

**Embassy of India
Zagreb**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022**

NAME OF THE MISSION: EMBASSY OF INDIA, ZAGREB (CROATIA)

I. MONTHLY REPORT FOR CROATIA

A. Trade in goods

I) Quantitative data

a) Bilateral trade during 2022 (January – September, including September)

	Croatian export (US\$)	Croatian import (US\$)
Croatia's trade with India	14.464.194	139.185.571

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

b) Top 10 items of import from India during 2022 (January – September, including September)

CN code	CN name	Net Mass (kg)	Value (US\$)
30049000	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, put up in measured doses "incl. those in the form of transdermal administration" or in forms or packings for retail sale (excl. medicaments from tariff code 3004.39.00 to tariff code 3004.50.00)	250289,94	12.110.190
69072100	Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles, of a water absorption coefficient by weight <= 0,5 % (excl. refractory, mosaic cubes and finishing ceramics)	16372315,47	9.525.241
29335995	Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen heteroatom"s" only, containing a pyrimidine ring, whether	22760,6	7.177.315

	or not hydrogenated, or piperazine ring in the structure (excl. those from tariff code 2933.52.00 to 2933.55.00 as well as those from tariff code 2933.59.10 to 2933.59.20)		
24012085	Partly or wholly stemmed or stripped flue-cured tobacco, otherwise unmanufactured	955608,17	6.407.663
72085120	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of >= 600 mm, not in coils, simply hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, of a thickness of > 15 mm, without patterns in relief	4005750	5.772.525
84195080	Heat-exchange units (excl. those used with boilers and those made of fluoropolymers with inlet and outlet tube bores with inside diameters measuring <=3 cm)	1331620	4.158.673
29349990	Nucleic acids and their salts, whether or not chemically defined; heterocyclic compounds (excl. those with oxygen or nitrogen hetero-atom"s" only, compounds containing in the structure an unfused thiazole ring or a benzothiazole or phenothiazine ring-system or further fused, aminorex "INN", brotizolam "INN", clotiazepam "INN", cloxazolam "INN", dextromoramide "INN", haloxazolam "INN", ketazolam "INN", mesocarb "INN", oxazolam "INN", pemoline "INN", phendimetrazine "INN", phenmetrazine "INN", sufentanil "INN", salts thereof, other fentanyl and their derivatives, chlorpothixene "INN", thenalidine "INN" and its tartrates and maleates, furazolidone "INN", 7-aminocephalosporanic acid, salts and esters of "6R, 7R"-3-acetoxymethyl-7-["R"-2-formyloxy-2-phenylacetamido]-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid, 1-[2-"1,3-dioxan-2-yl"ethyl]-2-methylpyridinium bromide, and inorganic or organic compounds of mercury)	8627,449	4.040.593
29337900	Lactams (excl. 6-hexanelactam "epsilon-caprolactam", clobazam "INN", methyprylon "INN", and inorganic or organic compounds of mercury)	1027,433	3.756.534
90213990	Artificial parts of the body (excl. artificial teeth and dental fittings, artificial joints and ocular prostheses)	609,029	3.244.910
62044200	Women's or girls' dresses of cotton (excl. knitted or crocheted and petticoats)	68458,2	3.035.517

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

c) Top 10 items of export to India during 2022 (January- September, including September)

CN code	CN name	Net Mass (kg)	Value (US\$)
85042300	Liquid dielectric transformers, having a power handling capacity > 10.000 kVA	369022	3.631.000
85309000	Parts of electrical signalling, safety or traffic control equipment, n.e.s.	11707,2	2.251.524
29335995	Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen heteroatom"s" only, containing a pyrimidine ring, whether or not hydrogenated, or piperazine ring in the structure (excl. those from tariff code 2933.52.00 to 2933.55.00 as well as those from tariff code 2933.59.10 to 2933.59.20)	249,352	824.178
25233000	Aluminous cement	1134000	591.314
47010090	Mechanical wood pulp, not chemically treated (excl. thermo-mechanical wood pulp)	886816	445.104
44079200	Beech "Fagus spp.", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness of > 6 mm	773503	410.834
12119086	Plants and parts of plants, incl. seeds and fruits, used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh, chilled, frozen or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered (excl. ginseng roots, coca leaf, poppy straw, ephedra, tonquin beans and bark of African cherry)	97642	379.346
84818061	Gate valves of cast iron for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like (excl. taps, cocks and valves for sinks, washbasins, bidets, water cisterns, baths and similar fixtures and central heating radiator valves)	52972	331.672
90051000	Binoculars	455,28	325.297
29331990	Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen heteroatom[s] only, containing an unfused pyrazole ring, whether or not hydrogenated, in the structure (excl. phenazone "antipyrin" and its derivatives and phenylbutazone "INN")	87,234	307.630

