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AMBASSADOR MEETS MAYOR OF MISKOLC

Ambassador Kumar Tuhin visited Miskolc and met with Mayor Pál Veres. The topics of discussion included educational and cultural cooperation between the city and the Embassy. Amb Tuhin noted the strong



cooperation with the University of Miskolc and the Ambedkar School and hoped that such cooperation will further intensify. Mayor Veres briefed Ambassador and his delegation, which included Mr. S. Ramji, Head of Chancery and Ms. Tanuja Shankar, Director (ASCC), on the priorities and work of the city government.

AMBEDKAR JAYANTI CELEBRATED –INDIA ROOM LAUNCHED IN SCHOOL IN MISKOLC



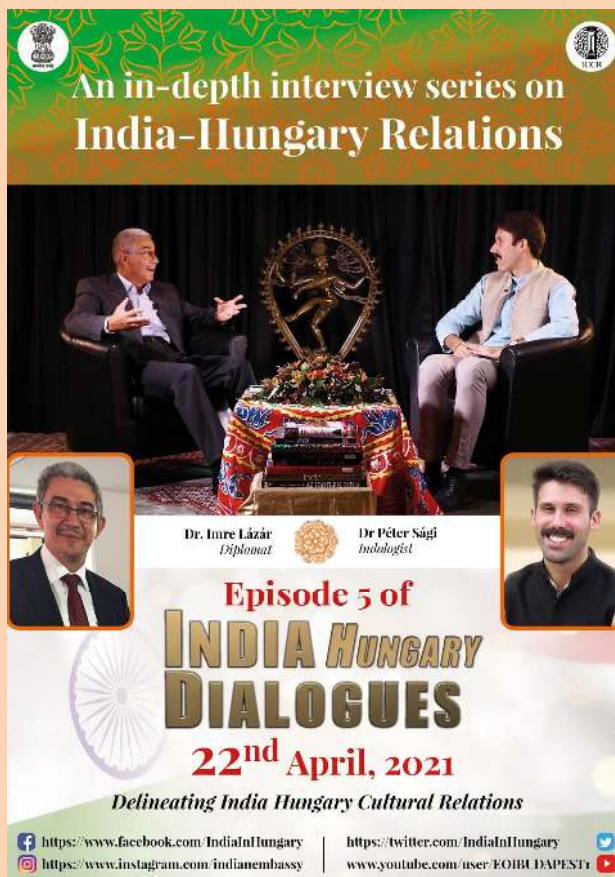
On April 14th, to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, a programme was organized at Ambedkar Iskola, Miskolc. During this programme, an 'India Room' was launched by the Ambassador. The programme was part of celebratory activities being organized by the Embassy to mark India@75.



Books, games, Indian clothes, jewellery, musical instruments and electronic articles like hard drive with songs & subtitled Hindi movies were presented for the room. Dr. Chirayu Bhole on Tabla & Balazs Viragh on Pakhawaj presented a spellbinding duet percussion performance for the students. ASCC had earlier announced a debate & essay contest for the students of Dr. Ambedkar Iskola, Miskolc. The winning students were awarded prizes at this event.

5th EPISODE OF INDIA IN HUNGARY DIALOGUE

The 5th episode of India in Hungary Dialogue series specifically focusing on India's cultural relations with Hungary was launched on 22 April. It was livestreamed on all social media platforms where Dr. Imre Lazar, former Director of Hungarian Cultural Centre in N. Delhi, shared his knowledge & experiences with Dr. Peter Sagy, faculty member of Deptt of India Studies of ELTE University.



The full interview can be seen at <https://youtu.be/JmACqB9WWa8>

9TH INDIA-EU HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE

The 9th India-EU Human Rights Dialogue was held on 12 April 2021 in New Delhi in pursuance of the decision taken at the 15th India-European Union Summit in July 2020. As the world's two largest democracies, India and the EU reiterated their commitment to human rights, and emphasised the universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights.

They discussed enhancing India-EU cooperation in international fora, particularly at the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC). The Indian delegation proposed to hold regular exchanges between their respective Permanent Missions to the UN based in Geneva and to explore cooperation at the UNHRC. The Human Rights Dialogue was co-chaired by Joint Secretary for Europe West in the Ministry of External Affairs of India, Mr Sandeep Chakravorty, and the Ambassador of the EU to India, Mr Ugo Astuto. Details can be seen at:

[https://mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/33795/9th IndiaEU Human Rights Dialogue April 12 2021](https://mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/33795/9th%20IndiaEU%20Human%20Rights%20Dialogue%20April%2012%202021)

Coronavirus: EU channels critical support to India via EU Civil Protection Mechanism

In order to assist India in its fight against the large second wave of coronavirus, the EU member states announced shipments of urgently needed oxygen, medicine and equipment. The offers of support from EU Member States via the Mechanism included, supply of oxygen concentrators; oxygen generator; ventilators; doses of antiviral medicines Remdesivir, etc. For more details see:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_1986

FOREIGN SECRETARY BRIEFING ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON COVID PANDEMIC



On 29th April, Foreign Secretary of India Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla briefed media on international cooperation to fight Covid pandemic. Prior to this briefing, the External Affairs Minister of India had held a Video Conference with all the Heads of Mission of India to review the sourcing of urgent requirements such as oxygen cylinders, oxygen carrying equipment, concentrators and medicines like Remdesivir to address the immediate shortfall of such items in the context of second wave of corona pandemic in India. Full briefing can be seen at <https://youtu.be/YOD5hd78PRw>

HUNGARIAN EXPERIENCE OF ITEC PROGRAMME

Ms. Zsuzsanna Komjati, President of the Hungarian Yoga Association was covered in the 3rd volume of the quarterly ITEC newsletter released by the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

Ms. Komjati mentioned about her experience during the one month long special training programme for Yoga instructors at Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana Yoga University, Bengaluru in January 2020. 77 students from 22 countries had travelled to India to attend this ITEC Course.

