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## FOREIGN MINISTER PÉTER SZIJJÁRTÓ AND AMBASSADOR KUMAR TUHIN ATTEND KIS CHEMICAL'S EVENT IN SAJÓBÁBONY



Hungary's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó and Ambassador Kumar Tuhin attended the opening event of Kischchemicals Manufacturing Company in Sajóbábony. Kischchemicals, an Indian company, is developing its factory in Sajóbábony with an investment of more than EUR 32 million. With the expansion of the factory producing plant protection products and intermediates, i.e. agrochemicals, the company can meet the growing needs of customers. The project to be completed by the end of 2023 will create many new jobs. Speaking at the event Minister



Péter Szijjártó said India and Hungary share very close ties, India is among the top investing nations in Hungary and Indian companies contribute to employment generation, skills addition and technology accretion in Hungary. Mr. Gaurav Astik, Director of Kischchemicals, spoke at the function outlining

company's plans. Also present were Mr. Hubay György, MP of the city, Mr. Ésik Róbert, CEO HIPA, Mr. Szilva István, Mayor of Sajobabony, Dr. Orovecz Olivér, Managing Director KCH.

## ASCC WEBINAR IN MEMORY OF AMRITA SHERGIL

The Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre organized a webinar on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> to mark the 79<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Amrita Shergil. The programme was formally opened by Ambassador Kumar Tuhin, who spoke about the indelible contribution of the young painter in connecting the art history of India and Hungary. This was followed by the keynote address by art historian and writer Dr. Katalin Kesuru who shared her experiences about the exhibitions and art panorama of Amrita that she had the privilege to curate. During the webinar, a 25 minute film was shown on the life and works of Amrita.



Dancer Panni Somi and Actor Navjot Randhawa shared their impressions about the artist who they had created on stage. Katalin Ladik the director of the play 'Everything she wants: Amrita and Boris' shared her experience of creating a timeless musical play with the role of Amrita played by Navjot. Writer Edina Stanczik threw light on her journey of exploring the life of Amrita while writing her book on Istvan Szekeley, relative of Amrita Shergil. Ms. Olga Maloney art director of Billingham International Folklore Festival of World dance, shared her experience about her project 'The Two Fridas', where she juxtaposed both Frida Kahlo & Amrita Sher-gil through paintings, dance and drama. The webinar

was concluded by Ms. Margit Koves, Professor of Hungarian language at Delhi University, who gave a rare presentation of letters, sketches and poetry of Amrita Shergil.

### INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCHED IN HUNGARY AND BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

In the presence of notable films makers from India, the 6th Indian Film Festival in Hungary was virtually launched on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. In view of the pandemic situation, unlike last few years, this year's film festival was launched on two Hungarian TV Channels, Hatoscsatorna TV and Szegeged TV. Ambassador Kumar Tuhin welcomed all the filmmakers who had partnered with the Embassy of India to make this year's Indian Film Festival a successful event and

**Embassy of India in Hungary Presents Indian Cinema Panorama**  
First Time on Leading TV Channels of Hungary

| Hatoscsatorna TV  | Szegeged TV  |
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| <b>Film Screenings at 8 pm</b><br>DEC 07 Thinking of Him<br>DEC 14 Indu Sarkar<br>DEC 21 Jhalki<br>DEC 28 Saaho<br>JAN 04 The Silence | <b>Film Screenings at 9:30 pm</b><br>DEC 09 Thinking of Him<br>DEC 16 Indu Sarkar<br>DEC 23 Jhalki<br>DEC 30 Saaho<br>JAN 06 The Silence |

emphasized the need to connect with the Indian films in order to know more about India. Eminent filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar joined the launch with his critically acclaimed film, 'Indu Sarkar'. He expressed his pleasure at being a part of this novel initiative to have the festival on television, when audiences are unable to come physically to watch the



Indian films in the theatres of Hungary. Besides Indu Sarkar, the other films that were shown on

Hatoscsatorna TV and Szegeged TV were Bollywood blockbuster 'Saaho', Indo-Argentinian production 'Thinking of Him' based on Rabindranath Tagore's Argentina visit, 'Jhalki' and 'The Silence' both giving strong social messages. Preceding the virtual ceremony both the TV channels invited Ambassador for an in depth interview on the aim and benefits of having a film festival on Hungarian TV Channels.



### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HUNGARY LAUNCHES A VIRTUAL EXHIBITION ON MAHATMA GANDHI

In collaboration with the National Museum of Hungary, Embassy of India launched a virtual exhibition of rare photographs of Mahatma Gandhi on the museum's virtual platform. This exhibition comprises 6 set of pictures with Hungarian text on the life of Mahatma

Commemorating 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

The 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, one of the greatest personalities of the modern world, will be marked all over the world on 2nd October 2020. The Government of India organized a wide range of activities over a long period 2019-2020, both in India and abroad through the Indian missions, to present and propagate Mahatma's message.

Among other events, the Embassy of India in Hungary, organized a digital exhibition in collaboration with the National Museum of Hungary to display some rare pictures of Mahatma. The exhibition comprises of 6 photographic collection of pictures depicting some significant moments in Mahatma Gandhi's life journey, exhibited in Hungarian language. The monthly presented exhibition will continue to be available through the National Museum of Hungary's website. The photos are provided by the personal publicity office of Mahatma Gandhi, the National Archives, primary from South Africa, through web-scraping search to be added, but pictures with research work before and after presentation, as well as the last journey. The exhibition can be seen on the link: <https://www.nemzeti-muzeum.hu>

### FIRST EPISODE OF INDIA HUNGARY DIALOGUE

**An in-depth interview series on India-Hungary Relations**

On Dec 18th, the first episode of India Hungary Dialogue was streamed live. The interview of Dr. Gabor Sonkoly,

former Dean of Dept. of Humanities, ELTE University was conducted by Anna Aklan. Dr. Sonkoly shared inputs on his experiences in India with the ancient Hindu & Vedic Philosophy and the influences on his academia of Bhaktivedanta and ISCKON traditions. Dr. Sonkoly discussed at length how the India Studies in Hungary can be improved and nurtured with scholarships and academic programmes in future. The interview can be watched at <https://youtu.be/cbfhpgj98Qg>

### EMBASSY ORGANISES INTERACTION WITH INDIAN STUDENTS OF DEBRECEN UNIVERSITY

The Embassy organised a virtual interaction with the Indian students at University of Debrecen on December 17, 2020. Their educational and consular queries were addressed.



### PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS

The Ministry of External Affairs launched the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas website on 8 December 2020 for the upcoming Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference and Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations on 9th January 2021. Speaking at the occasion, the Minister of State for External Affairs Shri V. Muralidharan praised the contributions made by the Indian Diaspora to the growth and development of India and called on them to be part of the country's dynamic and equitable growth. The text of his speech is available at [https://mea.gov.in/Speeches-Statements.htm?dtl/33265/Speech by Minister of State for External Affairs at the Inauguration of PBD 2021 Website](https://mea.gov.in/Speeches-Statements.htm?dtl/33265/Speech%20by%20Minister%20of%20State%20for%20External%20Affairs%20at%20the%20Inauguration%20of%20PBD%202021%20Website)

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) organised a Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) Conference on "Role of Diaspora in Promotion of Indian Culture Abroad" in collaboration with the Diaspora Research and Resource Centre (Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad) on 9 December 2020 in virtual mode. The conference aimed at creating cultural bonds and an ecosystem for cultural propagation among the diaspora. Indian diaspora and various diaspora organizations have played a very important role in spreading Indian culture in different parts of the world. The text of the speech delivered by the Minister of State for External Affairs on this occasion is available at <https://www.mea.gov.in/Speeches-Statements.htm?dtl/33273>. The proceedings of the conference are available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGiESVK6hpc> and <https://www.facebook.com/ICCROfficial/videos/pbd-conference-role-of-diaspora-in-promotion-of-indian-culture-abroad-9-december/382621142828763/>

The Ministry of External Affairs also organised another conference in the run up to the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas scheduled to be held on 9th January 2021 on the topic of Targeting US\$ 5 Trillion Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Economy by boosting MSMEs" on 9th December 2020. The remarks made by the Minister of State for External Affairs on this occasion are available at [https://mea.gov.in/Speeches-Statements.htm?dtl/33298/Remarks by Minister of State for External Affairs amp Parliamentary Affairs at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference on Targeting US 5 Trillion Aatma](https://mea.gov.in/Speeches-Statements.htm?dtl/33298/Remarks%20by%20Minister%20of%20State%20for%20External%20Affairs%20and%20Parliamentary%20Affairs%20at%20the%20Pravasi%20Bharatiya%20Divas%20Conference%20on%20Targeting%20US%205%20Trillion%20Aatma)

### CONSULAR SERVICES

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