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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER AT THE BLEDED STRATEGIC FORUM, SLOVENIA



Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs of India participated in the Bled Strategic Forum (BSF) in Slovenia on 2-3 September 2021. He was a panel member of the forum for **Partnership for a Rules-based Order in the Indo-Pacific**. On the side lines of the event Dr. Jaishankar met his Hungarian counterpart, Mr Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He also held discussions with his EU counterparts on issues of mutual interest and stressed the importance of relations between India and the European Union. <https://bledstrategicforum.org/>



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER AT THE UNGA, NEWYORK

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met with FM Peter Szijjarto on the sidelines of the UNGA in New York on 22 September 2021. The two Ministers discussed matters of mutual interest and assured to work on further strengthening bilateral cooperation between India and Hungary.



EASING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND HUNGARY

India and Hungary have agreed to mutually recognize the Covid Immunisation/Vaccination Certificates issued by the two governments to ease travel between the countries. Further information is available at following links:

https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/news_detail/?newsid=522

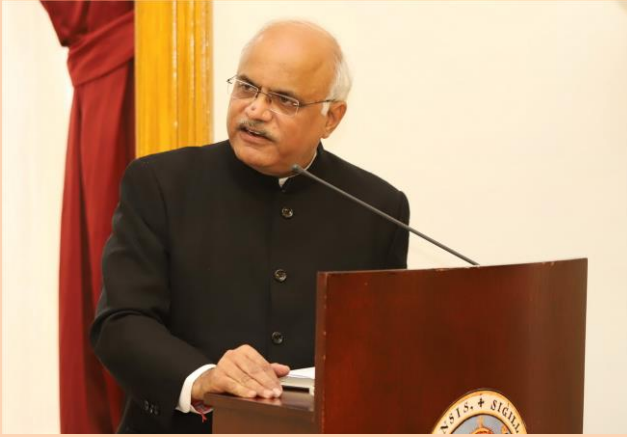
The complete revised guidelines for passengers arriving in India can be seen at:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/GuidelinesforInternationalArrival20thOctober2021.pdf>

The infographic algorithm can be seen at:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Algorithmforrevisedguidelinesforinternationalarrivals20thOctober2021.pdf>

VISIT OF PRESIDENT ICCR



The highlight of this month was the **visit of ICCR President, Dr. Vinay Prabhakar Sahasrabudhe**, to Budapest, to inaugurate the Hindi Diwas celebrations marking Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.



During his visit, President ICCR Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe had several bilateral cultural meetings & deliberated upon future endeavors marking **#amritmahotsav**. Apart from a tour of the Hungarian Parliament, he had significant meetings & bilateral cultural talks with **Mr. Marton Schoberl, Deputy Secretary of State for cultural diplomacy** at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, where they recalled the vibrant relations between the two countries.



Dr. Sahasrabudhe also outlined the activities lined up for **#azadikaamritmahotsav**, series of initiatives celebrating 75 years of India's Independence.

MEETING OF LEADERSHIP TEAM AT ELTE



President having a meeting with Vice Rector, Dean & Vice-Dean of ELTE University

LECTURE @ INDIA@75



On 30th Sept, Dr. Sahasrabudhe delivered a **lecture** for the students of the University on the topic, '**India@75, from the past, to the present, into the future.**' He also met the leadership team of ELTE University and the faculty of Indian Studies Dept at the University deliberating upon the ways to strengthen the educational ties between the two countries

AT INDIAN STUDIES DEPT



The **Hindi Diwas** was celebrated on 29th Sept physically at Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre inaugurated by President, where ICCR Alumni, Hindi students of Hungary both Hungarians and Indians presented a vibrant programme consisting of poetry recitations, classical Indian dances, Hindi play and documentaries. A dinner for important cultural partners were organised at the Cultural Centre where a photographic exhibition on India-Hungary Bilateral Relations was showcased and an intercation between Indologists, artists & ICCR Alumni with Dr. Sahasrabudhe occurred.



An Exclusive **'Dance of Freedom'** music video was also released which was a tribute by Hungarian dancers to Indian classical dance forms. ICCR scholars performed spectacular dances.

<https://youtu.be/ETDCplThZ-o> 'Dance of Freedom'



Hungarian students and local staff of the Embassy were felicitated for their contribution in Hindi learning.



OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

In the run up to Hindi Diwas several activities were organised during September. On Sept 14th, an **International Webinar** was organised by Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre on the topic, **'Sahitya & Creation of Society'** where writers, poets and scholars from **6 countries participated**. President ICCR, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe and Vice President of Sahitya Academy, Sri Madhav Kaushik were special guests. China, S. Korea, Maldives, Srilanka, India & Hungary participated in which notable scholars shared their valuable thoughts on the topic and also read from their stories. Mamta Kalia, Dr. Ushakiran Khan, Mridula Garg, Gitanjali Shree from India, Prof. Upul Ranjith Hewawitanagamage from Srilanka, Iyaz Naseem from Maldives, Dr. Jia yan from Beijing, YouSun lee from Seoul and Peter Sagi from Hungary participated in the webinar. EAM's Hindi Diwas message was also shown during the webinar.



<https://youtu.be/J3GNQqSff1w> Report Hindi Diwas

On this occasion, the staff of Embassy of India in Hungary under Ambassador Kumar Tuhin took the **'Rajbhasha Sankalp'**, pledge to protect & promote Hindi language.

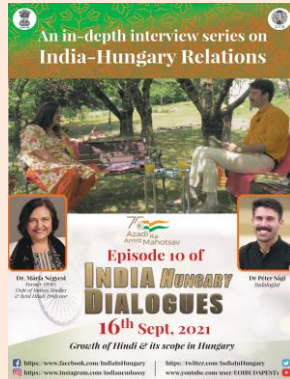
Teacher's Day was celebrated to a packed house at the cultural centre where after nearly more than one year, the veteran teachers of the Cultural Centre presented solo performances for their students who turned up in large numbers.



During the month, a colourful **Janmashtami** festival was also celebrated by the students & teachers of dance courses, especially Kathak & Hindi courses. Children narrated important sequences from Lord Krishna's life and also enacted Krishnaleela. A special 'Dahi Handi' was created for children of Budapest to understand the folk lores behind the festival.



On 16th September, a new semester of **Hindi Orientation Course** conducted by Embassy of India & ELTE University commenced, where special performances were done by the India based Kathak & tabla Teacher to acquaint the new students with the classical traditions of Indian music. MoS, Minakshi Lekhi's and Ambassador's messages were published during the webinar on the importance of learning & speaking Hindi.



Video Interviews & Talks Shows

On 16th Sept, a special episode of **'India Hungary Dialogues'** was also published marking 'Hindi Diwas' where former HOD of Hindi, at ELTE University, Dr. Maria Negyesi shared her thoughts & experiences through the interview with Prof Peter Sagi.

On Sept 11, **Kutfo**, cultural magazine featured interview of Virag Reka Turi, Odissi dancer in Budapest where she shared her experiecnes with Sitar artist Szabi Toth.



<https://youtu.be/5PIAMsbFZKM> Kutfo Series

Marking Amrit Mahotsav, Embassy started a lecture series **'Diaspora Diaries'** where few notable members of the Indian community give a talk on an important topic related with history, heritage & culture of India which is streamed live. On 3rd Sept, Mr. Prabal Datta, CEO, TCS, Budapest gave a lecture on 'India's March Towards a Digital Nation.' On 17th Sept, Tanwirupa Maiti Gupta gave a lecture on the women achievers of West Bengal who have left an impact on the history of India. On 23rd Sept, Mr. Sanjay Gupta, gave an incisive talk on 'Ancient keys to a purpose-filled meaningful corporate & personal life'.

CONSULAR SERVICES AT EMBASSY

Applicants may book an appointment for Wednesday (for visa and consular services) or Thursday (for passport and consular services) on <https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/page/> for appointment-for-visa-consular-passport/ and visit Embassy as per appointment for submission of documents. In case you need any assistance/information you can contact the Embassy at: Phone Number: +36-1-3257742/43. In case of any emergency, an e-mail may be sent to cons.budapest@mea.gov.in stating the full reason of the emergency and the nature of service required.

The following links may be seen for the various services:
<https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/page/visa-services/> (for visa services)
<https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/page/passport/> (for passport services)
<https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/page/consular/> (for consular services)

It may be noted that all fee payments are to be made only by Cash and applicants may consult the fee schedule available at following links:
 To enable Embassy to update its records and also render efficient services, all Indian nationals resident in Hungary and in Bosnia & Herzegovina are requested to register themselves at the Embassy website:
<https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/register.php>

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