

# Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Sets Ambitious Vision for India's Future in 78th Independence Day Address

In his 78th Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi outlined a series of futuristic goals aimed at shaping India's growth, driving innovation, and positioning the country as a global leader across various sectors. Watch the adress at the following <u>link</u>.



#### Key points from the Prime Minister's address include:

- 1. **Ease of Living Mission:** PM Modi outlined his vision to fulfil 'Ease of Living' on a mission mode. He spoke of enhancing the quality of life in urban areas through systematic assessments and improvements in infrastructure and services.
- 2. **Revival of Nalanda Spirit:** The Prime Minister sought to revive the ancient Nalanda University spirit, positioning India as a global education hub by promoting higher learning and research. This builds on the inauguration of Nalanda University in 2024.
- 3. **Made in India Chip-Semiconductor Production:** PM Modi outlined India's commitment to becoming a global leader in semiconductor production, aiming to reduce dependency on imports and enhance technological self-sufficiency.
- 4. **Skill India:** Referring to the Budget 2024, the Prime Minister highlighted landmark initiatives announced by the government to train India's youth and become the skill capital of the world.
- 5. **Hub of Industrial Manufacturing:** PM Modi envisioned transforming India into a global manufacturing hub, leveraging its vast resources and skilled workforce.
- 6. **"Design in India, Design for the World":** The Prime Minister exalted indigenous design capabilities and urged to create products that cater to both domestic and international markets, coining this phrase.
- 7. **Leader in Global Gaming Market:** PM Modi said that India must leverage its rich ancient legacy and literature to come up with Made in India gaming products. He added that Indian professionals must lead the global gaming market, not just in playing but also in producing games, stating that Indian games should make their mark worldwide.
- 8. **Green Jobs and Green Hydrogen Mission:** PM Modi emphasized the importance of green jobs in India's efforts to combat climate change. He stated that the focus of the country is now on green growth and green jobs, which will generate employment opportunities while contributing to environmental
  - The Prime Minister reiterated India's commitment to becoming a global leader in green hydrogen production and creating sustainable employment opportunities in environmental conservation and renewable energy sectors.
- 9. **Swasth Bharat Mission**: PM said that to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047, India must tread the path 'Swasth Bharat' which has begun with the launch of Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyan.
- 10. **State-level Investment Competition:** The Prime Minister called for state governments to establish clear policies to attract investments, offer assurances of good governance, and ensure confidence in the law and order situation.
- 11. **Indian Standards as Global Benchmarks:** PM Modi spoke on India's aspiration to be recognized for its commitment to quality, stating that Indian standards should aspire to become international benchmarks.
- 12. **Climate Change Targets:** The Prime Minister reiterated the India's ambitious goal of achieving 500 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity by 2030. He noted that India has been the only country among the G20 nations to meet its Paris Accord goals.
- 13. **Medical Education Expansion:** PM Modi announced plans to add 75,000 new medical seats in the next 5 years, aiming to enhance the country's medical education capacity and address the growing demand for healthcare professionals.
- 14. **Inducting Fresh Blood in Politics:** PM Modi gave a call to bring 1 lakh youth into the political system, specifically those with no history of politics in their families. The Prime Minister said this initiative was aimed at fighting the evils of nepotism and casteism and inducting fresh blood into India's polity.

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#### Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Poland

At the invitation of H.E. Mr. Donald Tusk, Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, paid an official visit to Poland from August 21-22, 2024. The historic visit, came as both nations celebrate the 70th anniversary of their diplomatic relations. Recognizing their long-standing ties, reaffirming the deeprooted bonds of friendship between their countries and peoples, and commitment to realizing the full potential of their ties, the two leaders decided to elevate India-Poland bilateral relations to the level of a "Strategic Partnership". Source.



