

## EMBASSY OF INDIA , BUDAPEST

भारत का राजदूतावास, बुडापेस्ट



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### COVID-19 ADVISORY FOR INDIAN CITIZENS

As per Hungarian government, the second wave of coronavirus epidemic is affecting Hungary. There are approx 800-1000 daily new cases and about 15-20 daily deaths. The government's goal is to keep the country functioning and not let the virus paralyze everyday life. 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.

<https://koronavirus.gov.hu/cikkek/932-fovel-emelkedett-beazonositott-fertozottek-szama-es-elhunyt-21-beteg>.

### VANDE BHARAT MISSION (VBM) FLIGHTS

Government of India's Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) flights are continuing. Schedule may be seen here:

<http://www.airindia.in/images/pdf/VBM-Phase-6-Sheet-B-Air-Bubble-flights.pdf> and  
<https://www.civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/Phase 7 Schedule on 27-09-2020 1.pdf>

Tickets need to be booked by the persons directly on websites of airlines.

Travellers to India can seek exemption from institutional quarantine by submitting negative RT-PCR report on arrival. Test should have been conducted within 96 hours prior to the journey. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India have issued guidelines for phased re-opening (Unlock 5.0) which will be in force upto 31st October, 2020, details can be checked here:  
<https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHAOrderDt 30092020.pdf>

### PASSPORT SEVA PROJECT STARTS AT EMBASSY

Embassy of India, Hungary is now integrated with the Global Passport Seva Project (GPSP) of the Ministry of External Affairs. Applications for passport, PCC,

Emergency Certificate, Surrender of Passport, Renunciation and Miscellaneous passport services are required now to be submitted online. Applicants should register and fill in their applications at either of the following URLs :

<https://portal6.passportindia.gov.in/Online/index.html> or <https://embassy.passportindia.gov.in/>

After opening the URL, applicant should first choose the region and country from where he/she wishes to submit the application and complete the registration. Once registration is completed, applicant may choose the relevant service, complete the application form and submit. Applicant should then schedule an appointment at:

<https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/page/appointment-for-visa-consular-passport/> and visit the Embassy for completion of the submission of the process. Please note down the Application Registration Number (ARN).

Before visiting the Embassy to complete the submission, please send clear and legible self-attested scans of the following documents by e-mail to [cons.budapest@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.budapest@mea.gov.in), mentioning the name and ARN in the subject. Each document to be scanned separately and attached. Please send separate e-mails for each ARN:

- (i) Address proof (both Indian and abroad)
- (ii) Proof of Date of Birth
- (iii) Identity Proof
- (iv) Proof of Education for ECNR passport
- (v) Copy of Current passport (first+last pages)

Applicant should bring all the supporting documents including old passport, passport size photograph as per requirement and fees prescribed for the service.

### CONSULAR WING ACTIVITIES

A Consular team visited the Foreigners & Aliens Detention centre in Nyirbator Detention Centre and met with a few Indians stranded there. The return of one of the persons to India was facilitated by the Embassy's consular wing in coordination with

concerned local authorities.

The Embassy also facilitated the transportation of the mortal remains of an Indian student who unfortunately lost his life by drowning. The Embassy was constantly in touch with the family in India and friends here and ensured that the mortal remains were transported to India as desired by the family.

### **CONSULAR SERVICES**

Consular services, except Visa, have been restored and with prior appointment one can visit Embassy on Tuesday and Thursday. Appointments can be booked here:

<https://www.eoibudapest.gov.in/page/appointment-for-visa-consular-passport/> . However, applicants are advised to visit only if it is urgent or unavoidable and to ensure that they do not have any symptoms of COVID or have had any symptoms or contact with any COVID patient in the preceding 14 days. Wearing of masks will be mandatory while visiting the Embassy. Proper hand sanitizing and social distancing norms should also be followed.

### **AMBASSADOR MEETS DEPUTY MAYOR OF BUDAPEST AND THE MAYOR OF DISTRICT II**

Ambassador Kumar Tuhin met Deputy Mayor of Budapest Ms. Erzébet Gy. Németh on Sept 1 and exchanged ideas for deepening cooperation with the city, especially in cultural sector. Ambassador thanked the city authorities for their support in celebration of the International Day of Yoga.



Ambassador also separately met Mr. Gergely Örsi, the mayor of District II Budapest on 16 September 2020. They discussed matters of bilateral interest, India-Hungary relations, and possibilities for deepening cooperation. The Mayor expressed keen interest in working together and also agreed to give a video message on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



### **AMBASSADOR MEETS HUNGARY'S STATE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH**

Ambassador Kumar Tuhin met State Secretary for Health Dr. Ildikó Horvath on Sep 16 for discussion on intensifying bilateral cooperation in the health sphere. The discussion took place in the backdrop of current developments in the world as well as in India and Hungary in fighting the Coronavirus pandemic. Ambassador Tuhin briefed State Secretary in detail on the ongoing work in India for developing COVID-19 vaccine as well as on various measures undertaken by the Government of India to control the spread of the epidemic. Both leaders also reviewed the bilateral cooperation under existing agreements.



