

## EMBASSY OF INDIA , BUDAPEST

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### INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA CELEBRATED WITH FERVOUR



74th Independence Day of India was celebrated on 15 August with enthusiasm and fervour. Keeping in view the pandemic situation and social distancing norms, the entire celebration was live streamed over internet for the benefit of Indian community and friends of India. Approx. 3000 persons watched it online. Ambassador of India Shri Kumar Tuhin hoisted the tricolour at the Embassy premises, after which he read out the Address to the Nation on the eve of the Independence Day by the President of India.



A colourful cultural programme was presented by the artists and teachers of the Amrita Shergil Cultural Centre which included a mesmerising performance called 'Tabla Tarang' by Dr. Chirayu Bhole and Mr.

Tibor Motian. Ms Sriradha Paul gave a captivating Odissi performance.



The Embassy had conducted Incredible India video dance blog contests in the run up to the Independence Day and winners were announced during the function. From the pool of Hungarian contestants, two winners have been given a **'Free Trip To India'** as a prize by Indian Tourism Office, Paris which they can avail in 2021.



### EMBASSY STARTS HINDI CLASSES FOR CHILDREN OF DIASPORA

This month, the Amrita Shergil Cultural Centre

started an exclusive 'Online Hindi Course' for the children of Indian diaspora which saw a large number of registrations. The course will enable the children to retain their Hindi speaking & writing skills and be connected with their roots.



### RAKSHA BANDHAN CELEBRATED IN HUNGARY

The 'Raksha Bandhan' festival was celebrated in Hungary this year with great enthusiasm.



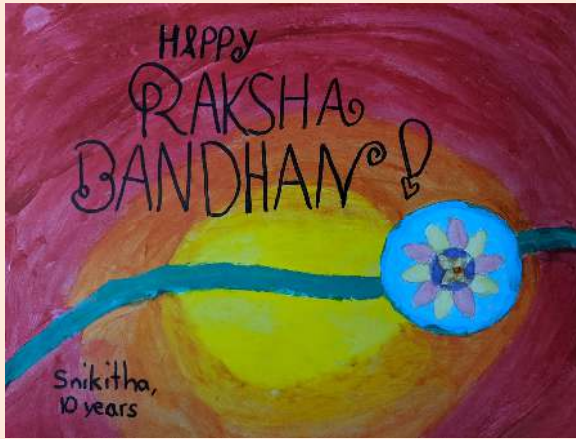
Ambassador of India Sri Kumar Tuhin distributed eco friendly 'Rakhis' (wrist bands) to some eminent friends of India in Hungary to mark this occasion. The Rakhis were received from the President of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).

It was a wonderful gesture on the part of the Hungarian friends to click a picture of themselves wearing these Raakhis.



Raksha Bandhan is a sweet festival when traditionally sisters tie Raakhis on the wrists of their brothers. In ancient times it was also tied by elders or priests on the hands of everyone to bless them with health, happiness and security. A Rakhi drawing contest was also organized by the Cultural Centre in which a number of children participated and won prizes.





### AMRITA SHERGIL CULTURAL CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Puskin Cinema screened the National Film Award winning Assamese children's film, 'ISHU' online which saw many viewers. This has set the ball rolling for the forthcoming online film festival scheduled for November this year.

A new 'Yog Course' has started with a panel of four Hungarian teachers, who are all Yog Experts from Hungary and are going to take thrice a week Online Sessions and five days a week physical classes. The course would also enable students to get certificates from Ministry of Ayush, Govt of India as teachers of Common Yog Protocol or Trainers on completing their training and appearing for annual exams. Special batches for senior citizens & diplomats have also started. The registrations for Yog Course is continuing, and interested persons can contact the embassy cultural centre through email for further information.

The Cultural Centre continued its online presence by conducting live facebook events like 'Jugalbandi' or musical contest of Tabla and Pakhawaj by artists Dr. Chirayu Bhole and Balazs Virag.