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

d) Import Overview of Croatia from India during 2022 (January – September, including September)

Commodity	Net mass (kg)	Statistical Value (US\$)
Food and Animals	492611,417	859.967
Beverages and Tobacco	1528048,17	9.224.701
Raw materials except Fuels	1161732,67	1.950.094
Mineral Fuels	1898,5	6.347
Animal and Plant based Oils and Fats	1804	16.264
Chemical Products	1491443,918	46.380.339
Products based on materials	33905969,42	41.116.066
Machines and Vehicles	2987014,409	22.863.677
Various Ready-made products	642593,475	16.768.116
		139.185.571

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

f) Export Overview of Croatia to India during 2022 (January- September, including September)

Commodity	Net mass (kg)	Statistical Value (US\$)
Food and Animals	35898,5	152.003
Beverages and Tobacco	11800	90.107
Raw materials except Fuels	4750446	2.486.257
Animal and Plant based Oils and Fats	59,6	1.039
Chemical Products	179293,508	1.951.867
Products based on materials	2113849,864	1.101.952

Machines and Vehicles	481145,15	7.685.897
Various Ready-made products	6492,256	995.072
		14.464.194

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

g) Countries Exports to Croatia Ranking during 2022 (January – September, including September)

1. Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products

Rank	Country Name	Net Mass (kg)	Statistical Value (US\$)
1.	Italy	171.821.105	277.925.602
2.	Slovenia	156.999.040	259.231.996
3.	Hungary	132.552.797	202.818.187
4.	Germany	91.871.984	344.322.842
5.	Russian Federation	109.457.626	84.345.379
66.	India	1.001.030	21.473.123

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

2. Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products

Rank	Country Name	Net Mass (kg)	Statistical Value (US\$)
1.	Belgium	328.435	114.355.511
2.	Italy	5.311.741	76.026.027
3.	Germany	6.567.776	259.812.030
4.	Ireland	39.722	12.070.298
5.	Sweden	7.246	31.677.257
8.	India	375.278	24.457.457

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

3. Manufacture of wearing apparel

Rank	Country Name	Net Mass (kg)	Statistical Value (US\$)
1.	Italy	6.743.060	273.722.515
2.	Countries and territories not specified within the framework of trade with third countries	2.004.117	57.110.462
3.	Germany	5.456.322	168.028.024
4.	Serbia	1.247.398	56.906.678
5.	Hungary	5.369.802	41.831.532
19.	India	244.553	8.809.404

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

4. Manufacture of textiles

Rank	Country Name	Net Mass (kg)	Statistical Value (US\$)
1.	China	3.329.542	20.755.241
2.	Italy	11.459.347	121.956.989
3.	Germany	5.624.040	76.969.108
4.	Turkey	3.736.599	24.220.603
5.	North Macedonia	878.605	3.501.865
9.	India	1.108.842	6.374.732

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

5. Manufacture of machinery and equipment

Rank	Country Name	Net Mass (kg)	Statistical Value (US\$)
1.	China	18.536.094	156.550.663
2.	Germany	28.573.786	448.956.468
3.	Turkey	7.244.446	51.043.080
4.	Italy	29.369.325	344.236.756
5.	Slovenia	14.951.199	180.300.666
26.	India	2.322.203	18.535.430

Data Source: Central Statistics Office, Croatia

II) Qualitative Data

Month: December 2022

a) Market access alerts (attach copy of notification):

Alerts on tariff changes, non-tariff barriers (SPS, TBT measures, import and export procedures/restrictions/prohibitions/licencing etc); trade policy developments:

S. No.	Notification no. and date or other references	Details	Effective from
1	Croatia is part of the European Union (EU) and commercial policy is regulated by the European Commission. EU trade system, exporting and importing are covered by EC Regulations: https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business_en	NA	NA

Alerts on Trade Defences Measures taken by respective country (Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or Anti-subsidy)

S. No.	Notification no. and date or other references	Details of product's sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from
1	Croatia is part of the European Union (EU) and commercial policy is regulated by the European Commission. EU trade system, exporting and importing are covered by EC Regulations: https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business_en	NA	NA

