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## INDIA'S VACCINE MAITRI

India's Vaccine Maitri (friendship through COVID-19 vaccines), which began in the immediate neighbourhood, starting with the Maldives, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, as also Mauritius and Seychelles, thereafter followed with the extended neighbourhood, especially the Gulf. Supplying smaller and more vulnerable nations was then the logic of reaching out to regions from Africa to the CARICOM. There were also contracts that Indian vaccine manufacturers entered into with other nations, either bilaterally or through the Covax initiative. So far, India has supplied 'Made in India' vaccines to 72 nations across geographies, totalling more than 600 million doses. The list of countries where Indian vaccines have reached can be seen at <https://www.mea.gov.in/vaccine-supply.htm>



A publication titled "India: The World's Pharmacy Expands its Reach in Global Health" published by Global Health Strategies can be accessed at the link: <https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/dc0ec7ad008627d5404f1de5457b533da0dcfb42.pdf>

## ARTICLE BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ON RE-IMAGINING DIPLOMACY IN THE POST COVID WORLD

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar wrote an article entitled "Reimagining Diplomacy in the Post-COVID World: An Indian Perspective" in the Newsweek, where he argued that the world after COVID-19 will be more multi-polar, pluralistic and rebalanced. And India, with its experiences, will help

make a difference. He wrote that our understanding of security has been redefined due to the recent experiences and that pandemics, climate change and terrorism must constitute the core of diplomatic deliberations. Full article can be accessed at the link: <https://www.newsweek.com/reimagining-diplomacy-post-covid-world-indian-perspective-opinion-1564679?fbclid=IwAR3VBoa0qsIs84kjrUcUmvALY2h1-LZHKj9T01u90YQyDKwgIGizB8tM8ys>

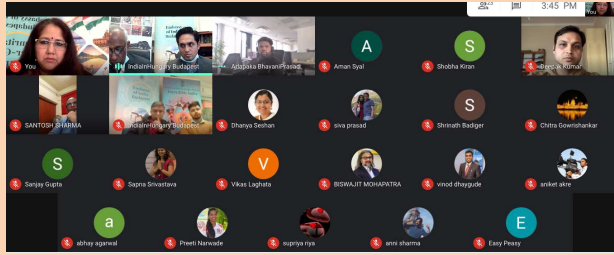


## OUTREACH WITH INDIAN STUDENTS

The Embassy organized a virtual outreach with Indian students in Hungary. Their educational and consular queries were addressed by the Second Secretary (P&C) Mr. Sanjeev Manchanda and Head of Chancery Mr. S. Ramji. The Indian student community is steadily growing in Hungary.



## ONLINE INDIAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Embassy had an online interaction with Indian community where issues related to consular, travelling, vaccinations and cultural activities, were discussed. Queries of the participants were addressed by Head of Chancery Mr. S Ramji, Director (ASCC) Ms Tanuja Shankar and Mr. Amarendra Jha from Consular section.



## PARTICIPATION IN SARAJEVO WINTER FESTIVAL

Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre (ASCC) participated in the Sarajevo Winter Festival virtually. The Festival is one of the leading cultural festivals of Bosnia & Herzegovina which takes place at several venues with a grand opening ceremony. The Indian presence was



marked through a live performance by artists from BellArte Association in Sarajevo who presented popular songs from Hindi Cinema on stage during the ceremony this year. The performance can be seen at

the YouTube link <https://youtu.be/GOGMaUL7cic>. Also, at the festival a digital exhibition of rare photos of Mahatma Gandhi was displayed, together with screening of some notable documentaries like 'Six yards of Grace: The handcrafted Sari', 'Ramayana, a shared culture' and 'Nirvana and Beyond' produced by Public Diplomacy wing of Govt of India. Ms. Dunja Masic, President of Bosnia-India Friendship Society represented the Embassy of India on TVSA channel and discussed its contribution in the festival this year.



VASANT PANCHMI CELEBRATED IN ASCC



The Amrita Shergil Cultural Centre organised a live celebration of 'Basant Panchmi' on 16th February which is a festival dedicated to the goddess of knowledge, Saraswati and also celebrates the spring season in India. Students & teachers of ASCC gave melodious performances which were all streamed live. Ms. Bhagirathi Chaitanya & Ms. Guru Gita from Vedic Foundation of Himalayas performed the prayer service with Mantras and Arti. The celebration can be seen at <https://youtu.be/4akylCqjRZM>



### 3RD EPISODE OF INDIA IN HUNGARY DIALOGUE

The 3<sup>rd</sup> episode of India in Hungary Dialogue series dedicated to the topic of Yoga was screened during the month. Ms. Zsuzsa Komjati, President of Hungarian Yoga Association was interviewed by Yoga teacher Melinda Irtl on the development & growth of Yoga in Hungary.

The full interview can be seen at <https://youtu.be/ozJ0iOFLCqk>

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