

# EMBASSY OF INDIA , BUDAPEST

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Hungary continues to be in a state of emergency with movement restrictions in place. As per the decree published on March 27 in the Official Gazette (<https://magyarkozlony.hu/dokumentumok/19f1d27b1584ffb22ff468a3635013b9f1813b5e/megtekintes>) people are allowed to leave their homes only for essential reasons such as to go to work and to run basic errands. Grocery stores, drug stores, pharmacies, and markets will be open. People above 65 years of age only can visit food stores and pharmacies between 0900 and 1200 hrs. These restrictions on movement will remain in effect indefinitely. The Govt will assess the conditions of further extensions weekly. <https://www.kormany.hu/en/news/restrictions-on-movement-continue-to-remain-in-effect-people-are-only-allowed-to-leave-their-homes-for-essential-reasons>

### LOCAL CONTACTS FOR COVID-19:

The Hungarian government has created a public hotline for individuals to talk to specialists about COVID-19: **+36-80-277-455** and **+36-80-277-456**. They can be contacted over email also: [koronavirus@bm.gov.hu](mailto:koronavirus@bm.gov.hu).

Website: In Hungarian: <https://koronavirus.gov.hu> ; In English: <http://abouthungary.hu>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/koronavirus.gov.hu>

List of major hospitals where coronavirus is being treated:

- Szent Laszlo Hospital, 1097 Budapest, Albert Florian Ut 5, Tel: 06 1 455 8100
- Szent Janos Hospital, 1125 Budapest, Dios Arok 1, Tel: 06 1 458 4500
- Hungarian Military Hospital (Magyar Honvedkorhaz), 1134 Budapest, Robert Karoly Krt 44, Tel: 06 1 4651800

- South Pest Central Hospital
- Semmelweis Hospital

### ENTRY AND EXIT REQUIREMENTS

Only Hungarian citizens and European Economic Area citizens holding resident permits, other permanent resident card holders who have close Hungarian relatives, and diplomats with resident cards are able to enter Hungary. More information with regard to entry into Hungary can be obtained from the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing, [www.bmbah.hu](http://www.bmbah.hu)

India is in a state of complete lockdown till 14th April, 2020, entry of all passengers from outside is prohibited, this is a temporary and precautionary measure to prevent large scale transmission of COVID-19. Many State Governments in India have extended the lockdown till April end. Government of India is continuously reviewing the situation and working proactively on various fronts. A decision regarding extension or otherwise of the nationwide lockdown will be taken by the Government soon. Those Indian citizens desiring to travel to India are advised to check the official advisories issued by the Govt of India and the Embassy of India, as well as check air carrier schedules for the latest updates and work directly with the airlines or travel agents to arrange their travel.

### VISA/RESIDENCE PERMIT EXTENSION FOR INDIANS STRANDED IN HUNGARY DUE TO COVID:

In response to the notice issued by the Embassy a few weeks ago, several Indian citizens who are stranded in Hungary due to cancellation of flights and the lockdown in India had contacted the Embassy. Their cases were taken up by the Embassy with the Ministry of Interior. The Govt of Hungary has informed that all such cases will be given visa extension and the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing will be extending the visas/residence permit. Many Indians have already subsequently received temporary stay permits.

The supporting documents for issuance of temporary

permits for such visa expiring cases are listed below:

- a valid passport, and a copy of the pages of the passport that have any writing or stamp;
- One(1) photo;
- Request for temporary permit - this is actually explanation of the present situation, why a person cannot travel on to his/her planned destination;
- Proof of financial means to cover expenses in Hungary ;
- Proof of accommodation in Hungary - e.g. courtesy agreement/rental contract/hotel reservation;
- Proof of health insurance for the period of intended stay in Hungary;

Temporary permit is generally issued on the same day after the submission of application. It is usually being issued for 90 days, however it may be issued for a shorter period as the case may be.

Those Indian citizens having a residence permit in Hungary should apply online through „Enter Hungary” and they also should make a reservation for appointment by visiting the website [www.bmbah.hu](http://www.bmbah.hu) . For reserving an appointment (for those who have a visa), please do the following steps:

[www.bmbah.hu](http://www.bmbah.hu)

- appointment booking
- state of emergency
- application for third country nationals who intend to leave Hungary but are unable due to the epidemiological situation.

For extension of residence permits, after submitting application online through „Enter Hungary”, they should choose „biometric data recording”.

### INDIAN STUDENTS

The Embassy has been in touch with the Indian student community on a regular basis, and updates received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and other authorities for Stipendium Hungaricum students have been shared with them. Embassy is also in contact with international coordinators of the concerned Universities and the issues raised by Indian students have been discussed with them. Classes are being conducted online.

All international students are entitled to remain on the premises of their student residence (dormitory, student hotel). All International Students may be asked to re-locate their residence within the premises of their student accommodation (e.g., moving to another room, floor or building). This,

however does not affect the students’ rights, the host institution will still provide them with accommodation. Students are requested to follow the university guidelines and take all necessary precautions advised by Government institutions, and contact the Embassy for any emergency situation.

### CONSULAR SERVICES

In view of COVID-19, only emergency consular services are being provided by the Embassy at the moment. Please continue to check the Embassy website and Social Media pages regarding timeline for restoration of normal consular services. In case any consular service is required on an emergency basis, please send an email to [cons.budapest@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.budapest@mea.gov.in) with your phone number and brief description of service required.