ITEC EXPERIENCE



Ms. Zsuzsanna Komjáti, President of the Hungarian Yoga Association

"Namaste, my name is Zsuzsanna Komjáti, I'm from Hungary. In January 2020, I participated in the ITEC program, which was a one-month special training program for Yoga instructors in Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana Yoga University, South India, Bengaluru. Although, I first learnt Yoga in Hungary, I have always dreamed of learning from Indian masters in India. I was extremely happy to find ITEC program. My host institution was S-VYASA Yoga University and Research institution in Karnataka state in Bengaluru. A large international team came together, 77 students from 22 different countries came to the training. It was a wonderful example of how we can work together, open minded people from different parts of the world, with different cultures and religious backgrounds, we were a real team. The motto of the university combined the best of the west with the best of the east and what does it mean in practice to combine thousands of years of knowledge of Yoga in the tools of modern medicine for the benefit of humanity. We had fantastic teachers, things that will be forever close to my heart – the positive vibes of mantra chanting, trip to Mysore and church visits will remain in my memory. I still feel the taste of the divine foods and fresh fruits in my mouth. This program has expanded not only my expertise but also my worldview. I would like to thank the Republic of India,

ACTIVITIES OF AMRITA SHERGIL CULTURAL CENTRE

The month of April at Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre started with the celebration of ICCR Foundation Day on April 9, with soft launch of Little Guru Sanskrit Learning App during the virtual event. For the ICCR Foundation Day virtual event, ICCR Scholars gave lec-dems of their journeys and talked about their experiences



during the last one year of pandemic when they have all been working virtually. From the veteran sitar player of Hungary Mr. Andras Kozma who received ICCR Scholarship and also learnt under Pandit Ravi Shankar to recent dance scholar Mariann Adaz, Bharatnatyam dancer, the ICCR alumni actively shared their experiences & gave performances. Senior ICCR Scholars also participated in the ICCR Vlog Contest and made

videos on the theme, 'What India Means to me' which were shared during the event.

In April, the Cultural Centre launched the India@75 (Amrut Mahotsav) Weekly Infographic Quiz for the Hungarians and Indians in Hungary as well as Bosnia & Herzegovina. The quiz would be judged every month once for the earliest correct answers for giveaways like books on Indian history & culture etc. Along with that, a Weekly India Quiz has started on Cool FM, a popular radio channel in its Asia Specific roundup. Every week Radio Jockey gives information about India and ask one question after which the winners either get attractive vouchers from Indian restaurants or free classes in Yoga/dance courses by the India Cultural Centre in Budapest.



In its school outreach programme, marking india@75 celebrations, ASCC has started a programme called 'Dharohar' where elements of the rich Indian heritage would be shared & demonstrated by teachers & artists of the Centre in Virtual & Hybrid programmes. This month Dr. Chirayu Bhole & Gyorgy Molnar gave a lecture cum demo for students of some schools of Budapest on percussion & string instruments of India. The programme ended with some interaction with the students & teachers.



From April, as part of celebrations to mark the India@75, ASCC has started a dedicated cultural magazine called 'Kutfo..Culture Talks' encompassing India-Hungary Cultural initiatives & work done by various artists, writers, Indologists, spiritual leaders etc. Episode 1 was a detailed interview of Prof Roland Ferenczi, the first Tamil language/Literature expert in Hungary who has done extensive translations & research on Tamil Literature. The first episode can be seen at <https://youtu.be/AlzCX7QC0Kc>

VACCINATION FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

Government of Hungary has extended the vaccination to all persons holding a TAJ (Social security health card). Starting 30th April, the Hungarian government has announced that all foreigners, including those not holding a TAJ Card could also register for the vaccination. For more information please see <https://hungarytoday.hu/hungary-vaccination-foreigners-expats-taj-card-non-citizens/>

OCI CARD RULES

OCI card needs to be re-issued each time a new passport is acquired by the cardholder up to the

age of 20 years. OCI card is required to be re-issued once on acquiring a new passport after completing 50 years of age. Re-issuance of OCI card is not required each time a passport is issued to a cardholder between 21 and 50 years of age. The Government of India has decided to extend the relaxation till 31st December 2021 for renewal of OCI Cards in case an OCI card holder below the age of 20 years has not got the OCI card re-issued on change of passport and in case an OCI card holder who has attained the age of 50 years and has got his/her passport renewed subsequently but has not got his/her OCI card re-issued on renewal of his/her passport.

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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