A webinar was conducted on the occasion of 'Janmashtmi' which marks the birth of Bhagwan Shri Krishna. This was done in collaboration with ISKCON, Hungary. Shri Radha Krishna Das gave a talk, followed by devotional songs, dances and a prayer service. A number of participants including from the Krishna Valley (Krisna-völgy, Somogyvámos) also took part in the functions.

Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre presents:

**Webinar: August 12<sup>th</sup> Janmashtmi**

**Program:**

- 15:30 Introduction by Tanuja Shankar, Director ASCC
- 15:45 Talk by Radha Krishna das, Chairman of ISKCON Hungary
- 16:00 Presentation by Pavithra Srinivasan
- 16:12 Bhajans by Krishna Valley
- 16:19 Rabindra Sangit by Pallavi Majumder
- 16:27 Kathak Dance by Sonali Roy
- 16:30 Closing remarks

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### AMBASSADOR OF INDIA AND HUNGARIAN ADVENTURE CYCLIST INTERVIEWED BY HIR TV



Ambassador Shri Kumar Tuhin was interviewed on Hir TV with the Hungarian adventure cyclist Victor Zicho who recently came back from India tracing the footprints of Hungarian explorer Sándor Kőrösi Csoma. Victor shared his experiences of India through his comments in the TV programme. Preceding this, Victor was also felicitated by Ambassador recently for his challenging & inspirational journey to India on cycle.

## VANDE BHARAT MISSION (VBM) PHASE 6



Government of India's Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) continued with the announcement of Phase VI. Schedule may be seen here: <https://mea.gov.in/phase-6.htm> Vande Bharat Mission has reached out and facilitated international travel of 16.40 lakh stranded & distressed people, thus becoming one of the largest missions of its kind in recent times.

Travellers from Europe can now travel to India via Germany and France as per the "air bubble arrangement, on Air India, Air France and Lufthansa flights. Tickets need to be booked by the persons directly on websites of airlines. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India have issued guidelines for phased re-opening (Unlock 4.0) which will be in force upto 30th September, 2020, details can be checked here: [https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHAOrder\\_Unlock4\\_29082020.pdf](https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHAOrder_Unlock4_29082020.pdf)

Also, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, have recently issued Post COVID-19 management protocol for follow-up care and well-being of all post COVID-19 recovering patients: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/PostCOVID13092020.pdf>

### Entering India

Government of India has recently revised guidelines for travellers entering India. All travellers have to

submit self-declaration form on the online portal [www.newdelhiairport.in](http://www.newdelhiairport.in) at least 72 hours before travel. Travellers can also seek exemption from institutional quarantine by submitting negative RT-PCR report on arrival. Test should have been conducted within 96 hours prior to the journey. Detailed information can be checked here:

[https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/1597137882RevisedguidelinesforInternationalArrivals02082020\(1\).pdf](https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/1597137882RevisedguidelinesforInternationalArrivals02082020(1).pdf)

Also, registration has to done on MEA's repatriation portal: [https://repat.videshapps.gov.in/user\\_registration](https://repat.videshapps.gov.in/user_registration)

Government of India has also allowed a few visa categories, broadly there are Diplomatic Visa, Official Visa, UN, Employment Visa, Project Visa, Business Visa, etc. The details can be checked here: <https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/0531bfd828c9d8e4a06851193326d59f24ddee3d.pdf> <https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/9026c28df35e03a67a9b611b0950554e9af032f3.pdf>

### Entering Hungary

Hungary has again introduced temporary border controls in view of the rising COVID-19 cases in Hungary. Any person entering Hungary has to undergo 14 days mandatory quarantine, in case a medical check reveals the suspicion of infection, the person concerned would be accommodated in a quarantine designated by the epidemiological authority, otherwise home quarantine. Detailed information can be checked here: <http://www.police.hu/en/content/information-on-general-rules-of-border-crossing>.

### CONSULAR SERVICES

Consular services, except Visa, have been restored and with prior appointment one can visit Embassy on Tuesday and Thursday. Appointments can be booked here:

<https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/page/appointment-for-visa-consular-passport/>

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