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## Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi message on 10 Years Of Make In India

"On the 25<sup>th</sup> September we marked 10 Years Of Make In India. I compliment all those who are tirelessly working to make this movement a success over the last decade. 'Make in India' illustrates the collective resolve of 140 crore Indians to make our nation a powerhouse of manufacturing and innovation. It's noteworthy how exports have risen in various sectors, capacities have been built, and thus, the economy has been strengthened. The Government of India is committed to encouraging 'Make in India' through all possible ways. India's strides in reforms will also continue. Together, we will build an Atmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat!"



#10YearsOfMakeInIndia

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**BUILDING INDIA'S FUTURE WITH STARTUPS AND MSMEs!**

**How Make in India Became the New Trend!**

**Fostering Innovation through Startup India**

- 3rd largest tech-driven startup ecosystem globally
- 45% of startups are from Tier II and III cities
- Over 1 crore patents granted since 2014

**Revival of MSMEs**

**4.91 crore+ MSMEs** registered via Udyam Portal (including 1.85 crore women-owned)

Generated **21.17 crore jobs** and contributed **30.1%** to GDP in 2022-23



# MAKE IN INDIA POWERED ELECTRONICS REVOLUTION!

From just 2 mobile phone factories in 2014, India is now the 2nd largest mobile phone producer!



**40.5%**  
growth in FY24 in exports of mobile phones

**₹1,28,982 crore**



Apr-Jul 2023

**₹1,556 crore**



Apr-Jul 2021

Source: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/10-years-make-india-narendra-modi-sb2if/>



भारत के लिए  
**"ONE EARTH,  
ONE FAMILY,  
ONE FUTURE"**  
एक कमिटमेंट है।

UN Summit of the Future में पीएम मोदी, 23 सितंबर 2024

## Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

### S&P Global: India poised to become the third-largest economy by 2030-31

India is on course to become the third-largest economy by the fiscal year 2030-31, driven by a projected annual growth rate of 6.7%, as outlined in a recent report by S&P Global. The report also forecasts an 8.2% growth rate for FY2024, stressing that continued reforms are essential for enhancing business transactions, logistics, and private-sector investment while reducing reliance on public capital. The analysis indicates that India's equity markets are expected to remain dynamic and competitive thanks to strong growth prospects and improved regulatory frameworks. Following India's inclusion in major emerging market indices, foreign investments in Indian government bonds have surged, with further growth anticipated. The report also addresses India's rising domestic energy demands and highlights the importance of embracing sustainable technologies, including renewables and low-emission fuels, to balance energy security with transition plans.

### India's exports to surpass US\$825 billion

According to Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, India's goods and services exports are expected to cross US\$825 billion despite global economic challenges. India's goods exports have faced challenges recently, with a sharp 9.3% decline in August 2024, marking the steepest drop in over a year. The country's trade deficit also soared to a 10-month high of US\$29.65 billion. Despite this, India remains on track to surpass last year's export figure of US\$778 billion, according to Minister Goyal.

### Indian start-up ecosystem poised for exponential growth by 2030

According to a recent report, India's start-up ecosystem is poised for exponential growth, with the number of start-ups expected to rise by over 2.6 times to 180,000 by 2030. The cumulative funding in the sector since 2014 is projected to surpass US\$170 billion by the end of 2025, driven by the rapid expansion of the internet and digital economy. Over the past decade, the start-up ecosystem has experienced a remarkable rise in deal activity. The number of deals increased from 376 in 2014 to 10,500 in the first half of 2024, with the most significant growth occurring between 2020 and 2022. During these years, start-ups raised US\$100 billion, a sharp increase from the US\$50 billion raised in the previous five years, cementing India's status as a prime destination for venture capital and private equity investment. The first half of 2024 saw renewed momentum in the start-up ecosystem. The number of deals increased 16% compared to the second half of 2023, alongside a 20% rise in funding. This growth indicates strong investor confidence and continued expansion in the sector.

### India recorded a trade surplus with 151 countries

According to a report by the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), India registered a trade surplus with 151 countries, including the United States and the Netherlands, while experiencing a trade deficit with 75 nations, such as China and Russia, during the first half of 2024. Additionally, the updated trade data for FY24 now positions the US as India's top merchandise trade partner, surpassing China. "The revision added an extra US\$2.8 billion in global imports, raising India's total imports to US\$678.2 billion. Of this increase, US\$1.4 billion came from the USA," the report said, indicating that India's imports from the USA rose from US\$40.8 billion in May to US\$42.2 billion in August, elevating the US to India's top trading partner with a total trade of US\$119.7 billion, outpacing China.



