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According to the announcements by Government of Hungary, from May 4 the curfew measures and shop restrictions have been eased nationwide with the exception of Budapest and the Pest County. In shops and public transport, everyone is required to wear mask to cover their mouth and nose (such as a medical mask, scarf, shawl). In Budapest and Pest counties, people can only leave their homes to go to work and shop and to run errands regarding basic needs. Grocery stores, drug stores, pharmacies, and markets will be open. People above 65 years of age only can visit food stores and pharmacies between 9 am and 12 pm. Also, restrictions on mass event are in force until 15th August, 2020, due to which many festivals, concerts and events have been canceled across Hungary.

As per the statement from Chief Medical Officer Ms. Cecília Müller the spread of the epidemic in Hungary has stabilized. The number of new confirmed coronavirus patients has decreased for four days. It will be necessary to monitor the effects of the less stringent rules introduced in the countryside and the development of the epidemic for minimum two weeks. <https://www.kormany.hu/en/news/number-of-new-confirmed-coronavirus-patients-has-decreased-for-four-days>

REGISTRATION OF INDIAN NATIONALS (COVID-19)

Indian nationals desirous of registering for a possible evacuation/ travel to India should register at the Embassy website. A special registration form for this purpose has been created on the Embassy webpage at https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/covid_register/. This registration page can also be reached through the link

on Embassy website homepage. It is emphasized here that the purpose of this registration is to only collect relevant data at this stage and no decision has been taken yet regarding resumption of scheduled commercial flights to India or any special evacuation flights from this country. Filling of this registration form should also not be taken to assume that those submitting these details will be granted a place on any such flight. The Govt of India may be able to accommodate only the genuine compelling cases. The Embassy will provide information in due course on the website and its social media accounts as and when a decision is taken by the Government of India in this regard.

LOCAL CONTACTS FOR COVID-19:

The Hungarian government has created a public hotline for individuals to talk to specialists about COVID-19: **+36-80-277-455** and **+36-80-277-456**. They can be contacted over email also: koronavirus@bm.gov.hu.

Website: In Hungarian: <https://koronavirus.gov.hu> ;
In English: <http://abouthungary.hu>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/koronavirus.gov.hu>

List of major hospitals where coronavirus is being treated:

- Szent Laszlo Hospital, 1097 Budapest, Albert Florian Ut 5, Tel: 06 1 455 8100
- Szent Janos Hospital, 1125 Budapest, Dios Arok 1, Tel: 06 1 458 4500
- Hungarian Military Hospital (Magyar Honvedkorhaz), 1134 Budapest, Robert Karoly Krt 44, Tel: 06 1 4651800
- South Pest Central Hospital
- Semmelweis Hospital

IN CASE OF SYMPTOMS:

In case someone is experiencing symptoms of the disease, call for help as soon as possible. Either a GP or the National Public Health Center should be immediately contacted on the hotline numbers given

above. Questions/Tests from the GP, on-call physician, or ambulance specialist may confirm or rule out infection. If symptoms are mild and the person does not belong to the risk group for the disease, and does not require hospital treatment, he/she will be quarantined at home. The GP will notify the National Ambulance Service (OMSZ) for sampling. The doctor will notify the person of the outcome. If symptoms are severe and require hospital care, the ambulance will take the person to the infectious disease department of the territorially competent hospital or to an epidemiological hospital or to a designated institution. If the laboratory result confirms infection with coronavirus, the person will be monitored in hospital.

ENTRY AND EXIT REQUIREMENTS (HUNGARY):

Only Hungarian citizens and European Economic Area citizens holding resident permits, other permanent resident card holders who have close Hungarian relatives, and diplomats with resident cards are able to enter Hungary. More information with regard to entry into Hungary can be obtained from the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing, www.bmbah.hu. Passengers arriving at Budapest's Liszt Ferenc International Airport, which saw the relaunch of some flights, will undergo a compulsory medical test upon arrival. Depending on the test's result, they may be taken to hospital quarantine or ordered to stay in home quarantine for 14 days. Indian nationals who wish to enquire about these flights should contact the Budapest airport and / or the airlines concerned.

Budapest Airport:

<https://www.bud.hu/en/coronavirus>

Twitter: @budairport

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/budapestairport>

Airlines:

https://www.bud.hu/en/passengers/flight_and_travel_information/flights/airlines



India is in a state of lockdown till 17th May, 2020, Based on the risk profiling, all districts have been categorized into Red (hotspot), Orange and Green

zones. Many activities are now being permitted with social distancing norms and other precautions depending on the zone. Migrant workers, tourists, labourers, students and other stranded Indians are being allowed to travel within India to their native places with necessary precautions in place and under the supervision of State/UT authorities.



