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AMBASSADOR MEETS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATE SECRETARY TAMÁS MENCZER

Ambassador Kumar Tuhin met State Secretary Menczer Tamás in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to discuss bilateral cooperation, especially in the context of ongoing Covid-19 pandemic situation. Both agreed that there is tremendous scope to increase cooperation. The current state of vaccine production in India and its supplies were also discussed.



AMBASSADOR MEETS GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONER FOR ONE WITH NATURE AND SECRETARY OF STATE DR. KOVÁCS ZOLTÁN



Ambassador Kumar Tuhin met Dr. Kovács Zoltán,

Government Commissioner for One With Nature, and Secretary of State for International Communication and Relations, Cabinet Office of the Prime Minister. It was agreed to further strengthen bilateral cooperation.

ICCR FELLOWSHIP FOR MUSIC LAUNCHED

In the memory of two world famous Indian musicians, Pandit Bhimsen Joshi and Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan, ICCR has initiated 'Fellowship For Music' which will be available to foreign musicians/artists/scholars to do research in the field of Indian music.



Fellowship would be for eminent artists/musicians/scholars having atleast 10 years of experience and who are 35 years & above. Those interested from Hungary /Bosnia & Herzegovina can check the terms & conditions as well as application details in the link given below and apply accordingly.

https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/ascc/news_detail/?newsid=352&cat=5&fbclid=IwAR3RRxv56dGrktMgnh1PTAdNvny_0K8P21VG-sqw70jnwGNrxw2KyqGk5Q For more details, can also write to inf.budapest@mea.gov.in.

AMBASSADOR KUMAR TUHIN LAUNCHES INDIA@75 CELEBRATIONS IN HUNGARY

Ambassador launched the India@75 celebrations in Hungary virtually through a vibrant "INDIA DAY" celebration at Pecs University's Spring Festival, live

streamed on University's social media platforms. The India Day was marked by speeches from Ambassador Kumar Tuhin and Mr. Istvan Tarrosy, Director of International Relations followed by a special lecture entitled 'Idea that is India: Covid19 success story' by



well known economist Dr. Shamika Ravi. The entire programme can be seen at the link: <https://fb.watch/4gplyZmyie/> Later in the programme, Hungarian Ayurveda expert Beata Bogner explained the concept of Prakriti & Doshas through interactive question-answer-sessions & quizzes. The second part presented by Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Center comprised of documentaries on



India (Sari- the handcrafted fabric, Ramayana the Shared Heritage and Nirvana) and lec-dem and performances by Dr. Chirayu Bhole on Tabla & Bhagirathi Chaitanya on Piano giving mesmerising fusion of European & Hungarian musical pieces with Indian Tabla rhythms and last but not the least Gabriella Garima talking about & demonstrating Kuchipudi. The India Day also witnessed melodious songs by Hungarian and Bosnian artists, Gabor Korosi

from Hungary and artists from BellArte Association in Bosnia singing popular Hindi film songs. Later Dr. Zoltan Wilhelm, Associate Professor from Asia Research Centre, Pecs University gave a lecture cum presentation on India@75 titled "Why India". His presentation can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/NnbpP66MXWU>



The TV Channel M5 coverage of Embassy's participation in Spring Festival at University of Pecs celebrating launch of India@75 can be seen at the link given below. Please watch from 9 to 10 minutes.

https://mediaklikk.hu/kulturalis-hirado-video/video/2021/03/17/m5-hirado-2021-marcius-17/?fbclid=IwAR2rV8c5htpyB7zljyvtTQW5QxdBXGXSrj44RMBka1VBTM_6ysYHNRv8IE

HIR TV INTERVIEWS AMBASSADOR KUMAR TUHIN ON INDIA@75 CELEBRATIONS

Hir TV invited Ambassador Kumar Tuhin in its international programme 'Global' where host Barnabas Gantner took a 30 minute interview on India's 75th Independence Day celebrations launch as well as India as a success story in the largest vaccination drive. Ambassador informed the audience that the celebrations have commenced from March 2021, which is 75 weeks prior to the 75th anniversary on 15 August 2022 and will



continue till 15th August 2023. A number of activities will be organized in Hungary and Bosnia and Herzegovina by the Embassy. The interview can be seen at the link given below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFn18Le4kf&t=629s> . An article in this regard can be seen at <https://hirtv.hu/global/global-az-indiai-covishield-az-astrazeneca-oltoanyag-emiatt-biztonsagos-2519239>

SZEGED TV COVERS INDIA@75 CELEBRATIONS

Szeged TV, another well known TV Channel of Hungary did a 45 minute interview based programme for its cultural magazine 'KORUT' where Ambassador talked about the comprehensive plan of India@75 celebrations in the coming 75 weeks as well as on the success story of India's vaccination, Vaccine Maitri programme - under which more than 64 million doses have been sent out to 84 countries, as well as other developments in bilateral relations.

