and 163rd birth anniversary of Rudolf Steiner



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Centar dr. Rudolfa Steinera
Primorska ul. 4

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u suradnji s Veleposlanstvom Indije
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veleposlanik Indije u Republici Hrvatskoj
• **dr. sc. Dijana Posavec**,
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Upon the invitation of Rudi Grula, Director of Visit Međimurje Tourism Board and Mrs. Dijana Posavec, Director of Centar dr. Rudolfa Steinera, which coincidentally marks the 100th anniversary of biodynamic agriculture and 163rd birth anniversary of Rudolf Steiner, Ambassador Srivastava gave a presentation on the Civilizational heritage of India's traditional knowledge system starting from Vedas, Ayurveda & Yoga, Sanskrit and it's Mathematical foundations. The Ayurveda & Yoga create awareness about healthy and environment-friendly lifestyles which is also the basis of biodynamic agriculture which was being celebrated at the Rudolf Steiner Centre in Donji Kraljevec. The distinguished guests, amongst which was also the Mayor of the Municipality of Donji Kraljevec Miljenko Horvat and Advisor to the Mayor of Prelog for Tourism Sandra Herman witnessed also opportunities in New India. During his visit, Ambassador Srivastava also visited the Eco Museum Međimurje in Čakovec and noted the self-reliant strategy of Međimurje County – the first Croatian region which won the prestigious Green Destination award at the ITB Berlin tourism fair. [LINK.](#)



An evening of Punjab in Zagreb, Croatia

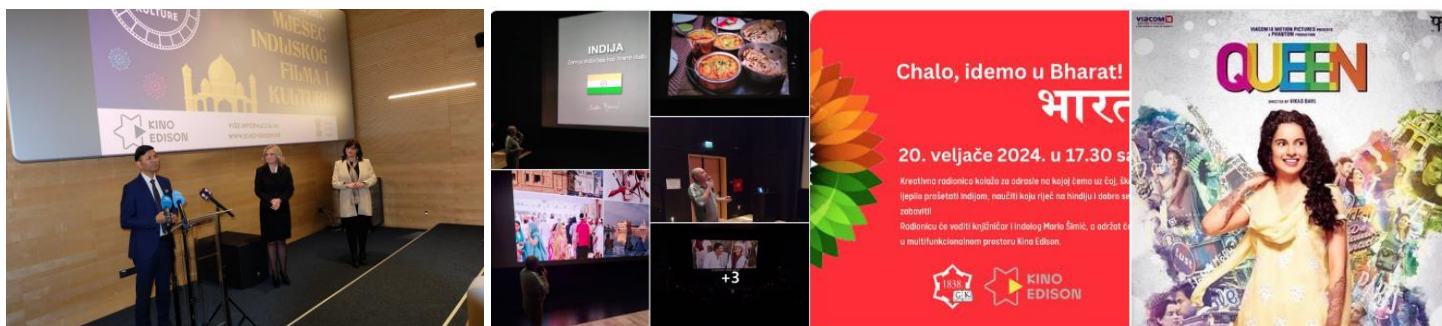


An evening of Punjab in Zagreb, Croatia. The 8-member Indian Council For Cultural Relations troupe Bhangra Folk Dance Group's visit to Croatia continued with a performance at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MSU Zagreb) on the 13th of February.



At the beginning of the event, Ambassador Srivastava, Mrs Vesna Meštrić, the Director of the Museum and Mrs Mirjana Piskulić from the Ministry of Culture and Media of Croatia greeted the attendees with a statement that these past 2 months have been the best in the past 3 years and would be even better in the forthcoming period. The event finished with a joint bhangra dance of the attendees and group. The event was also attended by several distinguished guests, including diplomats from 20 countries and representatives from several other institutions, including the Croatian Professional Folklore Ensemble founded in 1949 -LADO & Dance school Silvija Hercigonja.