# First-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Ukraine, since diplomatic relations were established between the two countries in the year 1992



Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi undertook a visit to Ukraine on 23 August 2024, at the invitation of the President of Ukraine, H.E. Volodymyr Zelenskyy. This was the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Ukraine, since diplomatic relations were established between the two countries in the year 1992.

#### **Political Relations**

Both leaders expressed mutual interest in elevating bilateral relations from a comprehensive partnership to a strategic partnership in the future. They reaffirmed their commitment to further developing bilateral ties for the benefit of the peoples of both countries based on mutual trust, respect, and openness. The Leaders reviewed the steady and positive trajectory of bilateral ties that have strengthened significantly over the last three decades, and appreciated the role played by regular engagements between India and Ukraine at various levels, including their meetings in Apulia in June 2024 and in Hiroshima in May 2023 on the margins of the G7 Summits, the visit of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine to New Delhi in March 2024, multiple interactions and telephone conversations between the External Affairs Minister of India and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; between the National Security Advisor of India and the Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, and the 9th round of Foreign Office Consultations held in Kyiv in July 2023, in enhancing mutual understanding, trust, and cooperation. The Leaders appreciated the participation of Ukrainian official delegations in the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024, and the Raisina Dialogue 2024. Source.

#### **Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths**

## Indian Government to launch trade connect e-platform for exporters and MSMEs

The government recently announced the development of a trade connect e-platform to enhance connectivity between exporters, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs with Indian missions abroad, export promotion councils, and other partner government agencies. This platform aims to offer comprehensive information on global trade events, benefits from India's free trade agreements (FTAs), and other pertinent international trade-related data. Significant districts showing healthy export growth include Jamnagar, Kanchipuram, Mumbai, Pune, Surat, and Kachchh. During April-May of this fiscal year, Jamnagar topped the list with exports valued at US\$10 billion, followed by Kanchipuram with US\$3.27 billion, Mumbai with US\$2.24 billion, Pune with US\$2.14 billion, Kachchh with US\$2 billion, and Surat with US\$1.98 billion.



#### IMF revised India's growth forecast to 7% for FY25

According to Dr Gita Gopinath, the IMF's first deputy managing director, India's economic growth has been stronger than anticipated. This positive outlook is attributed to a recovery in private consumption and favourable monsoon conditions, which resulted in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) revising its growth forecast for 2024-25 to 7%. Gopinath noted that India's growth has outperformed expectations from the last fiscal year, and these carryover effects are influencing the IMF's optimistic forecast for the current year. She highlighted that the revival of private consumption, particularly in rural areas, significantly contributes to the country's economic growth.



#### Indian startups maintain momentum with over \$1 billion in funding for July

Indian startups continued their impressive performance, achieving total funding of over US\$ 1.03 billion across 126 deals in July. This includes 28 growth-stage deals totalling US\$ 725 million and 72 early-stage deals worth US\$ 311.83 million. Although this represents a significant decrease from June's exceptional funding of US\$ 1.93 billion, it is the highest amount recorded for July in the past three years. The spike in June was driven by a notable US\$ 665 million round led by Zepto, followed by substantial investments in Flipkart, PharmEasy, and Lenskart. Geographically, Bengaluru led with 42 funding deals, contributing around 37% of the overall funding in July. Delhi-NCR and Mumbai followed with 33 and 24 deals, respectively.



#### ONDC hits new milestone with 12 million orders in July

The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), supported by the government, has achieved a significant milestone by processing 12 million orders in July. This achievement reflects a daily peak of about 430,000 orders. Of the total orders, approximately 4.4 million were from the mobility sector, while the remaining 7.6 million were from the non-mobility domain. In the non-mobility category, food and beverages led with 1.7 million transactions, followed by groceries with 1.4 million and fashion with 0.6 million transactions. The remaining 4 million orders were spread across onnetwork logistics, beauty and personal care, home and kitchen, and retail vouchers. Currently, ONDC includes about 630,000 sellers and service providers operating in 600 cities, with delivery capabilities extending to 1,200 cities across the country.