## Dekho Apna Desh, People's Choice 2024



Incredible India



VOTE NOW

### DEKHO APNA DESH PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2024

BY MINISTRY OF TOURISM

We welcome you to participate in 'Dekho Apna Desh, People's Choice 2024' a tourist destination poll by the Ministry of Tourism. Participants can input their favorite tourist attractions into five defined categories that align with their preferences. It's mandatory for participants to select at least one attraction they have already visited from any of the five categories and choose at least one attraction that they wish to visit in the future. The winning attractions identified will enable the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India to develop attractions and destinations in mission mode, contributing to India's journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047.

#### Timeline

Start Date : 7th March, 2024

End Date : 15th October, 2024

Choose your favorite tourist attractions across various categories as part of Dekho Apna Desh, People's Choice 2024

Your choices will enable the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India to identify attractions and destinations for development in mission mode, contributing to India's journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047.



Spiritual



Cultural & Heritage



Nature & Wildlife

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**Media coverage locally on India:  
The number of rhinos in India has increased dramatically, they are no longer  
endangered: "Extraordinary"**



The population of Indian rhinos has exceeded 4,000 specimens and has almost tripled in 40 years, according to data from the Indian government, published on the occasion of World Rhino Day.

"In India, the great one-horned rhinoceros has made a remarkable recovery and this success is the result of constant efforts by the Ministry of Forests and local communities," the Indian government said in a statement, recalling that 40 years ago there were 1,500.

It was an endangered species, now it is vulnerable

The population of the Indian rhinoceros, which was numerous in the middle of the 19th century, decreased due to sport hunting, horn smugglers and the reduction of the natural habitat, so that in the 1960s it became very rare. There were only 600 copies left, according to Indian authorities. Until 2008, it was classified as an "endangered species", and now it is "vulnerable", according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The Indian rhinoceros is one of the three big Asian animal species, along with the Javan rhinoceros and the Sumatran rhinoceros.

An adult animal can weigh up to 2,800 kilograms and live to be about 50 years old. Almost 80 percent of the Indian rhinoceros population is found in Kazirangi National Park, in the state of Assam in northeastern India. At the global level, the survival of various species of rhinoceros is threatened. At the beginning of the 20th century, there were 500,000 specimens, and now there are about 28,000, according to the International Rhino Foundation.

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

## Activities of the Embassy of India, Zagreb

As a part of the #Plant4Mother, #एक\_पेड़\_माँ\_के\_नाम campaign, Mr. Chander Mohan, Chargé d'Affaires and Embassy officials planted a tree at the Embassy of India, Zagreb premises.



As part of #SwachhtaHiSeva Campaign 2024, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Mr. Chander Mohan administered the #SwachhtaPledge to Embassy officials.





**SWACHHATA PLEDGE**

Mahatma Gandhi dreams of an India which was not only free but also clean and developed.

Mahatma Gandhi secured freedom for Mother India.

Now it is our duty to serve Mother India by keeping the country neat and clean.

I take this pledge that I will remain committed towards cleanliness and devote time for this.

I will devote 100 hours per year, that is two hours per week, to voluntarily work for cleanliness.

I will neither litter nor let others litter.

I will initiate the quest for cleanliness with myself, my family, my locality, my village and my work place.

I believe that the countries of the world that appear clean are so because their citizens don't indulge in littering nor do they allow it to happen.