BUDAPEST BUSINESS JOURNAL INTERVIEWS AMBASSADOR ON INDIA HUNGARY RELATIONS

Leading magazine Budapest Business Journal covered India@75 as well as elements of India-Hungary relations in its print issue of March 26, 2021.



<https://bbj.hu/business/people/interview/diplomatically-speaking-building-a-modern-mature-trading-relationship-on-strong-cultural-links>

4th EPISODE OF INDIA IN HUNGARY DIALOGUE

The 4th episode of India in Hungary Dialogue

series focusing on India Hungary economic relations, specifically focusing on India's investment in Hungary was launched on 18 March. President of HIPA, Mr. Esik Robert joined in conversation with Dr. Anna Aklan, Indologist.



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

AMRITA SHERGIL CULTURAL CENTRE (ASCC) CELEBRATES SHIVRATRI

On 11th March, ASCC celebrated the festival 'SHIVRATRI' which is a grand full night celebration of Lord Shiva. The Cultural Centre organised a special ensemble of traditional Rudrabhishek to pay obeisance to Shiva & Shakti followed by a bubbly chat between Indian kids Neel, Snikita, Hridaya & Snikita and Guru Gita from Vedic Foundation on questions on the mystical Lord Shiva.



Powerful mantras were recited By Chitragaurishankar, Lakshmi Raghunathan, Sathya suresh, Dhivya Sridharan, Ambika chidhabaram & Jayalaxmi Sathyanarayanan, a lovely Bharatnatyam performance by Pavithra Srinivasan from India, Om Namah Shivay mantra by Kőrösi Gábor & Dr Chirayu Bhole, Mridangam & Tabla duet & finally Mesmerizing Yoga by Melinda, Preeti & Guru Gita! The programme was live streamed on all social media platforms.

CULTURAL CENTRE CELEBRATES HOLI



A virtual event celebrating Holi was organised for students of India Studies & Hindi at the Elte University. Several persons from Indian diaspora in Budapest gave presentations on different ways of Holi Celebrations in India like 'Rang Panchmi' in Maharashtra, 'Dol Jatra' in Bengal, 'Lathhmaar Holi' in UP, 'Kaamana Habba' in Karnataka, 'Holi Mohalla' in Punjab etc. Hungarian students recited poetry on 'Holi' of Phanishwar Nath Renu, Kedarnath Aggrawal and Nazir Akbarabadi. There was a classical rendition of 'HORI' songs by classical singer Javed Khan Kalawant, an ICCR Empanelled artist who sang songs 'Piya Sang Khelu Hori' in Raag Basant and 'Mohe Apne Hi Rang De' written by Amir Khusrau. Links: <https://www.facebook.com/ICCBudapestHungary/videos/2929046824005990> and <https://youtu.be/NR6edAYNH4E>

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ISRO

ISRO has successfully demonstrated free-space Quantum Communication over a distance of 300 m. This is a major milestone for unconditionally secured satellite data communication using quantum technologies. <https://www.isro.gov.in/update/22-mar-2021/isro-makes-breakthrough-demonstration->

[of-free-space-quantum-key-distribution-qkd](#)

ICCR SCHOLARSHIP

ICCR is offering Scholarships for the year 2021-2022. Hungarian /BiH students who want to study Indian dance, music, painting, theatre, yoga & sculpture at Indian Universities/Institutes, check the details now: <https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in> Last date to apply: 30th April, 2021. Scholarship includes air fare!



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN HUNGARY

Embassy has been receiving queries regarding covid vaccination facility for expatriates. As per the Government of Hungary, anyone having a TAJ card can register for the vaccination. The Government of Hungary is working on the modality of administration of vaccines for foreign nationals who do not have TAJ cards.

CONSULAR SERVICES AT EMBASSY

Consular services, with limited appointments, have been restored and with prior appointment one can visit Embassy on Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments can be booked here: <https://www.eoiBudapest.gov.in/page/appointment-for-visa-consular-passport/>. Applicants are requested to seek appointment for only the service available on that day. For visas on Wednesday and for Passport and Consular services on Thursday. A new fee schedule will be applicable w.e.f. 1.4.2021 in respect of passport, visa and consular services. Applicants may like to consult the fee schedule available at Embassy website. <https://www.eoiBudapest.gov.in/> In case you need any assistance/information you can contact the Embassy at: Phone Number: +36-1-3257742/43

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