## Visit Incredible India: land of spirituality and culture



As a place full of mystery and allure, India invites travelers from all over the world to embark on a transformative journey. With its rich culture, beautiful landscapes and history that goes back thousands of years, this country conquers the senses and moves the soul.

Many describe India as a land of wonders, secrets and diversity. From the majestic Himalayas to the tropical beaches of Goa, steeped in history, religion and ancient traditions, it offers an opportunity for a fascinating journey. You can wander the busy streets of Delhi, indulge in exploring the shrines, witness the majesty of the Taj Mahal or simply enjoy some of the world's best cuisine

#### A cultural odyssey: discover the rich heritage and traditions of India

India is often referred to as the birthplace of several major world religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism. As you travel through incredible India, you will discover the rich web of religious practices, beliefs and sacred temples that are an integral part of the country's cultural fabric. You will be amazed by the variety in the countless temples, mosques, churches and other places of worship, each with its own unique architectural style and spiritual significance. The most famous is certainly the Taj Mahal, a huge white marble mausoleum, built in Agra between 1631 and 1648 by order of the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favorite wife. The Taj Mahal is a jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the world's universally admired masterpieces, which is why it is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

#### **Festivals in India**

Apart from being a place that nurtures spirituality, India is also a land of festivals. From the vibrant colors of Holi to the dazzling lights of Diwali, one thing is for sure – India is a country that loves to celebrate. You will have the opportunity to witness and participate in some of the most famous festivals in the country, which support and preserve unique customs, rituals and possess cultural significance.

#### Architectural Wonders of India: A Testimony to the Country's Glorious Past

India's rich history is evident in its stunning forts and palaces, which stand as a testament to the country's glorious past. Planning a trip to India necessarily means exploring some of the most famous and exciting buildings, such as the iconic Taj Mahal, the magnificent palaces of Rajasthan and the ancient forts of Delhi and Agra. These architectural masterpieces offer a fascinating insight into the lives of the kings and nobles who once ruled this magnificent land.

Read the full article at the following article: LINK

#### Media coverage locally on India:

# Students of the Faculty of Tourism and Rural Development in Požega (FTRR) participated in the lecture of prof. Hareesha Ramanthan from India



Students of the Faculty of Tourism and Rural Development in Požega (FTRR) had the opportunity to attend an extremely interesting and educational lecture by Professor Hareesha Ramanthan from Cochin University of Science and Technology in India. The lecture was held as part of regular activities at the faculty and the topic was "Innovations in the field of tourism and sustainable green technologies of the Kerala region". Professor Ramanthan, a respected expert in the field of management, sustainable development, and tourism, shared with the audience the latest knowledge and trends related to the application of green technologies in the tourism industry. Special emphasis is placed on the Kerala region, known for its rich culture, beautiful nature and innovative approaches to sustainable development. During the lectures, students had the opportunity to hear about successful projects combining tourism and sustainability, including solar energy, recycling, and environmentally friendly practices. Professor Ramanthan emphasized the importance of an interdisciplinary approach and cooperation between different sectors to achieve longterm sustainability goals. The lecture ended with an interactive discussion in which students asked questions and exchanged opinions. This inspiring session provided students with not only an insight into new technologies and practices but also motivation for further research and application of the acquired knowledge in their future careers. The lecture is another example of how the faculty strives to provide its students with top-quality education and opportunities for development through cooperation with international experts and institutions. Read the full article at the following link.

#### Continuation of the cooperation of the Požega Faculty with universities in India



Professors of the Faculty of Tourism and Rural Development in Požega, Mrs. Mirjana Radman-Funarić, Mr. Bojan Radišić, and Mr. Ivan Mikić visited the Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin, India, as part of the Erasmus + project.