In case you need any assistance/information you can contact the Embassy at:

- Phone Number: +36-1-3257742/43
- Email id: [cons.budapest@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.budapest@mea.gov.in)
- website: [www.eoibudapest.gov.in](http://www.eoibudapest.gov.in)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IndiaInHungary>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IndiaInHungary>

In case of any emergency/distress, call us anytime (24 x7) at this number: Mobile No.: +36-308517373

### BUSINESSES TRYING TO COPE AND ADAPT

As per the feedback from local business chambers, many OEMs are closed in Hungary and most small businesses are facing difficulties. The Hungarian government has announced several monetary and fiscal measures. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has taken an



initiative to hold video B2Bs and seminars that may be interesting to Hungarian companies. The information on the webinar has been sent to concerned stakeholders in Hungary.



Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre announced online classes from March 16th, 2020, as the daily classes at the Centre had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. India based teachers Ankita Sood (TIC), Sonali Roy (Kathak) and Chirayu Bhole (Tabla) have started recording structured video lessons, the first format developed for online classes recorded in HD mode, and thereafter edited and uploaded on YouTube on daily basis. The links of the video lessons are shared on social media like facebook pages of Embassy and ASCC, Twitter and Instagram. The video links are also shared immediately with the students' WhatsApp and email groups made by the respective teachers.

On YouTube a separate playlist called 'Virtual Classes' has been created so that it is easier for the students to find the videos. In Yoga, Kathak and Tabla regular weekly Facebook live lessons, exercises and demos are being shared. Teachers are also taking once a day Skype classes with batches of students so that they can do practical lessons. During the lessons not only regular students but general viewers are also logged in and show their presence through likes, sharing and comments. Sitar and Hindi classes are also being conducted online now.

A series of 'Online games' and 'contests' have been created by ASCC to engage, involve and inspire the students and friends of India. These contests are based on their interests in India like reading, writing, cooking, travelling to India, etc.

## AMBASSADOR MET STATE SECRETARY DR. ORSOLYA PACSAY-TOMASSICH

Ambassador met with Dr. Orsolya Pacsay-Tomassich, State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade responsible for Hungarian Diplomatic Academy & the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme on March 11 to discuss issues concerning the Indian students and the Stipendium Hungaricum Program



## YOGA WITH SOUND THERAPY



The month of March began with a workshop, the first of its kind, and having a deep social cause at its heart. The Yoga & Sound Therapy session was held at the rehab centre for juvenile delinquents at Rákospalotai Javítóintézet, (Rakospalota Rehabilitation Centre in Budapest) where the female juvenile delinquents were taken through a therapeutic experience of stress relieving and calming Yogic sessions by Yoga teacher Ankita Sood



and sound therapist Andras. It was for the first time a Yoga session was held for them. The children and teenagers not only felt better after the session but were also able to share their positive experiences. Positive mantras, asanas, and soothing music from handpan, gongs, koshi chimes and guitar helped the children feel at peace.


### HINDUSTANI CLASSICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, glimpses of mesmerising Hindustani Classical Music & Dance workshop by veteran artist Amarnath Ghosh were presented at Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Center. The artist first gave the most easy to understand, enlightening pure Indian classical vocal singing Lec-dem. He then encouraged the participants to sing with him and thereafter sang a few classical songs.

His rendition of Radha-Krishna love through the 'Nritt' and ' Abhinaya' of Kuchipudi brought tears into not only his eyes but the audience too. Mr. Amarnath Ghosh has been trained at premier institutions of dance in India and is a master of four classical dance forms. Accompanying him was Tabla teacher Dr Chirayu Bhole.



### UPCOMING EVENTS




On the occasion of its 70<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day, The Indian Council for Cultural Relations announces Essay Competitions in the following categories:

**Category 1: ICCR students in India and ICCR alumni overseas**  
**Topic of essay: Studying in India - My Personality Growth, My Experience**  
 Word limit: 2000 words  
 Essays may be submitted in English language with your details (Name, Nationality, Country, Course, Institute, University, phone number) to SPD ICCR, Mrs. Sulakhana Bhatia, at [spdtowards.iccr@gov.in](mailto:spdtowards.iccr@gov.in)


**Category 2: Indian Diaspora (both NRIs and PIOs)**  
**Topic of Essay: Cultural Imprint; Retrospect and Prospects.**  
 Word limit: 2000 words  
 Essays may be submitted in English language with your details (Name, Nationality, Country of residence, address, phone number) to SPD ICCR, Mrs. Archana Sharma at [cssections.iccr@nic.in](mailto:cssections.iccr@nic.in)

**Prizes to win in each category**  
 First Prize : USD 2000  
 Second Prize : USD 1500  
 Third Prize : USD 750

**Last date of submission of essays: 30 April 2020**  
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**ICCR Global Art Competition**  
**UNITED AGAINST CORONA - EXPRESS THROUGH ART**  
**Art in the Time of Corona**  
**Announcement of Prizes**



Category A : FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS				
(Prize amount in USD)				
	Contemporary	Folk/tribal	Illustrations/cartoons	Digital
Professional	2500	1500	1500	1500
Amateur	1500	1000	1000	1000
Children/Students	750	500	500	500

Category B : INDIAN PARTICIPANTS				
(Prize amount in INR)				
	Contemporary	Folk/tribal	Illustrations/cartoons	Digital
Professional	1,50,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
Amateur	1,00,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Children/Students	70,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

ICCR will sponsor visit of all winners at an Award function in Delhi, India  
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