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EMBASSY OF INDIA CELEBRATES 71ST REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA

The 71st Republic Day of India was celebrated on 26 January 2020 in Budapest. Ambassador of India H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin unfurled the Indian Tricolour at the Embassy premises (Búzavirág Utca 14) in the morning and read out the address to the Nation by the President of India on the eve of Republic Day.



A large number of Indian community members and friends of India joined the celebrations with patriotic fervour. A cultural programme followed, including a sweet rendition of patriotic songs by children and a mesmerising Odissi 'Shiv Stuti' by Ms. Sreeradha Paul.



In the evening a Reception was hosted at the beautiful Budai Vigadó (Heritage House) in Budapest where Ambassador Kumar Tuhin and H.E Mr Andras Baranyi, Deputy State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, addressed the guests underlining the historically close ties between India and Hungary. The Reception was attended by a large number of dignitaries including government leaders, members of parliament, diplomatic corps, media and Indian community.



The highlight of the evening was a musical confluence by 14 Indian and Hungarian artists presenting a Sangam of four Ragas (Raag Bhopali, Hansadhvani, Raag Yaman and Raag Bihag) and four Talas in a short piece called 'Taal-Tatini' meaning 'flow of rhythm' composed by Dr.Chirayu Bhole (on Tabla) & Mr. Szabi Toth (on Sitar). They were accompanied by Balazs Viragh (on Pakhawaj), Tibor Motian (Hungarian Cajun) Gabor Korosi (European Handpan) Andor (Guitar) and traditional classical dances of

Bharatnatyam (Panni Somi), Kathak(Sonali Roy and Karmen Kollar), Kuchipudi (Neethu Mohan) and Odissi(Sreeradha Paul), Yoga (Ankita Sood) Pallavi Mojumdar (live painting of Lotus & Tulip, the two national flowers) and Sara.



The Embassy hosted a Reception on 30th January at Grand Hotel Bristol in Sarajevo to celebrate the 71st Republic Day of India in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ambassador H.E Kumar Tuhin and Chief Guest H.E Marinko Cavara, President of Federation of BiH addressed the audience and spoke about the strong India-Bosnia and Herzegovina bilateral relations.



Ambassador felicitated the brand ambassador for Yoga from Bosnia & Herzegovina Ms. Selma

Muhidinovic and Dr. Semra Caviljuga, Dean , faculty Of Medicine, University of Sarajevo for her contribution in promotion of Ayurveda in BiH. A vibrant cultural programme was presented by Ms. Panni Somi, Bharatnatyam Dancer and Dr. Chirayu S. Bhole, Tabla Teacher & Artist. A bollywood fusion dance was presented by ballet dancers from local BellArt Music Academy on popular song, 'Jai Ho'.



FOREIGN MINISTER PÉTER SZIJJÁRTÓ VISITS INDIA FOR RAISINA DIALOGUE

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary H.E.Mr. Péter Szijjártó visited India on a three day visit from 14-17 January 2020. His visit started in Mumbai where he called on Governor of Maharashtra. Speaking to news agency MTI by phone from Mumbai he said that planned investments in Hungary by Indian companies employing latest technology will create 1,000 new jobs. From Mumbai, Foreign Minister Péter Szijjártó



arrived in New Delhi where he called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 15th January and held bilateral talks with External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar on 16th January. He spoke at the 5th edition of Raisina Dialogue, which is a multilateral conference organized annually in New Delhi by the Observer Research Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of External

Affairs of India. Minister Szijjártó also met Minister of Commerce and Industry and Railways



Mr Piyush Goyal and Minister of Road Transport and Highways Mr Nitin Gadkari. Speaking during an interview on Republic Television, Minister Szijjártó conveyed his respect for Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking patriotic decisions and said he saw global challenges in the same way as the Hungarian cabinet does in many ways.

STRONG INDIAN PRESENCE AT SIRHA BUDAPEST

Indian companies had a strong participation in SIRHA Budapest 2020 (regional trade exhibition of food, bakery, pastry, food service packaging and



gastronomy) that was held on 4-6 February 2020 in Budapest. An India Pavilion was set up by



Assocham, a national chamber from India which saw a participation of around 47 Indian exhibitors

from all over India. The India Pavilion of 247 m2 was inaugurated by H.E. Ambassador Kumar Tuhin who applauded the synergies between India and Hungary in bilateral trade and economic cooperation. H.E. Mr. Róbert Zsigó, Minister of State for Food Chain Supervision, Ministry of Agriculture who inaugurated SIRHA Budapest also visited the India Pavilion and interacted with some of the exhibitors. Ambassador was also interviewed by the Hungarian news agency MTVA.

PRAVASI BHARITYA DIWAS IN BUDAPEST

On the occasion of Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas, the Embassy organized an interactive discussion with members of Indian diaspora in Budapest on January 9, 2020 during which Ambassador Kumar Tuhin responded to several suggestions and queries from the participants. On this



occasion, a video recording of External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar's live interaction with Indian diaspora all around the globe held earlier that day was also screened.

BASANT PANCHMI CELEBRATED IN KATHAK CLASS

The Kathak Dept at Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre celebrated Basant Panchmi (Saraswati Puja) with gaiety and enthusiasm during which the students gave 'pushpanjali' offering flowers , naivedya and roli to goddess. They worshipped their art form by laying their ' ghunghroos' at the feet of goddess for her blessings. They also recited mantras under faculty Ms.Sonali Roy.



STUDENTS' OPEN DAY AT ELTE UNIVERSITY

The Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities held an open day for interested students in the academic

year, at which the Department of Indian Studies of ELTE University set up attractive stalls with the help of the Embassy of India. Books exhibition, henna painting, information materials and Indian tea and delicacies were organized for the students.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Participation at Utazás – Travel Expo in February, 2020

Delegation from Tourism Office Paris, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India will participate in Utazás - Travel Expo from 27 February - 01 March, 2020 at HUNGEXPO Budapest Congress and Exhibition Center. The 36 sqm India Pavilion will be inaugurated by Ambassador Kumar Tuhin

Discussion session on Tourism

The Embassy is planning a brainstorming session on tourism on 26th February 2020 for promotion of travel and tourism between India and Hungary.

Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi at ELTE University

ELTE University, Deptt of India Studies is organizing a seminar on Mahatma Gandhi on Feb 28.

Wings India Fair in India

Wings India: The Ministry of Civil Aviation together with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is organizing its flagship event

Wings India, 2020 from 12-15 March 2020 at Hyderabad. The objective of the event is to bring stakeholders from both developed and emerging economies to deliberate and discuss the opportunities and challenges in the Civil Aviation Sector in India. More details can be seen at **website: <https://www.wings-india.in>**



International Conference on Standardisation of Diagnosis and Terminologies in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha Systems of Medicine (ICoSDiTAUS)

Organized by Ministry of AYUSH, Govt of India the ICoSDiTAUS will be held in New Delhi during 25-26th Feb 2020.



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