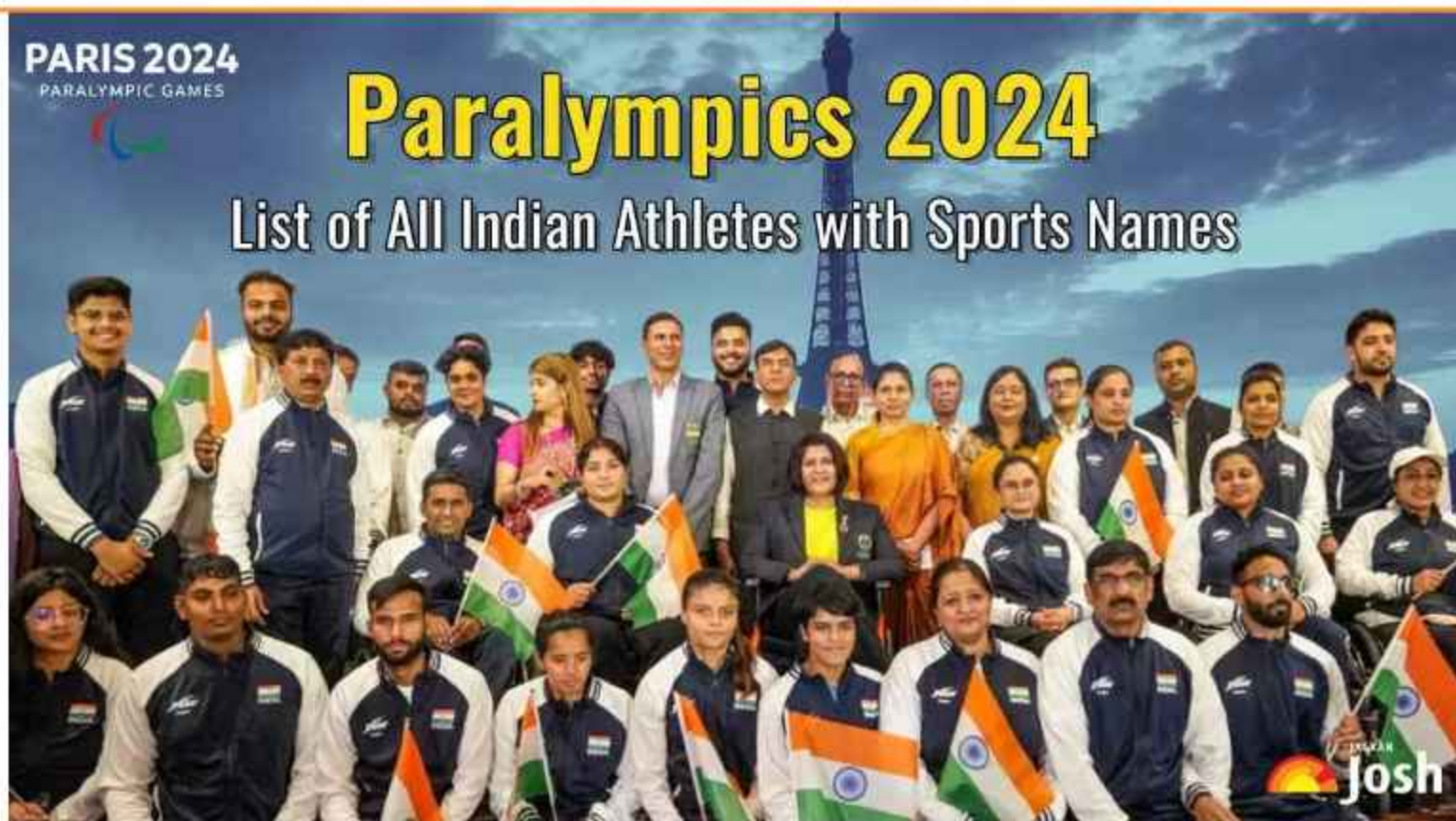
With this firm belief, I will propagate the message of Swachh Bharat Mission in villages and towns.

I will encourage 100 other persons to take this pledge which I am taking today.

I will endeavour to make them devote their 100 hours for cleanliness.

I am confident that every step I take towards cleanliness will help in making my country clean.

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India achieved their most successful performance in Paralympic history at the Paris 2024 Games, securing a total of 29 medals - seven gold, nine silver, and 13 bronze. This achievement surpasses the 19-medal haul from Tokyo 2020, which included five golds. The record haul also meant that India crossed the 50-medal mark in their Paralympic history. A record 84 para-athletes represented India at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, held in the French capital from August 28 to September 8. India competed across 12 disciplines, three more than at Tokyo 2020. Indian para-athletes participated in three new sports at Paris 2024—para-cycling, para-rowing, and blind judo. India had some impressive performances at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Avani Lekhara became the first Indian woman to win two gold medals at the Paralympic Games, defending her title in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 shooting event with a world record score. India recorded a one-two in athletics for the first time, with Dharambir and Parnav Soorma clinching gold and silver, respectively, in the men's club throw F51 event. Dharambir also set a new Asian record of 34.92m. Later, Praveen Kumar also logged an Asian record to win the high jump T64 title and fetched India's sixth gold, their highest ever at the Paralympics. Records were set in archery too. Armless archer Sheetal Devi briefly set a world record in the ranking round before finishing in second place. But she teamed up with Rakesh Kumar later to achieve a world record score in the compound mixed team qualification event. At just 17 years old, Sheetal went on to make history as India's youngest Paralympic medallist, securing bronze in the mixed team event alongside Rakesh.