The operation of normal commercial flights to and from India will be resumed once the requisite permission in this regard has been granted. The restriction on flights as of now is until 17th May, 2020. These are temporary measures taken in the interest of our countrymen. Government is reviewing the situation and is constantly working on all the options. A limited number of special evacuation flights are being undertaken mainly from Gulf Countries, US/UK and South-East Asian countries where a number of Indian nationals are in distress. Also, three Indian Navy warships have been deployed to bring Indian nationals in distress from UAE and Maldives. These Missions have been named **Vande Bharat** and **Samdura Setu**.

CONSULAR SERVICES

In view of COVID-19, only emergency consular services are being provided by the Embassy at the moment. Please continue to check the Embassy website and Social Media pages regarding timeline for restoration of normal consular services. In case any consular service is required on an emergency basis, please send an email to cons.budapest@mea.gov.in with your phone number and brief description of service required. In case you need any assistance/information you can contact the Embassy at:

Phone Number:

+36-1-3257742/43

Email id:

cons.budapest@mea.gov.in

website:

www.eoibudapest.gov.in

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IndiaInHungary>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IndiaInHungary>

In case of any emergency/distress, call us anytime (24

x7) at this number: Mobile No.: +36-308517373

WEBINAR ON "ROLE OF LITERATURE IN TIMES OF CRISIS"



To celebrate the 159th birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore, Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre organised an online webinar on the topic 'Role Of Literature in times of Crisis' on May 8, 2020. The webinar was presided over by Mr. Dinesh K. Patnaik, Director General of Indian Council For Cultural Relations, (ICCR) and H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin, Ambassador of India to Hungary.



In his opening speech DG emphasized the need to connect with people during these challenging times of pandemic, and how literature can provide solace. Ambassador Kumar Tuhin emphasized on the need for more such literary interactions online by writers of the world to inspire, empathise and lessen the angst and uncertainty of these times. The webinar was conducted by Director-Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre, Ms. Tanuja Shankar.

The programme started with some insightful words from Dr. T C A Raghavan, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs(ICWA). This was followed by recitation by noted Hindi & English writer Mrs. Mridula Garg who read her recent poem, 'Solitude in Time of Corona' which she penned down for this webinar. Well known Hindi writer Dr. Suryabala Lal read from her recent book-' Kaun Des Ko Vasi-Venu Ki Diary' where she talked about the angst of a person living far away from his homeland. Young poetess Rashmi Bharadwaj expressed her feelings through her English poems. Bestselling writer Amish Tripathi

participated from London where he is serving as the Director of The Nehru Centre and shared his views as a writer during the time of Corona.

Hungarian writer Judit Hidas read a touching account from her story written on her ailing father. On the other hand Roland Orcsik shared on Rabindra Nath Tagore's offerings during such crisis time. Poet and Hindi teacher from Hungary Peter Sagi recited his Hindi translation of Arpad Toth's well known poem which talks about human bondage. There were enlightening questions and answers by professors and students including one by Dr. Maria Negyesi, the pioneer teacher who started Hindi teaching in Hungary. This was first of its kind of literary webinar in which many notable writers and eminent people participated.

Webinar
hindi és magyar írók
Poems, Stories, Discussions

Speakers

Dr. Mridula Garg, Dr. Suryabala Lal, Ms. Rashmi Bharadwaj, Mr. Amish Tripathi, Mr. T.C.A Raghavan, Director General, ICWA, Ms. Judit Hidas, Mr. Roland Orcsik, Dr. Maria Negyesi, Dr. Peter Sagi

Presided by:-
Mr. Dinesh K. Patnaik, Director General, ICCR, H.E. Kumar Tuhin, Ambassador of India in Hungary

May 8, 2020
TIME : 11:30 am (Hungary Time)
3:00 pm (Indian Time)

By Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre
Budapest

ICCR FOUNDATION DAY

Amrita Shergil Cultural Centre organized 70th Foundation Day of ICCR on April 9 using online platforms. Szabi Toth (sitar artist) and Virág Túri (Odissi dancer) both ICCR alumni dedicated performances to ICCR on this occasion.

YOGA AND SOUNDBATH ONLINE EVENT

Amrita Shergil Cultural Centre organized a Yoga and Soundath online facebook event on April 18, 2020.



FREE ONLINE AYURVEDA CONSULTATION ORGANIZED BY THE AYUSH CENTRE OF EMBASSY

The Ayush Information Centre of the Embassy has started free online Ayurvedic consultation with its doctor, Dr. Shajahan Shaju. Two sessions were successfully held on 23 and 30 April, 2020. The aim was to disseminate the Ayurveda Advisory with special focus on the preventive care of the COVID-19 epidemic.



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