III) Other Feedback

Month: December 2022

a) Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns set-up in that country and Indian trade visitors to that country

S. No.	Name of business house	Activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1	NA	NA	NA	NA

b) Feedback on major trade activities including logistic events (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation)

S. No.	Activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	No of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received	Source of funding (MAI TA/TC)
1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; number of Business Visas issued:

S. No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/key participants from the relevant country	Number of business visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
1	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	NA

IV) Any other submission

Croatia received unanimous support from the 26 Schengen member states for joining the Schengen zone. Europe's passport-free travel zone welcomed Croatia but Romania and Bulgaria have been left outside. Since its accession to the EU in 2013, Croatia has applied parts of the Schengen acquis, including those related to external border controls, police cooperation, and the use of the Schengen Information System.

Prices of goods and services for personal consumption in December 2022 increased by 13.1% at the annual level. In December 2022 compared to November 2022, the prices of goods and services for personal consumption, measured by the consumer price index, decreased by 0.3% on average. Compared to December 2021, that is, at the annual level, they increased by 13.1% on average, while on the annual average they increased by 10.8%. Observing the main divisions of the ECOICOP classification, at the annual level, the highest increase on average in consumer prices was recorded in the following divisions: Food and non-alcoholic beverages, of 19.0%, Restaurants and hotels, of 17.1%, Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, of 16.1%, Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, of 16.0%, Clothing and footwear, of 12.1%, Miscellaneous goods and services, of 11.5%, Recreation and culture, of 9.6%, Transport, of 8.4%, Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, of 5.3% and Health, of 4.6%. The largest contribution to the growth rate of the annual index came from the following divisions: Food and non-alcoholic beverages (+4.93 percentage points), Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (+2.70 percentage points), Transport (+1.24 percentage points), Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance (+0.92 percentage points), Restaurants and hotels (+0.85 percentage points), Clothing and footwear as well as Miscellaneous goods and services (+0.71 percentage points)

for each division), Recreation and culture (+0.51 percentage points), Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (+0.27 percentage points) and Health (+0.15 percentage points). Observing the selected groups, the highest increase on average in consumer prices at the annual level was recorded in the group Processed food, of 18.0% (contribution to the growth of +4.06 percentage points).

B. Trade and investment

a) Significant trends in trade and investment

S. No.	Particular of the asset/company	Contact details
1	NA	NA

b) Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/suppliers (USD 15 million & above)

S. No.	Tender/procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/procurement
1	NA	NA	NA

c) Information regarding upcoming major investment in India from respective country:

S. No.	Particular of the asset/company	Sector of investment	Quantum of investment
1	NA	NA	NA

d) Trade Queries for imports/exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal)

Trade Queries from India for Import/Export attended by the Mission in December 2022				
No.	Enquiry Originator	Product	Import/Export	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	SRANS Lifecare	Dietary supplements	Export	Query rcv: 02/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023 (*as the seat

				remained vacant due to the resignation of commercial assistant, there was a delay in responding to queries)
2	India Grain	Pulses	Export	Query rcv: 02/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023
3	Success Point	Rice	Export	Query rcv: 02/12/2023 Query ans: 04/01/2023
4	TetraRays Foods	Essential oils, Oleoresins	Export	Query rcv: 05/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023
5	BioDe	Cutlery	Export	Query rcv: 05/12/2023 Query ans: 04/01/2023
6	SKY Export House	Handicrafts	Export	Query rcv: 05/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023
7	Rajput Import & Export	Tea	Export	Query rcv: 06/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023
8	Drytech Processes	Gum arabic, tomato powder	Export	Query rcv: 07/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023
9	ADL Exim	Brass fittings	Export	Query rcv: 07/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023
10	Shri Maa Group	Bags, plastic packaging products	Export	Query rcv: 07/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023
11	Satvatz Exim	Pharmaceutical products	Export	Query rcv: 08/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023
12	ADL Exim	Spices	Export	Query rcv: 09/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023
13	Mark Food International	Spices, seeds, dehydrated onion and garlic	Export	Query rcv: 02/12/2022 Query ans: 04/01/2023