Find out the full list at: <https://olympics.com/en/news/paris-2024-paralympics-medal-india-tally-winners-table>



Farewell of Ambassador of India to Croatia H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava by Mr. Chander Mohan, Chargé d'Affaires & Mrs. Pallavi Kararha, Head of Chancery



Croatian Indian Society

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Farewell to an extraordinary diplomat!

We gathered to bid farewell to Ambassador Raj Srivastava, the outgoing Ambassador of India to Croatia. It was an evening filled with memories, reflections, and celebration of Indian-Croatian relations.

Ambassador Srivastava's speech, "Four Years in Croatia: Memories & Learnings," was a highlight of the event, offering valuable insights and heartfelt thoughts.

We're grateful for his dedication to strengthening the bond between our nations.

Swipe through to see photos from the event!

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## „India-Croatia Dialogue Round Tables“

The Institute for Development and International Relations In cooperation with the Embassy of India to Croatia organized the „India-Croatia Dialogue Round Tables“ on Monday 16 September 2024 at Zagreb, Westin Hotel, with distinguished guests, diplomats, and Friends of India.

- The „India-Croatia Dialogue Round Tables“ was opened by Ambassador Srivastava, who explained the complementarities between India and Croatia in the field of maritime economy and the 4T's (Technology, Trade, Tourism & Talent) which would strengthen India-Croatia relations further. Ambassador also mentioned the importance of building resilience in the supply chains with trust and transparency. Ambassador highlighted that India is on a transformational path with PM Modi's vision of making India a developed country by 2047 when Bharat will be 100 year old democracy. He said that this dialogue series would bring stakeholders in the bilateral relations together to brainstorm and suggest ideas for making the relationship more content-rich for the benefit of the people of two countries.

- Mr. Jakša Puljiz, PhD, Senior Research Associate, IRMO praised the exploration of India as one of the countries which could shape the global movement with the governance of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), focusing on initiatives across the globe

- Mr. Petar Mihatov, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Director General for Political Affairs said in his remarks that during his two Foreign Office Consultations with the Indian counterparts, he was pleasantly surprised to see how differently sized and geographically distant countries like India and Croatia could have almost similar Foreign Policy outlook and perspective on global challenges.



The guests enjoyed a The session on "India@100" by Mr Mato Njavro, Dean of Zagreb School of Economics and Management - ZSEM on Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse (India), written by Krishnamurthy V. Subramanian pointed out the next two decades vision that India will become a \$55 trillion economy by 2047. Mr Njavro who has visited India on many occasions since 2010 was fascinated by the four key pillars mentioned in the book to propel India's growth, which include: (i) macroeconomic emphasis on growth; (ii) microeconomic focus on social and economic inclusion; (iii) a vision of ethical wealth creation; and (iv) a strategy of a virtuous cycle triggered by investment. Within each pillar, he comprehensively covers the policy choices and the areas that require reforms.



Panel I: Strengthening the India-Croatia Relations: Through 4Ts - Technology, Trade, Talent & Tourism

- Mr. Jakša Puljiz, PhD, Senior Research Associate, IRMO
- Mrs. Martina Dalić, Podravka d.d. President of Management Board
- Mr. Gordan Kolak, Končar Group, CEO
- Mr. Stjepan Orešković, Bosqar Invest, Majority Stakeholder
- Mr. Velibor Mačkić, PhD, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Associate Professor



**Panel II: Towards Climate Justice: Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen**

- Mr. Dražen Balić, Energy Institute Hrvoje Požar, Department for Energy Transmission and Distribution
- Mr. Marko Čosić, Đuro Đaković Group, CEO
- Mr. Ivica Jakić, Founder and President of H2-Hydrogen Cell Croatia
- Mrs. Natalija Parlov Una, Hybrid Warfare Research Institute, Security and Energy Resilience Expert
- Mrs. Vesna Posavac, VPC Capital, Renewable Energy Expert