# Tata Curvv EV is a new electric SUV coming from India and it is very affordable



For those who don't know, Tata Motors is a company headquartered in the Indian city of Mumbai (formerly Bombay), part of the Tata Group, which owns British Jaguar Land Rover, South Korean Tata Daewoo, and joint ventures with Titachi and Stellantis. By the way, it is the largest Indian car manufacturer. Judging by the characteristics and price, the company clearly wants this model to succeed, and here's why. The Tata Curvy EV rests on the 2nd generation electric platform, which is exactly what they call it (Generation 2 EV). The offer will include two battery sizes of 45kWh and 55kWh. According to tests by the Automotive Research Association of India, the range of the batteries is 502 km or 585 km, which sounds very optimistic to us, although it seems quite well aerodynamically resolved. If you ask us, at least 20 percent of the range should be removed. The charging speed is relatively modest, it is 70kW DC, but they say that you can get 150km in 15 minutes of charging. From a design point of view, the Tata Curvv EV has a distinctive look, we would say that it is a coupe model with a sloping roof line, which somewhat sets it apart from the classic SUV look. The front fascia has an LED DRL line across the entire width, while the standard lights are placed lower. Some will say that it resembles the Tata Nexon model, which is actually true. Let's also mention the 18-inch alloy wheels, the Curvv EV stands out with unique elements such as 18-inch alloy wheels and flush door handles. Likewise, the luggage compartment is spacious with its 500 liters, there is an infotainment system and a driver's screen at the front, and it supports ADAS Level 2 autonomous driving. Read the full article at the following link.

Tin Viduka, the Board Member at ALTPRO, called on Ambassador on 30 August to brief him about the business progress of Altpro in India with promising future opportunities in Railways projects in India



#### Six Indian Medal winners of the Paris Olympic Games 2024 & Six near misses



#### Flag Hoisting Ceremony of the 77th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of India

The Embassy of India, Zagreb Celebrations of the 77th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of India, was celebrated at the Embassy of India, Zagreb premises with a Flag Hoisting Ceremony followed by singing of the National Anthem, after which the reading of "Address to the Nation" of the Hon'ble President of India by Ambassador took place. After the message, a showcase of the Exhibition "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" was organized during which were played India's Patriotic songs.



#### Celebrating the 77th Anniversary of Independence Day of India



Celebrating the 77th Anniversary of Independence Day of India, Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava hosted a Reception in Zagreb in which 200 guests including dignitaries from the Croatian Parliament, Ministries and Institutions, Diplomatic Corps, Croatia-India Friendship Societies and Indian community members participated. In his address Ambassador highlighted the journey of India in the past 77 years in which the past decade has placed India into an exponential growth trajectory, making a solid foundation for the next two and a half decades when India would be contributing globally in strengthening peace, progress and prosperity. On behalf of the Foreign Minister of Croatia, the Political Director in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Dr. Petar Mihatov 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 City of Zagreb Mayor Mr. Tomislav Tomašević his address appreciated the cooperation between Embassy of India in Zagreb and the Zagreb City Administration which included the increasing participation of Zagreb City people in International Day of Yoga celebrations as well as different cultural projects strengthening peopleto-people ties between two countries. He highlighted the contribution being made by Indian skilled human resources in Croatian economy especially in Zagreb City. The globally renowned Genetic Forensic Scientist, Dr. Dragan Primorac in his short remarks mentioned about the importance of India in the area of health-care and technology for humanity and he announced that soon he would be starting a project related to genetics between scientific institutions of USA, India and Croatia.



The guests enjoyed a beautifully curated solo music concert by Croatian Jazz Musician Zoran Majstorović, who played on his string instruments the soothing Indian ragas which was accompanied by a 20-minute long Incredible India film showcasing India's destination. The audience felt like being in India through this journey of 20 minutes through their ears and eyes. While presenting an ODOP (One District One Product) gift (Metallic Ship) to Zoran, Ambassador remarked that Zoran who hasn't been to India in this birth, had successfully made the audience experience India through his music.