India in Karlovac





Ambassador Srivastava participated jointly with the representatives of the City and Tourism Board of Karlovac at the opening of the ["Month of the Indian Movie Cycle and Culture"](#) on the 6th of February at Kino Edison Karlovac with the movie "Stanley Ka Dabba". He was welcomed by Deputy Prefect of Karlovačka County Vesna Hajsan Dolinar and Head of the Administrative Department for Social Activities Draženka Sila Ljubenko. Ambassador Srivastava also highlighted that Indian cinema is popular in the world because they value their success based on nine emotions and how successfully they transfer them to the screen. He also stressed that Karlovac was already "on the map" when the headquarters of the IT company Infosys opened their office in the city seven years ago. The celebration also organized an adult collage creative workshop "Chalo, let's go to Bharat!". The workshop was held in cooperation with Public Library "Ivan Goran Kovačić" Karlovac and the workshop host was librarian and Indologist Mario Šimić. On the 27th Feb. a lecture was also held "India - a land of experiences that feed the soul", with the author, photographer and travel writer Saša Pjanić on his recent trip to the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Consecration of the Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya as “A Landmark in India's Continued Re-Discovery of its Civilisational Heritage”




On 20th February a well-attended seminar was hosted in Napredak with the title - [Consecration of the Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya as “A Landmark in India's Continued Re-Discovery of its Civilisational Heritage”]. The welcome remarks were given by Joginder Singh-Nijjar, President of the Croatian Indian Society. Ambassador Srivastava made a presentation highlighting the spiritual significance of the consecration ceremony and the regime that was followed by the Hon’ble PM for eleven days before the ceremony to make himself ready for this high spiritual responsibility. He also explained the importance of learning from Lord Rama’s life not only for Indians but also for the whole world given the crisis-ridden world that we live in today where the solutions lie in a human-centric approach to governance where Rama’s ideals are of the highest order. Prof. Ivan Andrižanić, Head of Indology Chair, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, made a presentation with the theme "Exploring the Historical, Religious, and Social Dimensions of the Consecration Ceremony of Shri Rāma Temple in Ayodhyā". The event ended with a Bhajan by the Hindi Chair at the University of Zagreb Professor Dr. Meenu & a short reception.






Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya


“A Landmark in India's Continued Re-Discovery of its Civilisational Heritage”



Welcome remarks by
Joginder Singh-Nijjar
President,
Croatian-Indian Society





Presentation by
Assoc. Prof. Ivan Andrižanić
Head of Indology Chair,
Faculty of Humanities &
Social Sciences, Zagreb Uni.
"Exploring the Historical, Religious,
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Shri Rāma Temple in Ayodhyā"



Opening remarks by
Raj Srivastava
Ambassador of India

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at 7 pm
Cultural Center Napredak, Bogovićeve 1/1, Zagreb

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India in Bjelovar



The Day of "India in Bjelovar" witnessed an celebration with 3C's (Conversations, Culture and Costumes) at the Hall of Culture in Grad Bjelovar on 15 February, attended by 300 guests. The event was organized in partnership with the City of Bjelovar, and the Ministry of Culture and Media of Croatia with the main attraction of a performance by 8-member Indian Council For Cultural Relations troupe presenting Bhangra Folk Dance. Mayor of the City of Bjelovar Dario Hrebak stated that he is pleased that India can show their culture and New India in a multicultural city such as Bjelovar. It is also visible that people are acquainted with India and familiarised with what India has to give to the world, and Croatia. Ambassador Srivastava explained the civilisational heritage of India where science & spirituality make a continuum giving strength to each other. He said that Yoga is a journey from zero to infinity and that's why India discovered both zero & infinity not as a mathematical concept but as a spiritual one. From nothingness all creation came, the infinite potential lies within the universe inside us, through yoga, one can make our positive energy focused on whatever we wish to achieve, like the laser or optical fibre. The event also witnessed a Yoga Chair session by Yoga i fitness studio "Namaste" which was followed by an energetic performance of the ICCR troupe



India in Dubrovnik



11th-13th March
India in Dubrovnik
at Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik
Don Frana Bulića 4, Dubrovnik

11th March (18.00 HRS. - 19.30 HRS.)
"Bridging Science & Spirituality"


Speech by
Mato Franković
Mayor of The City of
Dubrovnik


Speech by
Raj Srivastava
Ambassador of India
"Science & Spirituality"
an Indian Perspective


Lecture by
Prof. Ivo Orlić
independent
researcher
"Bridging Science &
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12th March
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"An evening of Indian
music" with jazz maestro
Zoran Majstorović

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"An Evening of Meditation,
Yoga and Ayurveda"



India in Dubrovnik

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THE EMBASSY OF INDIA, ZAGREB IN COOPERATION WITH THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CROATIA AND UNIVERSITY OF DUBROVNIK WILL HOST THE TOURNAMENT, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF STRENGTHENING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE TIES THROUGH SPORTS.

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