**Panel III: Strengthening the Resilience of Supply Chains: Building Trust & Transparency**

- Branimir Vidmarović, University Jurja Dobrile in Pula, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Asia Studies
- Mr. Bruno Šamardžić, Voice of Entrepreneurs, Member of the Board
- Mr. Antun Šunjić, Urbansoftech Limited, Director
- Mr. Dario Dunković, PhD, Professor at Economy Faculty in Zagreb



## Ambassador Srivastava was received for his Farewell courtesy call by the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Gordan Grlić Radman

Ambassador Srivastava was received for his Farewell courtesy call by the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Gordan Grlić Radman on 10 September 2024. FM expressed his deep appreciation for the dedication and contribution through professional engagement towards strengthening the bilateral relationship between India and Croatia, especially in cultural exchanges, economic cooperation and mutual understanding. Minister Radman recalled his maiden visit to India in 2023, where he met with EAM Dr. Jaishankar and also delivered a lecture to the students of the University of Delhi. Ambassador Srivastava expressed his gratitude to the Minister for his continuous support to the Embassy's initiatives both directly and indirectly, without which the achievements would have been limited. They expressed confidence that INHR relations are at their high point despite challenging times



Zagreb, 10 September 2024

Your Excellency,

*On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia and on my personal behalf, I would like to thank you, Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava, for your personal and professional engagement, dedication and contribution to the overall development of bilateral relations between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of India.*

*During your mandate, the cooperation and friendly relations between our two countries have intensified and diversified, and I am confident that they will continue to develop in the same manner to our mutual benefit and satisfaction. Through your tireless efforts, you have strengthened the bonds between our two nations, fostering cultural exchanges, economic cooperation and mutual understanding. Your leadership has not only enhanced India's presence in Croatia but also brought our communities closer together. I extend our deepest thanks for your service.*

*Allow me to convey to you my very best wishes for your professional and private success.*

*With the assurances of my highest consideration,*

  
Gordan Grlić Radman  
Minister of Foreign and European Affairs

**H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava**  
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the Republic of India to the Republic of Croatia*



**Ambassador Srivastava was received for his Farewell courtesy call by the Minister of Culture and Media of Croatia, H.E. Mrs. Nina Obuljen Koržinek**



Ambassador Srivastava was received for his Farewell courtesy call by the Minister of Culture and Media of Croatia, H.E. Mrs. Nina Obuljen Koržinek on 11 September 2024. The Minister praised the hard work and creative initiatives of the Ambassador for connecting our two countries through cultural cooperation. Ambassador Srivastava expressed his gratitude to the Minister for her and the Ministry's continuous support and shared his confidence that cultural ties would further strengthen with the implementation of the Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP) between the Govt. of the Republic of India and the Govt. of the Republic of Croatia for the years 2023-25 was signed on the 15th December 2023 between the Croatian Minister for Culture and Media H.E. Ms. Nina Obuljen Koržinek and Ambassador of India to Croatia, H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, on behalf of Government of India



## Ambassador Srivastava was received for his Farewell courtesy call by the Mayor of the City of Pula

Ambassador Srivastava was received for his Farewell courtesy call by the Mayor of the City of Pula Mr. Filip Zoričić. "It is an exceptional honour to host you and to welcome you to our city, which you have already visited several times. I was pleased to meet you at the beginning of your tenure when I was the director of the Pula Gymnasium. The city of Pula is honoured that you chose our city as the last stop on your farewell tour of Croatian cities", said Mayor Zoričić. The Mayor also added that Ambassador Srivastava is the bridge between India and Croatia and added that "India is a big country in every respect, and Croatia is a small country of big people". Ambassador Srivastava also pointed out that this is his third visit to Pula in four years of service in the Republic of Croatia. He also stated that around 17,000 of Indian workers live and work in Croatia. "In this way, they contribute to the Croatian economy, and they also help their families in India," concluded the Ambassador.



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All Indian Nationals and Friends of India living in Croatia are cordially invited to attend the celebrations, as per the following programme :

1000 Hrs (am). : Assembling of the guests

1030 Hrs. : Floral Tributes by Mr. Chander Mohan, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy officials & other guests

1030 - 1045 Hrs. : Address by Chargé d'Affaires and Guest of Honour

1045 - 1115 Hrs. : Refreshments.

*RSVP at [pr.zagreb@mea.gov.in](mailto:pr.zagreb@mea.gov.in) by 30 September.*

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