Impressions by Friends of India in Croatia from a remarkable night.



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Yesterday, we celebrated the National Day of India, remembering independence from the UK through a nonviolent struggle led by Mahatma Gandhi on August 15th, 1947. with great joy and pride. The event was not just a celebration of India's rich history and #culture but also a testament to the deep bonds that have been nurtured between #India and Croatia—bonds that have grown stronger under the exceptional #leadership and enthusiasm of our esteemed Indian Ambassador.



Renata Suša, MRICS • 1st Director at Zagreb Fair Ltd. 5h • ⑤

On the occasion of India's

Independence Day, Ana Bolanca
Popovic, Željko Kopčić, Hrvoje Bolanča
and I had the privilege of attending a
remarkable event organized by the
Embassy of the Republic of India in the
Republic of Croatia. This gathering was
a beautiful reminder of the values of
freedom, and unity.
I would like to extend my heartfelt
thanks to the Ambassador of the
Republic of India in the Republic of
Croatia, His Excellency Raj Srivastava,
for hosting such a meaningful event and
for the Embassy's great cooperation in
the Zagrebački velesajam, d.o.o.

for the Embassy's great cooperation in the Zagrebački velesajam, d.o.o. events. Your efforts in bringing the community together and fostering the spirit of India are truly commendable.

For a full overview of the Impressions by Friends of India in Croatia from a remarkable night please click on the following <u>link</u>.

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day Commemoration Exhibition: The audience of the 77th Anniversary of Independence Day of India, also had the opportunity to see a short-standing memory of the horrors of the partition of India





# PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY

14<sup>th</sup> August



#### PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY

#### Background

The partition of India in its most basic form is a story of unprecedented human displacement and forced migration. It is a story in which millions sought new homes in environments that were alien and resistive. More than being a story of a violent divide based on faith and religion, it is also a story of how a way of life and ages of co-existence came to a sudden and dramatic end.

About 6 million non-Muslims moved out from what had become West Pakistan and another 6.5 million Muslims moved out from the Indian part of Punjab, Delhi, etc., into West Pakistan. In the east, an estimated 2 million non-Muslims moved out of East Bengal (Pakistan) and later in 1950, another 2 million non-Muslims moved into West (India) Bengal. It is estimated that about one million Muslims had moved out of West Bengal.

The estimate of those killed has varied from 500,000 to over 1,000,000. The generally accepted figure stands at around 500,000.

#### India in Croatia in July: Indian Summer in Istria



As part of the "Summer of India in Istria" project, the Museum-Museo Lapidarium opened the group exhibition Contemporary Indian Art on Saturday, August 10, 2024. The works of Samit Das, Sakshi Gupta, Zakkir Hussain, Mithu Sen, Sudarshan Shetty and Avinash Veeraraghavan are on display, offering us an insight into India's extremely rich and diverse contemporary art practice. Various media created ten years ago are included, from sculpture, photography, drawing to installations and video. Most of the works come from the Krinzinger Gallery in Vienna, one of the few European galleries that has been representing and promoting artists from India for many years. The special feature of the exhibition are the new works that were specially made for the Novigrad museum. It is an ambient installation by Mithu Sen, which consists of 14 "transparent" letters made and connected by LED strips. The artist found inspiration for the light installation in the poetry of AG Matoš. On the other hand, the artist Samit Das finds inspiration in the museum itself, in the Lapidarium collection. During his residential stay in Novigrad, from July 1 to 14, Das created artists' books and drawings, which he placed about museum monuments. Given that Das's works were made exclusively on handmade paper from India, the last part of the exhibition is dedicated to the community, that is, to all the participants of the handmade paper workshop in Novigrad, which is also a thank you to everyone who followed us through an extensive and diverse project. Summer of India in Istria". The exhibition was realized with the support of the Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia, the County of Istria - Administrative Department for Culture and Heritage, the City of Novigrad-Cittanova, the Tourist Board of Novigrad-Cittanova and the Embassy of India in Zagreb.