				04/01/2023
14	Wings Impex	Rice, spices	Export	Query rcv: 09/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
15	JayBee Impex	Agricultural products, dry fruits, spices	Export	Query rcv: 09/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
16	Sapphire Healthcare	Food supplements	Export	Query rcv: 10/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
17	Panacea Medical Technologies	Medical equipment	Export	Query rcv: 12/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
18	Bhikshu Marketing	Office chairs	Export	Query rcv: 12/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
19	Pinghalya Vet Care	Animal fees supplements	Export	Query rcv: 11/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
20	S K International India	Brass parts	Export	Query rcv: 12/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
21	Arjun Polymers	Paver tile moulds	Export	Query rcv: 07/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
22	Ambuja Impex	Granite	Export	Query rcv: 05/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
23	Aspire Exports	Granite stone and slabs	Export	Query rcv: 12/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
24	Blue Hoop	Corrugated boxes	Export	Query rcv: 13/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
25	Qashqai Exports	Aluminium foil rolls	Export	Query rcv: 13/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
26	EXIM Kings	Tea	Export	Query rcv: 13/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
27	Patanjali Ayurved	Herbal and natural products	Export	Query rcv: 14/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023

28	Aum Metal Industry	Brass parts	Export	Query rcv: 14/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
29	Ahmed Tannery	Leather bags	Export	Query rcv: 14/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
30	Sthira Technovations	Mobile soil testing units	Export	Query rcv: 16/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
31	Nutritual Pharma	Pharmaceutical products	Export	Query rcv: 16/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
32	BK Global Exim	Agricultural commodities	Export	Query rcv: 16/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
33	REDCom International	Jewellery, rice, wheat	Export	Query rcv: 16/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
34	Tiyasha Import and Export	Tea	Export	Query rcv: 17/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
35	Sandip International	Building materials, food products	Export	Query rcv: 17/12/2022 Query answ: 04/01/2023
36	Swasti Enterprises	Spices	Export	Query rcv: 17/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
37	Nashith Exports	Tobacco	Export	Query rcv: 19/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
38	ITAA Tiles	Ceramic tiles	Export	Query rcv: 19/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
39	Ranjan Aqua	Freeze dried shrimp	Export	Query rcv: 17/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
40	Well International	Activated carbon	Export	Query rcv: 19/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
41	Shri Balaji Exports	Organic and inorganic chemicals	Export	Query rcv: 20/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
42	Tirupati Polychem	Waxes	Export	Query rcv:

				20/12/2022 Query answ: 09/01/2023
43	Savitri Steel	Stainless steel products	Export	Query rcv: 20/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
44	Faystar Overseas	Textile	Export	Query rcv: 20/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
45	Micson Corporation	Brass precision components, metal	Export	Query rcv: 20/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
46	Vallabhi Impex	Agriculture commodities, engineered and non-engineered products, minerals, ores and chemicals, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment	Export	Query rcv: 20/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
47	Krishan Enterprises	Clothing	Export	Query rcv: 21/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
48	Imperial Exporting Company	Paper products	Export	Query rcv: 21/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
49	Limpio Chem	Pulses, spices, rice, food products	Export	Query rcv: 21/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
50	Hanumata Global Trading	Groundnuts	Export	Query rcv: 21/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
51	Livola Granito	Porcelain tiles	Export	Query rcv: 22/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
52	Packing Solutions	Plastic packaging products	Export	Query rcv: 22/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
53	Spyro Corporation	Ceramic tiles, sanitary ware	Export	Query rcv: 24/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
54	NK International	Footwear	Export	Query rcv: 15/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
55	Anish International	Clothing, textile, engineering products	Export	Query rcv: 26/12/2022

				Query answ: 03/01/2023
56	Sunfly Food and Spices Exports	Grains, cereals, spices	Export	Query rcv: 27/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
57	Sasu Impex	Agriculture commodities, rubber products, textile	Export	Query rcv: 27/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
58	Sevastu Global	Jute bags	Export	Query rcv: 28/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
59	Landmark Tiles	Ceramic tiles, quartz stone, sanitary ware, SPC flooring	Export	Query rcv: 28/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
60	Sagar Brass Industries	Brass parts	Export	Query rcv: 29/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
61	C S Group	Rice	Export	Query rcv: 29/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
62	SLTL Medical	Medical devices	Export	Query rcv: 29/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
63	Nanak Shipping	Coffee	Export	Query rcv: 29/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
64	RGB Group	Paper products	Export	Query rcv: 29/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023
65	Kapsun	Air coolers	Export	Query rcv: 29/12/2022 Query answ: 03/01/2023

For the month of **December 2022**, the Mission has received **65 trade inquiries** from India.

d) Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies

geopolitika.news, INDIA TAKES OVER G20 CHAIRMANSHIP. MODI'S GOOD WISHES: REALITY OR ILLUSION?