### **AMBASSADOR MEETS HUNGARY'S STATE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Ambassador Kumar Tuhin met State Secretary for Public Education Dr. Maruzsa Zoltán and discussed educational cooperation between India and Hungary, including on increasing awareness about each other's country. Ambassador also touched upon the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) scholarship programme and suggested that the Hungarian side consider sending more students to India. There was an agreement that there was a huge potential for strengthening cooperation in the education sector.



### AMBASSADOR MEETS CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Ambassador Kumar Tuhin met Chairman of Committee on Foreign Affairs Mr. Zsolt Németh to discuss cooperation between both countries, including between the Parliaments. Both expressed satisfaction on the bilateral relations and agreed on the need to maintain momentum of high level exchanges.



### HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATED

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas on September 14, the Embassy organized contests for the Hindi speaking people in Hungary. Several artists and students of Hindi gave video messages, sharing their experiences of the Hindi language. Poetry and Essay contests were organized for both Indians and Hungarians. A Webinar was held on this occasion where the President of Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) Mr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe was the chief guest. Amb Kumar Tuhin addressed the participants and talked about the significant contribution of teachers & writers of Hindi in Budapest. A documentary was shown on the influence of Hindi cinema on the people who study Hindi language in Hungary. Indian

children studying Hindi at the Embassy, recited Hindi poem. Talks and Interviews were held with Dr. Maria Negyesi, former H.O.D of Dept of India Studies, ELTE University and Prof. Peter Sagi, Hindi Professor at the University. On this occasion the Ambassador also applauded the contribution of pioneer of Hindi in Hungary, Dr. Maria Negyesi who has played an exemplary role in promoting Hindi teaching and translation in Hungary

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 विशिष्ट अतिथि विनय सहस्रबुधे @vinay1011 की उपस्थिति में अमृता शेरगिल सांस्कृतिक केंद्र द्वारा हिंदी दिवस का सफल आयोजन। राजदूत @ktuhinv के स्वागत सम्बोधन के बाद कई हंगेरियन एवं भारतीय हिंदी प्रेमियों और विद्वानों की चर्चा @PMOIndia @ICCR\_Delhi @MEAIndia @DrSJaishankar



### CELEBRATION OF 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITEC

The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day was celebrated in Hungary on September 15 with organisation of social media events. "Magyar Nemzet" carried out a composite article in Hungarian language on India's Development Partnership Programmes and the ITEC journey of the one of the participants, Ms. Zsuzsanna Komjáti, who attended a Special training programme for Yoga trainers in 2020. On 15th September 2020, throughout the day social media events were run on Facebook / Twitter / Instagram whereby the snippets of the above articles with local language content were posted.



### INDIA-HUNGARY WEBINAR RE-IMAGINING THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP:

The Embassy organized a webinar on September 23 on "re-imagining the economic partnership: navigating new challenges", which saw a wide array of participation from

businesses and organizations from both India and Hungary. DPIIT, Invest India, FIEO, ICAI participated

from India, whereas from the Hungarian side, several companies, Hungarian Chambers of Commerce industry, Hungarian Investment and Promotion Agency, Budapest stock Exchange (BSE), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, etc. were among the participants. As an outcome of the Webinar, IRIS Business Services, Mumbai has now decided to offer their proprietary software, IRIS CARBON (iXBRL) which significantly enhances the compliance requirements for the companies in Europe, especially the MSMEs, to all the companies listed on the Budapest Stock Exchange irrespective of their market capitalization free of cost for the initial one year.

## DIALOGUE BETWEEN ICWA AND IFAT

The second dialogue between the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and the Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT), Budapest was held on September 10, 2020. Ambassador of India to Hungary H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin delivered the opening remarks. Director General of ICWA Dr. T C A Raghavan and Director of IFAT Mr. Márton Ugrósy delivered the closing remarks. A number of researchers and scholars from both sides participated. The discussions also brought out the severity of impact that the pandemic has created on the global economy and the ongoing changes in global supply chains as well as the challenges therein. The first dialogue between ICWA and IFAT had taken place in January 2019 in India covering major global, regional and bilateral developments.

## 'INDIA MY LOVE' PAINTING EXHIBITION

'India My Love' exhibition of vibrant paintings depicting myriad shades of Incredible India by artist Ildiko Halasz was inaugurated at Mátészalka city by Director (Amrita Shergil Cultural Centre) Tanuja Shankar on behalf of Ambassador H.E Kumar Tuhin with Hon. Mayor Dr Hanusi Peter, Amb Mr. Balázs Bokor, Dr. Cserenyak Laszlo and Andras Halasz. The paintings were a reflection of the artist's impressions of her stay in India and portrayed her deep understanding of the Indian culture and panorama



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