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## INAUGURATION OF 'INDIA HUNGARY DIALOGUES'



A video interview series entitled 'India Hungary Dialogues' was inaugurated by Hon'ble Speaker of Hungarian National Assembly Mr. László Kövér and Ambassador Kumar Tuhin on November 18, 2020 (establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Hungary took place on 18 Nov 1948). On this occasion, Speaker Kövér and Amb Tuhin held a conversation covering diverse facets of bilateral relations, which was subsequently aired on local TV channels (M1 and Hatoscsatorna) as well as on Embassy's social media. This inaugural episode of the series can be seen at <https://youtu.be/j0zAKGcEdH8>.



There will be twelve episodes in this series, each episode in the format of a dialogue with eminent persons and experts from the fields of politics, economy, India studies, education, science and technology, health, tourism, culture, yoga, etc. The

video series has been prepared in the Hungarian language.

## INDIA-HUNGARY PRE-JWG MEETING ON WATER RESOURCES

**1<sup>ST</sup> VIRTUAL INDIA-HUNGARY pre-JWG MEETING**  
NOV 20, 2020 10.00 CET; 14.30 IST

Background: India and Hungary signed an MoU on Cooperation in the field of Water Management in October 2016 during the visit of Vice-President of India to Hungary. H.E. Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Jal Shakti participated in the Budapest Water Summit in October 2019 as a Guest of Honour.

The 1<sup>st</sup> virtual pre-JWG Meeting would follow up on the matters of mutual interests in the field of water and its allied sectors.

**THE INDIAN DELEGATION**

 Shri Subodh Yadav Joint Secretary, Govt. of India Ministry of Jal Shakti	 Shri Vijai Saran Joint Secretary, Govt. of India Ministry of Jal Shakti	 Shri D. P. Mathuria Joint Secretary, Govt. of India Ministry of Jal Shakti	 Dr. Mrs. Neena Isaac Secretary, ICRI, New Delhi
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**THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION**

 Mr. Péter Kovács Deputy Director, Department of Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Fisheries	 Ms. Ida Nagyvári Sós Deputy Director, Department of Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Fisheries	 Ms. Réka Gáti Deputy Director, Department of Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Fisheries	 Mr. János Lábelyi Deputy Director, Department of Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Fisheries
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A virtual India-Hungary pre-JWG meeting in the area of water was held on 20 November. The meeting was held in pursuance of the MoU signed between India and Hungary during the visit of the then Vice President of India in October 2016. Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti of India Mr. Gajender Singh Shekhawat had visited Budapest in October 2019 to participate in the Budapest Water Summit. The two sides exchanged views on cooperation in the water and its allied sectors and agreed to take forward a Work Plan for intensifying cooperation. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Peter Kovacs, Water Director, Ministry of Interior of Hungary and Mr. Subodh Yadav, Joint Secretary (IC&GW), DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, India. The meeting also saw senior experts on the two sides deliberating on the issue of optimal utilization of water.

### CELEBRATION OF DEEPAWALI



Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural centre organised a vibrant cultural programme on the occasion of Deepawali which was streamed on the social media platforms for the Indian and Hungarian audience. A musical



ensemble was presented too. The first part of cultural programme was live streaming of Vedic 'Havan' ( Fire ceremony) wishing for the prosperity & health of everyone. This was followed by devotional songs & dances, Bollywood dances as well as Sufi vocal music. On this occasion, several Indian and

Hungarian friends shared their pictures with candles and lights on social media.



### QUIZZES / CONTESTS ORGANIZED BY EMBASSY

On the occasion of 71st Constitution Day, Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre conducted a quiz on the Constitution of India which received immense response. Films and slide shows were also shown on this occasion. The Hindi courses run by the Embassy of India saw a special webinar on Dr. B. R Ambedkar and Constitution of India.

The Embassy organized an Ayurveda Quiz, focusing on information on the ancient medicine system of Ayurveda. The quiz saw very good participation. The winners were felicitated by Ambassador Kumar Tuhin. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the participants!



Besides the above quizzes organized by the Embassy, a 'Bharat Ko Janiye' Quiz conducted by the Ministry of External Affairs, India also saw many participants in the first two rounds in Hungary as well as Bosnia & Herzegovina.

## CELEBRATION OF AYURVEDA DAY 2020

The Embassy celebrated Ayurveda Day 2020 through a series of activities. In run up to the main event, the Embassy organised an India- Hungary webinar on November 9 which brought together nearly 45 experts from India and Hungary who deliberated on “significance on Ayurveda on covid 19 times.” Apart from the webinar, the Embassy also ran a quiz on Ayurveda in consultation with Ministry of Ayush, posted creatives on Ayurveda on its social media handles, organised live webcast of Ayurveda Day celebrations chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on November 13.



The National Clinical Management Protocol issued by Ministry of Ayush was widely circulated in both Hungarian and Bosnian languages.

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF HUNGARIAN RECTORS CONFERENCE

The Embassy virtually participated in the International Committee Meeting of the Hungarian Rectors Conference on 11 November, 2020.



Mr. Sanjeev Manchanda, Second Secretary (Pol/Com) spoke at the Conference highlighting

the recent economic reforms in India, India-Hungary bilateral relations and also about educational exchanges / ITEC programme.



Coronavirus infections in Hungary are continuing to be very high. As per Hungarian government, the emergency protection measures will be extended for another month , so the current curfew and other protection measures will be maintained until 11 January 2021 . The rules for the Christmas holidays will be decided on December 21, and the evening curfew will also be in effect on New Year's Eve. <https://koronavirus.gov.hu/cikkek/1893-fovel-emelkedett-beazonositott-fertozottek-szama-es-elhunyt-107-beteg> It is advisable to continue following prescribed guidelines regarding wearing of masks, washing of hands, maintaining social distancing, etc.

## VANDE BHARAT MISSION (VBM) FLIGHTS

Government of India had launched Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) to evacuate Indians stranded abroad. About 15 lakh people been able to travel to India on these flights. Air India has announced the Phase 8 of the Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) for November – December 2020. 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 at <https://www.newdelhiairport.in/airsuvidha/covid-19-exemption-international-passenger> . Test should have been conducted within 72 hours prior to undertaking the journey. Passengers exiting Hungary are also advised to download the Arogya Setu app on their phones before departure. 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

(<http://www.airindia.in/images/pdf/RT-PCR-Test.pdf> ) Information relating to state-wise quarantine regulations may be found at <http://www.airindia.in/images/pdf/State-Wise-Quarantine-Regulations.pdf> Guidelines on international arrivals issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare may be found at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/05112020Guidelinesforinternationalarrivals.pdf>

**Domestic air travel in India:** Ministry of Civil Aviation has reviewed the operation of the domestic flights and has decided to allow operators to fly with upto 80% of the capacity.

**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>

For visa restrictions and other advisories relating to immigration, information may be found at <https://boi.gov.in/content/advisory-travel-and-visa-restrictions-related-covid-19-1>

### 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:

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### LAUNCH OF PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS WEBSITE



The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has launched a website aimed at optimising the participation of the Non Resident Indian community and the Overseas Citizens of India in the upcoming Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference and Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations on 9th January 2021. More details can be seen at [https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/33262/Celebration of 16th Pravasi Bh aratiya Divas on 09 January 2021 at New Delhi](https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/33262/Celebration%20of%2016th%20Pravasi%20Bh%20aratiya%20Divas%20on%2009%20January%202021%20at%20New%20Delhi)



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