After Indonesia, on whose island of Bali the summit of the G20 group of states was recently held, the presidency of the summit was taken over by India. A huge country both territorially and in

terms of population, whose economy is growing rapidly at a time when a large part of the world is facing a new crisis caused by global geopolitical tectonic changes, without actually fully recovering even from the consequences of the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

<https://www.geopolitika.news/razgovori/komentari/indija-preuzima-predsjedanje-g20-modijeve-lijepe-zelje-realnost-ili-iluzija/>

geopolitika.news, MEDIA: WHY IS ISRAEL SELLING SO MANY WEAPONS TO INDIA?

Israel has become the largest arms exporter to India after Russia. Israel Aerospace Industries, Elbit Systems and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems have significant presences in India, while a host of private companies have set up branches there. The latest report from Israel's Defense Ministry's International Defense Cooperation Directorate shows that 34 percent of Israel's defense exports went to the Asia-Pacific region last year; probably most of it went to India.

<https://www.geopolitika.news/vijesti/medij-zasto-izrael-prodaje-toliko-oruzja-indiji/>

glasistre.hr, AIR INDIA CLOSE TO RECORD ORDER OF UP TO 500 AIRCRAFT

Air India is close to landing a major order for 500 jets worth tens of billions of dollars from Airbus and Boeing, in an ambitious recovery effort under conglomerate Tata Group, according to well-informed sources.

<https://www.glasistre.hr/gospodarstvo/2022/12/12/air-india-blizu-rekordne-narudzbe-do-500-zrakoplova-834881>

tportal.hr, MORE AND MORE COUNTRIES ARE STRIVING FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THE PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, FOOD AND CHIPS

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi promotes the slogan "Atma Nirbhar Bharat" or "Self-reliant India". We also hear similar language in Europe, which seems to favor national production over imports.

<https://www.tportal.hr/biznis/clanak/sve-vise-zemalja-tezi-samodostatnosti-u-proizvodnji-energije-hrane-i-cipova-20221212>

Lidermedia.hr, RAJ KUMAR SRIVASTAVA: INDIA'S AGENDA FOR THE G20 WILL BE INCLUSIVE, AMBITIOUS AND ACTION-ORIENTED

India will chair the G20 under the slogan 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' with the ambition to inspire responses to today's biggest challenges – climate change, terrorism, pandemics, and poverty – that can only be solved by working together. From the beginning of December, the presidency of the G20 for the next year was taken over by India. Indian Ambassador to Croatia Raj Kumar Srivastava pointed out that the goal of India's G20 presidency is to ensure healing, harmony and hope while working together to shape a new human-centred paradigm. India's agenda for the G20, says Raj Kumar Srivastava, will be inclusive, ambitious, decisive and action-oriented.

<https://lidermedia.hr/ukratko/raj-kumar-srivastava-indijski-program-za-g20-bit-ce-ukljuciv-ambiciozan-i-usmjeren-na-akciju-147364>

vijesti.hrt.hr, WORLD COAL CONSUMPTION THIS YEAR WILL BE THE HIGHEST EVER

The highest growth in demand for coal is expected in India, by seven percent, followed by the European Union with a high 6 percent increase, and China with a growth of 0.4 percent.

<https://vijesti.hrt.hr/gospodarstvo/svjetska-potrosnja-ugljena-ove-ce-godine-biti-najveca-dosad-10506559>

geopolitika.news, WHEN THE WEST WON'T: HOW INDIA PROFITS BY STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA AND BILLING IN RUPEES

In this context, both countries started consultations on the transition to a new trade strategy back in March, when the Indian central bank (Reserve Bank of India) raised the issue of settlement payments in rupees and rubbles with competent partners in Moscow.

