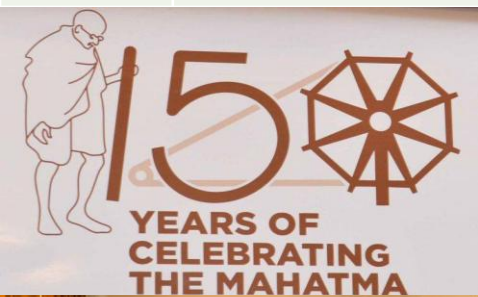


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# INDIAN ECONOMIC NEWS

## The government of India launched the following Digital India Key Initiatives

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### **e-Hospital:**

e-Hospital facilitates simplified appointment process. It is an online registration services portal where one can avail medical services online such as registration and appointment, pay fees, view diagnostics reports and check for the availability of blood in government hospitals.

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54 Top Executives from electronics and mobile phones companies attended the “India: Towards a Global Electronics Hub”, a CEO’s roundtable conference where the minister said India offers a huge opportunity to global players with various friendly policies, incentives and programs like Make in India and Digital India which will help in making India a global electronics hub.

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### **Digilocker:**

Digilocker facilitates access of documents online by registering on Digilocker. Available both online and through mobile application, it is a digital repository to store all documents. Linked to both Aadhaar card and cellphone numbers, it eliminates the use of physical documents.

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India is the second largest telecommunications market and is on the journey of transformational change which will require additional FDI in the sector. The Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said FDI has seen huge rise over the last few years and grossed USD 64 billion in FY19. Wherein the telecom sector attracted FDI worth USD 2.67 billion, and electronics, computer software and hardware industries attracted investment worth USD 6.4 billion in FTY19.

### **Jeevan Pramaan:**

It is an Aadhaar based Digital Life Certificate for pensioners, where pensioner is not required to present oneself personally before the Pension Disbursing Officer. DLC does not have to be submitted physically to the Pension Disbursing Agency (Bank or Post Office etc.).

# BILATERAL RELATIONS

## External Affairs Minister of India meets H.E. Mr. Tomáš Petriček, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic on 25 September



H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India met H.E. Mr. Tomas Petricek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Czech Republic on 25 September, 2019 on the sidelines of the 74th Session of United Nations General Assembly in New York. EAM conveyed that he was very content to know that relations between two countries are growing in bilateral as well as multilateral level. Both Ministers discussed the issues of mutual interest.

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On October 2, 2019, H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Narinder Chauhan along with H.E. Mr. Andrej Babiš, PM of the Czech Republic, H.E. Mr. Richard Brabec, Minister of Environment, H.E. Mr. Martin Půta, Governor of the Region Liberec, Mr. František Pelc, Director of the Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection, Assoc. Professor Miroslav Brzezina, Rector, Technical University of Liberec, planted 150 fruit trees near the village of Vyskeř in the Bohemian Paradise as part of the commemoration of 150th Birth Anniversary of the Mahatma Gandhi. A new 1.5 km long Gandhi fruit alley was created, consisting of original pear, cherry

and plum species. At the well-attended ceremony to mark the occasion, the dignitaries paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and a plaque in remembrance of Bapu was erected at the site.

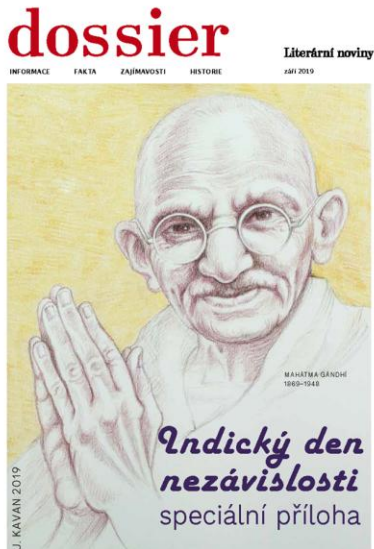


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On 4th. September, 2019, a Press Conference was held in the Embassy of India on the 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi which was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Environment, Government of the Czech Republic; Mr. Debashish Chaudhuri, the Indian conductor; Director of the Philharmonic Orchestra Bohuslav Martinů and several journalists from the Czech media.



# BILATERAL RELATIONS



India's Independence Day Special Issue of 'Literární noviny' – newspaper published in Czech language provides great insights into India and India-Czech Republic bilateral relations.

