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INDIA-HUNGARY FOREIGN MINISTRY VIDEO CONFERENCE

H.E. Mr. Vikas Swarup, Secretary(West), Ministry of External Affairs of India and H.E. Mr. András Baranyi, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary held video conference on July 23, 2020. Ambassador of India H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin also joined the discussions.



Secretary(West) Mr. Vikas Swarup and Deputy State Secretary Mr András Baranyi reviewed bilateral cooperation and exchanged ideas on further cementing the long standing friendship between the two countries. India also thanked Hungary for its support to India's non permanent membership of UN Security Council for 2021-2022 term. Both countries agreed to further strengthen their cooperation in bilateral and multilateral spheres and also intensify interaction in future.

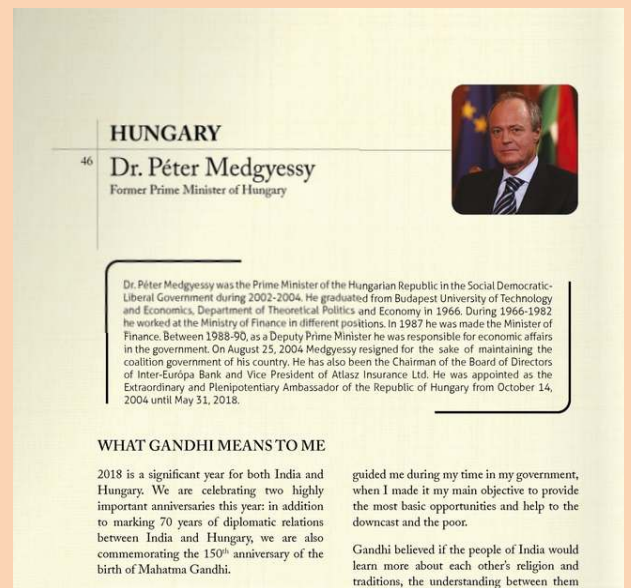


AMBASSADOR MEETS FORMER PRIME MINISTER DR. PÉTER MEDGYESSY

Ambassador met former Prime Minister of Hungary, Dr. Péter Medgyessy on July 14 and handed over a copy of the book "What Gandhi means to me: An Anthology" to him.



Dr. Medgyessy has written an article in the book, in which he has highlighted the impact of Gandhian thought on his life.



INDIA-HUNGARY JOINT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

11th meeting of India-Hungary Joint Committee on Science and Technology was held online on July 29, 2020. The two sides discussed future cooperation possibilities and exchanged information on current joint projects and related issues. They also exchanged information on current national S&T policies & flagship programmes. Priority areas for the next joint call for proposal to be launched in 2021 were also discussed.



AMRITA SHERGIL CULTURAL CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre continued its online activities in the month of July, by regular workshops and live events through its social media platforms. Beginning with an online musical celebration of traditional 'Guru Purnima' where Indian Kathak artist and disciple of veteran Kathak exponent Birju Maharaj, Mr. Souvik Chakraborty conducted a workshop for students online where he demonstrated through traditional dance structures, how a 'Guru' or Teacher is depicted in the ancient Indian philosophy. The online event was also replete with Kathak dance performances presented by the artist.



The month of July was also culmination of several courses at the Centre like Hindi and Performing Arts (like Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi, Odissi, Kathak, Sitar and Tabla), where through online Certification ceremonies students were given certificates, and they presented their skills (through poetry recitation by Hindi students and live performances by dance & music students). The New Online Session of the courses has begun from August.



The outreach activities of the Centre continued with an enlightening interactive session by Dr. Chirayu Bhole on the importance of rhythm through the traditional Indian percussion instrument Tabla through demonstration which was held at Esztergom where a large number of Indian music lovers participated.



Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) Phase 5 and 6



Under the Govt of India Vande Bharat Mission (VBM), more than 10 lakh persons have been evacuated to India so far. The schedule of Phase V flights may be seen at <https://mea.gov.in/phase-5.htm> Phase VI of Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) is expected to commence from 1st September. 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. Tickets need to be booked by the persons directly on websites of airlines. From Hungary, more than 150 stranded Indians have already returned to India on VBM flights so far.

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 www.newdelhairport.in 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/159713782RevisedguidelinesforInternationalArrivals02082020\(1\).pdf](https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/docs/159713782RevisedguidelinesforInternationalArrivals02082020(1).pdf)

Government of India has also allowed a few categories of visa holders to enter India. These include Diplomatic Visa, Official Visa, UN, Employment Visa, Project Visa, Business Visa, etc.

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

Entering Hungary :

Hungary has divided countries into green, orange and red zones on the basis of level of coronavirus cases in these countries for the purpose of regulating travel. It is expected to undergo a change w.e.f. September 1 as some travel restrictions are expected to be strengthened in view of spike in cases. Travellers to Hungary can get more information at: <http://www.police.hu/en/content/information-on-general-rules-of-border-crossing>

Submission of application is open from 13 May 2020 on the official website of the police in Hungarian language. (<http://ugvintezes.police.hu/en/home>). The application must be submitted online, in Hungarian language to the Police who will then assess the request and decide to grant or deny entrance.

CONSULAR SERVICES

Consular services, except Visa, have been restored and with prior appointment all Indian citizens can visit the Embassy on Tuesday and Thursday in the forenoon. Appointments can be booked here : <https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/page/appointment-for-visa-consular-passport/>. In case of any assistance/information needed, please contact the Embassy at:

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