<https://www.geopolitika.news/razgovori/toptema/kad-nece-zapad-kako-indija-profitira-jacanjem-suradnje-s-rusijom-i-naplatom-u-rupijima/>

TV Jadran, 30' INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR SRIVASTAVA

In an interview for Jadran Television Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava explained the initiatives which will expand Indian and Croatian bilateral ties in the fields of healthcare, sport, digital innovation ecosystem, agriculture, tourism and climate change technologies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VioBpeUaHj8>

sportske.jutarnji.hr, INDIA PLANS TO BID FOR THE 2036 OLYMPICS: "THE TIME IS RIGHT!" THEIR MINISTER IS SPEAKING

In the city of Ahmedabad, there is the largest sports stadium in the world with a capacity of 132,000 seats. India plans to bid to host the Olympic Games in 2036, and will officially present its candidacy at the next session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which should be held in Bombay at the end of 2023, the Indian sports minister announced. (29/12)

<https://sportske.jutarnji.hr/sn/sport-mix/ostali-sportovi/indija-planira-kandidaturu-za-olimpijske-igre-2036-pravo-je-vrijeme-govori-njihov-ministar-15290695>

C. Tourism

a) Tourist Visa issued: December 2022

S. No.	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month (December 2022)
1	Visas:35 e-Visas: NA Total: 35

b) Use of Social Media/Print/Media/electronic Media for Promoting Tourism:

Facebook post

At the same venue - exhibition space Embassy of India, Zagreb, during the four days of the fair, numerous representatives of Ayurveda and yoga presented knowledge from this field. It was also an opportunity to announce the big conference on yoga, which will be held on December 17, 2022 at the Faculty of Kinesiology in Zagreb under the name "Yoga and Mental Health". (05/12)

Facebook post

Yoga for Mental Health, Conference

- Yoga Conference on the subject of "Yoga and mental health" for yoga experts and practitioners, will be held on the 17th of December and organized by the Croatian Yoga Federation supported by Zagreb-based AYUSH Cell and the Faculty of Kinesiology in Zagreb.

- December 17, 2022, 10.00am-3.00pm

- Large Amphitheater, Kineziološki fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, Horvaćanski zavoj 15, 10110, Zagreb.

Entrance is free of charge. **(06/12)**

Facebook post

Zagreb-based AYUSH Cell Online Session: "Patanjala- yogasutre" will be held with the participation of Mislav Jezić, Indologist, Ambassador Srivastava, Yogacharya Jadranko Miklec.

DATE: 8th December 2022, 4pm

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/485120675> **(07/12)**

Facebook and Twitter post

In an interview for Televizija Jadran Ambassador Srivastava explained about expanding India-Croatia bilateral ties in the field of Healthcare, Sport, Digital Innovation Ecosystem, Agriculture, Tourism & Climate change technologies. **(06/12)**

Facebook post

On the occasion of India's National Mathematics Day, the 135 Birth Anniversary of legendary Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan & on Christmas Eve to celebrate IN-HR Mathematics ties with the presentations and seminars from Prof. Hrvoje Kraljevic Former Croatian Minister of Science & Technology, Prof. Tadić Marko, Academician, Prof. Neven Elezovic, Professor at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering & Computing (FER) in Zagreb, Prof. Marcela Hanzer, Professor at the Department of Mathematics, PMF Zagreb Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Rudi Mrazovic, Assistant Professor at the Department of Mathematics, University of Zagreb, and welcome speech by Ambassador Srivastava and Joginder Singh-Nijjar, President of the Croatian-Indian Society.

TIME: Thursday, December 22nd, 2022, at 6.00 pm

LOCATION: Cultural Center Napredak, Bogovićeveva 1/I, Zagreb

Confirm your arrival at the following e-mail: hrvatsko.indijsko.drustvo@gmail.com **(13/12)**

Facebook post

Croatian – Indian Society and the Indian Embassy are organizing interesting presentations on the occasion of India's National Mathematics Day, after which our Yoga in Everyday Life bhajan band will perform and Swami Vivekpuri will give a short lecture. **(14/12)**

Facebook post

Glimpses of the Yoga Conference on the subject of "Yoga and mental health" for yoga experts and practitioners, was held on the 17th of December and organized by the Croatian Yoga Federation supported by Zagreb-based AYUSH Cell and the Faculty of Kinesiology in Zagreb. **(19/12)**

Facebook and Twitter post

Glimpses of the Bhakti Marga Hrvatska's "Just Love" concert celebrating Indian spiritual music, supported by India in Croatia (Embassy of India, Zagreb) as part of the #AmritMahotsav initiative. The gathering with attendees from several countries enjoyed the universal values through music focusing on India's rich cultural heritage. **(07/12)**

Facebook and Twitter post

In an interview in the latest issue of Lider magazine, Ambassador Srivastava explains G20 India Presidency which started on 1st Dec. 2022, will promote a universal sense of one-ness 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. Ambassador Srivastava also explained the future outlook for India's economy, poised for sustained growth for the next two decades due to

India's three Ds strengths - Strong Democracy, Vibrant Demography, & Growing Demand. (16/12)

Facebook and Twitter post

India in Croatia (Embassy of India, Zagreb) along with the Indology Department of Sveučilište u Zagrebu hosted a celebratory evening for the 60th Anniversary of the Indology Department, #HindiDiwas2022 हिंदी दिवस & #SanskritDiwas संस्कृत दिवस.