# A Session on Knowledge & Wisdom on Goal of the Human Life



Welcome remarks by

Mr Joginder Singh Nijjar President of the Croatian-Indian Society



Introductory Speech by **Raj Srivastava** 

Ambassador of India to Croatia



Prabhupad Srila Premgopal Goswami

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#### To Bid Farewell to the outgoing Ambassador of India to Croatia



Welcome remarks by

Mr Joginder Singh Nijjar

President of the Croatia-India Society



Speech by

Ambassador Raj Srivastava

"Four Years in Croatia: Memories & Learnings"

#### September 10th, 2024 at 6.30 pm

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# IRMO Institute for Development and International Relations IRMO & Embasssy of India, Zagreb INDIA—CROATIA DIALOGUE ROUND TABLES on 16 September 2024 at Hotel Westin, Zagreb 10-14 Hrs.

### **Upcoming Trade Fairs in India in 2024**

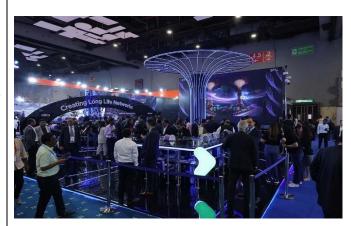
**IMC India Mobile Congress** 

Date and Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 15-18

October 2024

Website: www.indiamobilecongress.com

This prestigious event will coincide with WTSA'24, the principal conference for the ITU Standardization Sector (ITU-T), attracting global participation from a diverse range of sectors, including Member States, standardization bodies, industries, academia, and start-ups. Organized by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), IMC has firmly established itself as one of Asia's leading technology expos. By bringing together innovators, thought leaders, and industry experts, the event fosters transformative ideas that have the potential to change the trajectory of the telecom and technology industries globally.



IHGF Delhi Fair 2024

Date and Venue: India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater

Noida, 16-20 October 2024 **Website:** <u>www.ihgfdelhifair.in</u>

The 58th edition of the IHGF Delhi Fair 2024, one of the world's largest trade fairs, is set to showcase an impressive array of home, lifestyle, fashion, furnishing, and furniture products. Organized by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) since 1994, this event is a key platform for manufacturers and exporters across India. Taking place at the India Expo Centre in Delhi-NCR, the fair will feature over 3,000 exhibitors presenting more than 2,000 new product expressions and over 300 innovative designs across 14 major product categories.



Date and Venue: Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, 17-

19 October 2024

Website: www.broadcastindia-show.com

The 33rd edition of the Broadcast India Show, set to take place from October 17-19, 2024, at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, India, promises to be an unmissable event for professionals in film, television, radio, audio, mobile, and new media. As South Asia's leading event for content creation, management, and delivery, the show will feature over 500 exhibiting companies from more than 36 countries.





#### **ACETECH**

**Date and Venue:** Bangalore International Exhibition Centre,

Bengaluru, 18-20 October 2024 **Website:** www.acetechexpo.com

ACETECH is India's annual trade show, focusing on architecture, interior design, building materials, and related industries. ACETECH offers the perfect platform for manufactures, material suppliers and technology developers to exhibit their products, services and technologies to the widest audience comprising architects, engineers, contractors, and developers from across the country.



#### Bengaluru Tech Summit 2024

Date and Venue: Bangalore Palace, Bengaluru, 19-21

November 2024

Website: www.bengalurutechsummit.com

The 27th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2024, hosted by the Government of Karnataka, is set to be a significant event for the global tech community. Over its 26 previous editions, Bengaluru Tech Summit has established itself as India's premier international forum for discussing and showcasing the latest technological advancements. BTS 2024 will feature a comprehensive conference with over 400 speakers, including global tech leaders, policymakers, startup founders, and innovators, who will share their insights through panel discussions, keynotes, and presentations across six focus tracks.



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