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## Musical Tribute to Gandhi@150 Concert



Embassy of India in collaboration with the renowned Philharmonic Orchestra led by maestro Debashish Chaudhary, organised four Musical concerts titled "Tribute to Gandhi", dedicated to the celebrations of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The concerts were held in the Czech cities of Karlovy Vary (31st October), Prague (2nd October), Zlin (20th

september) and Kromeriz (12th September). All the concerts received an overwhelming response and wide appreciation from the audience.

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On 17<sup>th</sup> October, Ambassador Mrs. Narinder Chauhan inaugurated the Bollywood Film Festival, organised from 17-20 October dedicated to [Bapu@150](#) with screening of oscar winning film 'Gandhi' by Richard Attenborough.

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Handing over the Gandhi portrait by Ms Jolana Hartmannova, 15 year old painter from Art school in Revnice, Czech Republic

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In a painting competition organized at an Art School, more than 100 portraits of Gandhi were painted by art students.



# BILATERAL RELATIONS

## India's participation at the MSV Brno Fair

Dr. A. R. Sihag, Secretary, Deptt of Heavy Industry (SHI) led India's participation from 6-12 October at the MSV Brno Engineering Fair, along with a delegation, including officials from DHI, DoC, EEPC, CII, IMTMA, BHEL, HEC, IEEMA, and over 60 Indian engineering companies. The Fair was inaugurated by PM Andrej Babis and saw a footfall of around 80000 visitors with 1600 exhibitors from 30 countries. H.E. Ambassador Mrs Narinder Chauhan along with Secretary, Heavy Industry inaugurated the Indian pavilion showcasing capital goods, mechanisation and manufacturing prowess. The Indian Pavilion was set up under the Market Access Initiative under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry of India with the support of Engineering Export Promotion Council of India and Confederation of Indian Industry.



## Indian delegation meets Deputy PM and Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic

On 8th October, bilateral discussions were held with Deputy PM and Trade and Industry Minister Mr. Karel Havlicek in the

presence of Mr. Eduard Muricky, Deputy Minister; Mr Miloslav Stasek, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other senior officials. Both sides reviewed the current state of bilateral trade and economic relations including further collaboration in Heavy Engineering with a focus on R&D collaboration, Skill and Development exchanges, Smart Machines and exchange of latest developments in industry automation.



During the visit to Czech Republic, Secretary Heavy Industry also visited Czech industries and technological universities that included ZKL Bearings, Brno; Vitkovice Heavy Machinery, Ostrava ; Skoda Transportation, Plzen; TS, Plzen; Skoda Auto; Czech Technical University and Brno University of Technology. During these site visits, the delegation was impressed with the focus on advancement and Innovation especially R&D, Skill Development, use of Robotics and AI, focus on Industry 4.0. The companies gave presentations on their operations, their global outreach and showed a keen interest for investment into India. The Czech companies were invited to invest in India.

# BILATERAL RELATIONS

## India Investment Meet in Brno

An 'India Investment Meet' was held on 8th October where SHI in his keynote address referred to the latest reforms ushered in India, by way of slashing corporate taxes and how India figures prominently on the investment radar of the top Czech companies. During the Meet, DHI presented the huge untapped potential in the capital goods sector with India's target of raising the size of its sector from 29 billion Euros in 2014-15 to reach 96 billion Euros in 2025, raising employment to 30 million people from 8.4 million at present and an export target to account for 40% of engineering goods production as compared to 27% at present.

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## 6<sup>th</sup> JWG on Heavy Engineering

Under the bilateral dialogue mechanism, the 6th meeting of the **Joint Working Group on Heavy Engineering** was held in Brno, Czech Republic on 8 October, 2019. The meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Sukriti Likhi, JS(DHI) and Mr. Richard Hlavaty, Sr. Director General, Ministry of Trade and Industry on the Czech side. Both sides expressed satisfaction over the quality outcomes of the Meeting and agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation.

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The Embassy of India in Prague and the Indian Ambassador, Mrs Narinder Chauhan is delighted to meet the IndiaCzech Photography Contest Winner from India, Debdatta Chakraborty to the Czech Republic on a three-day tour as part of the Grand prize.



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An Indian Chamber of Commerce was launched in Prague at a business event "Czech-Indian Diplomatic Soirée", organised on 26<sup>th</sup> Sep, by Business Soirée, a Czech media house in collaboration with the Embassy.

# BILATERAL RELATIONS

## **Organization of Hindi Day on 12 September 2019**

Indian Embassy, Prague, organized the Hindi-Day on 12 September 2019. All the Hindi-lovers were invited to attend the programme to make it a successful event. The programme chiefly consisted of presenting story, poem and memoir in Hindi.