Ambassador Srivastava acknowledged the rich 60-year-old history of the Indology department and the future prospects which would strengthen even further the ties between India and Croatia. The presence of ICCR's Hindi as well as Sanskrit Chair for the first time ever in Zagreb augers well for an even brighter future of the Indian studies in Croatia. Three hour-long program included speeches by Vice Dean of Filozofski fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, Amb Raj Srivastava, highly regarded Prof Mislav Jezic, Head of Indology Department Prof Ivan Andrijanic, 5th Hindi Chair Prof Meenu Krishna and 1st Sanskrit Chair Prof C B Jha. The students presented both literary and cultural programs during the evening showing the strong bond between India and Croatia. As a tribute to Indian Presidency to G20 currently, the students also prepared and read the Hindi, Sanskrit & Croatian translations of PM Modi's Op-Ed released on the inaugural day of India's G20 Presidency. (22/12)

Twitter post

Day 2 of Sherpa meeting in Udaipur

#G20 Sherpas to deliberate upon these 5 key themes during the 2 day meet #G20India

Padharo Mhare Desh! As the inaugural meeting of the #G20India Presidency begins tomorrow in Udaipur, Rajasthan, the city of lakes and palaces is ready to welcome #G20 delegations @my_rajasthan

A magnificent display of India's classical & folk dances organised by @rajgovofficial and @my_rajasthan for the #G20 guests. A visual feast for the eyes to watch the performances ! A surreal experience for the #G20 participants. India's soft power at its best.

Day 3 of 1st Sherpa meeting involved deliberations, immersive experiences and showcasing the diversity and depth of India's performing arts. (07/12)

c) Any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India:

S. No.	Advisory	Reason	Action taken
1	Caution and detailed information before traveling is recommended due to COVID-19 pandemic and tensions in the Indian-Pakistani border	Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs emphasized that there are still dangers regarding COVID-19 pandemic when traveling internationally, especially for people who are not fully vaccinated. Also, the Ministry warned of the increased possibility of terrorist attacks, regarding the tensions in Indian-Pakistani relations along the border in Kashmir.	It is recommended to inform about the state of the pandemic and current and the detailed information on methods of arrival, testing and quarantine before the trip with the Indian diplomatic and consular representation, as well as the airline company. Regarding the possibility of terrorist attacks, the

			<p>Ministry recommend increased caution when visiting places of a possible terrorist attack, such as bazaars, cinemas and other similar places of gathering.</p> <p>It is also strongly recommended to avoid any travel to the border areas, with the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the town of Wagah between Amritsar and Lahore (land Indian-Pakistani border crossing); - Jammu and Kashmir, with the exception of within the city of Jammu, air travel to the city of Jammu - the federal territory of Ladakh, but away from the India-China demarcation line <p>The Ministry also recommended avoiding the tourist destinations of Pahalgam, Gulmarg and Sonamarg, avoiding any travel to the city of Srinagar or traveling on the national highway between the cities of Jammu and Srinagar.</p>
2	It is not recommended to travel to Imphal, the capital of Manipur	The Ministry of Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs said that there have been frequent political protests against the proposed registration of citizens.	Before traveling to the northeast of India, travellers should check the latest information, and avoid public gatherings upon arrival.
3	Travellers should be cautious in New Delhi	The Ministry of Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs stated that India has faced dan increase in crime, especially in	It is recommended to avoid moving around the city at night, especially for women. Also, it is advised

		the capital city of New Delhi, which is manifested in a higher number of murders, rapes and kidnappings of women.	not to use public transport at night, as well as visiting isolated places.
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d) Interactions held with Tour operators for promoting tourism in India:

S. No.	Tours operator	No. of interactions held
1	NA	NA

D. Transfer of Technology to India

a) New Technology identified/covered in press:

S. No.	Name of Technology	Details	Usage	Sector	Company
1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

b) Any science/technology exhibition held:

S. No.	Details	Sector	Participation	Participation from India
1	NA	NA	NA	NA

c) Any press coverage on new patents/designs/IPR filed/granted:

