

## EMBASSY OF INDIA , BUDAPEST

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### AMBASSADOR MEETS SENIOR LEADERS IN HUNGARIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



Ambassador Kumar Tuhin met State Secretary for Foreign Relations of Parliament Dr. Péter Sárdi. Ambassador also separately met Mr. Mihály Balla, Member of Parliament. During these meetings, Ambassador reviewed bilateral parliamentary exchanges with his interlocutors and briefed them on current developments. They agreed India and Hungary share common bonds of democracy and there is immense potential to intensify bilateral cooperation



Coronavirus infections in Hungary have sharply gone up. As per Hungarian government, the situation is expected to worsen over the coming weeks. New emergency measures have come into effect, including a curfew between 8 pm and 5 am, and mandatory use of masks in many locations. <http://abouthungary.hu/news-in-brief/new-coronavirus-measures-to-come-into-force/> It is advisable to continue following prescribed guidelines regarding wearing of masks, washing of hands, maintaining social distancing, etc. Anyone who has symptoms should stay at home and immediately notify their GP by phone.

### VANDE BHARAT MISSION (VBM) FLIGHTS

Government of India had launched Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) to evacuate Indians stranded abroad. More than 15 lakh people have been evacuated so far. Air India has announced the Phase 8 of the Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) for November – December 2020, details of which are available at <https://mea.gov.in/phase-8.htm>. To facilitate special evacuation flights on regular basis, Government of India has entered into Air Bubble Arrangement with many countries. Travellers in Europe can now travel to India via Germany and France, with Air India, Air France and Lufthansa flights. From Hungary, more than 150 stranded Indians have been evacuated.

### Entering India

Government of India has recently revised guidelines for travellers entering India. All travellers have to submit self-declaration form on the online portal <https://www.newdelhiairport.in/airsuvidha/apho-registration> at least 72 hours before travel. Travellers can also seek exemption from institutional quarantine by submitting negative RT-PCR report on arrival. Test should have been conducted within 96

hours prior to undertaking the journey. Detailed information can be checked here: [https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/1597137882RevisedguidelinesforInternationalArrivals02082020\(1\).pdf](https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/1597137882RevisedguidelinesforInternationalArrivals02082020(1).pdf) and <https://www.newdelhiairport.in/covid19>

Passengers who do not have a negative RT-PCR test may have to undergo 7 days institutional quarantine at their own cost and 7 days of home quarantine on arrival in India. International passengers travelling into India may also avail of the RT-PCR testing facility at entry airport, wherever available.

#### Visa:

Government of India has further relaxed the visa regime. Applications for all categories of visas except tourist visas, medical visas and e-Visas are now open. Applicants may file an online application and seek appointment for submission and processing at <https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/page/appointment-for-visa-consular-passport/>

The details can be checked here:

<https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/0531bfd828c9d8e4a06851193326d59f24ddee3d.pdf>  
<https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/9026c28df35e03a67a9b611b0950554e9af032f3.pdf>

#### CONSULAR SERVICES

The Embassy is open for Passport and Consular services. However, due to the prevailing COVID 19 situation, applicants may only visit the Embassy with prior appointment. In case of emergency, appointment may be sought by sending an e-mail giving the reason for the emergency and attaching the relevant documents to [cons.budapest@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.budapest@mea.gov.in)

In case you need any assistance/information you may contact the Embassy at:

Phone Number: +36-1-3257742/43

Email id: [cons.budapest@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.budapest@mea.gov.in)

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#### OCI Card Holders:

OCI Card needs to be re-issued each time a new passport is acquired in case of cardholders upto the age of 20 years. In case of cardholders over 50 years of age, it needs to be re-issued once on acquiring a

passport after the age of 50. The earlier deadline for such re-issuance has now been extended 30th June 2021. In case an OCI card holder who is below the age of 20 years or has attained the age of 50 years and has not got the OCI card re-issued on change of passport, he/she may travel on the strength of his/her existing OCI card bearing old passport number subject to the condition that along with the new passport, the OCI cardholder carries old passport mentioned in the OCI card. However, it is advisable to get the OCI Card re-issued at an early date.

#### INDIAN PARTICIPANTS FROM HUNGARY JOIN VAIBHAV SUMMIT

Inauguration by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi (Interaction with Overseas Academicians and Researchers, Oct 2nd, 6:30 pm IST, 3 pm, CET)

**VAIBHAV**  
Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik Summit  
HUB OF OVERSEAS AND RESIDENT INDIAN ACADEMICIANS AND RESEARCHERS

To be inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 2nd October 2020  
संगठन के उद्देश्य: विवेक संशोधन

Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit is a collaborative initiative by SGT and Academic Organisations of India to enable deliberations on thought process, practices and R&D culture with a problem solving approach for well defined objectives. The VAIBHAV initiative aims to bring out the comprehensive roadmap to leverage the expertise and knowledge of global Indian researcher for solving emerging challenges. By bringing the Indian Overseas and Resident academicians/scientists together a structure of association will be evolved.

*Participants from Hungary*

Dr. Mousumi Upadhyay Kahaly  
Group leader, Computational Materials  
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Dr. Subhendu Kahaly  
Leading Scientist, Division Head  
Secondary Sources Division  
ELI-HU Non-Profit Ltd.

#### GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATED WITH ENTHUSIASM



Two years long commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's

150th birth anniversary culminated on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2020. In the preceding two years, Embassy of India held several notable events, starting with the inaugural function at the Hungarian Parliament to LED lighting of the iconic Buda castle with images of Gandhi Ji, to cycling rallies, outreach programmes at Gandhi School, Pecs University, Vegetarian food festival, Khadi Exhibition,



and Webinars. This year the Embassy concluded the celebrations with a grand finale at the leading TV Channel Hir TV, with a live discussion interspersed with a musical dance drama curated by Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre with eleven Indian & Hungarian artists. In the discussion, Ambassador Kumar Tuhin, Dr. Gabor Sonkoly, Dean, Dept of Humanities, ELTE University and Ms. Panni Somi, Indologist & Bharatnatyam dancer

talked about the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in today's times.

To mark 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, Mayor Órsi Gergely of second district of Budapest gave a video message in which he mentioned about the significance of this occasion and the



influence Mahatma Gandhi has had over his own thinking. From Bosnia & Herzegovina, famous actor Emina Muftic shared her video on this occasion, touching upon the life of Mahatma and his contribution in giving the principles of non violence and peace to the world.



### NAVRATRI PROGRAMME CELEBRATED IN HUNGARY



From 16th-24th October, on the occasion of 9-days of Navratri or Durga Puja, Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre 'live streamed' a series of vibrant musical programmes from the premises of the Embassy in collaboration with

members of Indian community, students and Hungarian artists. The daily one hour programme was a medley of classical, folk and Hungarian musicals which also showcased South Indian Golu Puja, Mantra chanting, group tabla playing, Bharatnatyam dances, Bollywood dances, Garba and Dhunuchi dances, etc.



The 'Live' musical evenings connected the Indian community together during this festive season and helped them celebrate this festival with fervour.



One interesting element of the programme was a musical ensemble by students of Egressy Beni Reformed Art School with a blend of European classical, Hungarian folk music and even a song from the Geet Govind .



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