S. No.	Name	Date	Sector	Name of applicant
1	NA	NA	NA	NA

d) Any other information:

NA

E. Details of trade research, Information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

a) Business & Commercial:

S. No.	Nature of activity (trade research, Information dissemination, seminars etc) (Max. 200 words)	Details of Seminar/conference (date/venue, no of participants) or research (Max. 200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report executive summary, date of publication) (Max. 200 words)
1	Monthly Newsletter for Public Diplomacy and Outreaches.	December issue distributed	Since January 2021, Embassy has started a new monthly Newsletter for Public Diplomacy and Outreaches. The latest edition (December 2022) can be found at the link: https://www.indianembassyzagreb.gov.in/page/embassy-of-india-zagreb-newsletter/
2	Participation at the Food and Healthy living fair	The fair was opened at the Zagreb Trade Fair Centre on 1 Dec and it brought together 292 exhibitors of agricultural equipment and machinery, family-run farms, and producers of healthy food and herbal products from 21 countries.	India's participation at the Food and Healthy Living fair showcased International Year of Millets in 2023, Mission LiFE - launched by PM Narendra Modi with UN Secretary-General Mr Antonio Guterres on 20 October 2022, & Ayurveda for Healthy Lifestyle. The 3 topics were showcased in a keynote presentation by Ambassador Srivastava at the partnering 14th Congress event supported by City of Zagreb. The Yoga sessions at the Zagreb Fair were conducted from 1-4 December along with Indian classical dance performance on 3 Dec at Congress Hall in Zagreb Fair.

b) Government & Political:

S. No.	Nature of activity (Max. 200 words)	Names of the local Government officers, local businessmen and other eminent personalities (Max. 200 words)	Details of date/ venue, no of participants (Max. 200 words)
1	Traditional Christmas reception for foreign diplomats accredited in Croatia	Event was hosted by PM Andrej Plenkovic and attended by numerous foreign diplomats in Croatia.	On 20 Dec, Ambassador attended a traditional Christmas reception for foreign diplomats accredited in Croatia on the occasion of the upcoming Christmas holidays hosted by PM Plenkovic.
2	Meeting with Mr. Karlo Ressler, Croatian representative in EU and MEP		On 19 Dec, Ambassador had a meeting with Mr. Karlo Ressler, Croatian representative in EU and MEP to discuss the ICCR's GenNext Democracy Initiative.

F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

Be for current financial year (Rupee)	Re for current financial year (Rupee)	Amount utilized (Rupee)	Details of activity in December 2022 (Max.200 words)
Rs 10 lakh (Market expansion activities)		Rs 9.93 lakh	a) Publications on the topics of India G20 presidency and stories on India (promotion of economy and state) in Lider Media b) Purchase of Various items for branding and promotion of Indian made products in Croatia for gifting and exhibition
Rs 7 lakh (State facilitation abroad)		Rs 6.688 lakh	c) Expenditure towards reimbursement for payment in Croatia post (Invest in India shipment)

G. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc.

S. No.	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Point (Max. 200 word)	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1	NA	NA	NA

H. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on quality and trade dispute:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred	Any outcome (200 char)
NA	ALTPRO Croatia Velika cesta 41 10020 Zagreb – Odra Croatia (European Union) altpro@altpro.hr +385 1 6011 700	ALTPRO Croatia and Sigma Rail Systems Private Limited, Kolkata have a Technology Transfer Agreement and having got Letter of Acceptance (LOA) from North Frontier Railway (NFR), Sigma in conjunction with its Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) ALTPRO had placed 470 Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) worth Rs. 40 Crores approximately for inspection of Research Standards and Designs Organization, Kolkata (RDSO, Kolkata) which	Mr. Tin Viduka, Board Member – Sales and Marketing from ALTPRO had made a complaint to Ambassador on 6-7 Dec expressing apprehension about the willful obstruction of process of clearance to their consignment without justification, making RDSO, Lucknow's conduct suspicious for some ulterior motive, in ALTPRO's opinion.	On 8 Dec, Ambassador had talked with Mr. Sanjiv Bhutani, DG, RDSO and apprised him of the concerns of ALTPRO and Mr. Bhutani assured Ambassador of the fairplay.

		were rejected by the latter for not conforming to certain specification, in violation of the direction given to them by RDSO, Lucknow.		
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I. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint (240 char)	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred	Any outcome (200 char)
NA				

J. Any other issue of importance:

NA