### **Liberalization of e-Visa Regime**

As part of the measures to benefit the foreign tourists visiting India, the Government of India has decided to liberalize the e-Visa regime and taken the following measures which are beneficial to the citizens of the Czech Republic. A short duration e-Visa for tourists, for one-month validity, with reduced visa fee has been introduced, which is even cheaper during the months of April, May & June. Existing e-Visa fee for tourists, for period up to 1 year, has also been reduced to its half. Validity of the regular e-Visa for tourists has been increased from current permissible 1 year to 5 years with multiple entries. All the tourists from the Czech Republic are encouraged to utilize the e-Visa liberalization of the Government of India and travel to India by paying the reduced visa fee.

## **Other visits from India**

Dr Arun K. Panda Secretary, MSME led a delegation to the Czech Republic from 18-21 September, and met Czech Deputy Trade and Industry Minister Vladmir Bartl; Lubomir Musil, Member of Board of Director of Czech Association of Medium and Small Enterprises (AMSP); President, Czech and Moaravian glass cluster and visited glass making factory. Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation in the MSME sector to contribute to bilateral economic relations, particularly Czech technical expertise in glass making to replace use of plastics in India.

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A 3-member delegation led by Mr R.K. Gupta, CMD WAPCOS including Shri Rajni Kant Aggarwal, Chief Executive Director (Infrastructure); and Mr. Rajat Jain, Addl. Chief Engineer, visited the Czech Republic from 2-4 September to explore business expansion in Central and East Europe, including tie-ups for providing engineering and management consultancy services for Water, Power and Infrastructure Development projects. The delegation held meetings with Commerce Chamber, Confederation of Industry and Infrastructure companies in the CR.

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN INDIA

## **5<sup>th</sup> India Europe 29<sup>th</sup> Business Forum (IE29BF)**

from 20-21 November 2019 at New Delhi: Over the last few years, IE29BF has become a foundation for regular trade and investment interaction between India and Europe and is positioned as the leading platform for business inputs from India and the Central and East European countries, including Czech Republic, to meet, discuss and finalise partnerships in identified sectors.

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## **FKCCI Agro Food Expo 2020 (FAFE 2020)**

from 8-12 April 2020 in Bengaluru: Being organised by Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI), an apex body representing the Industry, Trade and Services in the Indian state of Karnataka. FAFE 2020 is being held under the theme “unleashing the potential in food processing with the aim of increasing farmer’s income” and providing value addition in the all important Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and allied sectors. FAFE 2020 will also cover industries of Food Processing, Food Packaging, Agriculture mechanization, Cold Chain etc. The exhibition will include Seminars/ Conferences, Food Festival, Awards, Hackathon and Cultural events.

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## **9<sup>th</sup> Edition of India’s International Engineering Sourcing Show (IESS IX)**

from 4-6 March 2020 at Coimbatore: The Fair is being organised by the Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India. IESS is India’s biggest Engineering Sourcing Show that has remained a tremendous success for the past seven years. The last edition of the Show where Czech Republic is the partner country was considered as the most successful so far.

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## **Summit on Global Chemical and Petrochemicals Manufacturing hubs from 11-12 November 2019 at Mumbai:**

Organised by Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers of India in association with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). The objective of the Summit was to provide a platform to the Chemicals & Petrochemicals fraternity to highlight the challenges of the sector in the newly developing growth regions and understand how the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIRs) can emerge and establish itself as World’s next manufacturing hub. Aimed at achieving synergies of value-added manufacturing, research and development, PCPIRs intend to reap the benefits of co-sitting, networking and greater efficiency using common infrastructure and support services.



# FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN INDIA

for utilities; E-Technxt- showcasing the future technologies with respect to Energy Storage, AI and VR, eTransportation; ChangeXchange 2020- A Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet with 650+ foreign buyers; RE Pavilion to leverage the massive opportunity unleashed by 175 GW target and a Railway Urja project bringing forth opportunities in the world's largest rail electrification programme.

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## **Travel and Tourism India Expo 2019 (TTIE) from 3-5 December in Mumbai:**

Organised by Chamber for Import Export and Health under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs of India. The Expo is the region's premier B2B and B2C business opportunities for all professionals within ever growing travel and tourism industry. The event, each year has a number of country and state pavilions and brings together key decision makers, government agencies, businesses, organisations and assisted bodies, industrial representatives and relevant stakeholders in the field of travel and tourism.

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## **Manipur International Textile Expo (MANITEX) from 5-14 November 2019 in Imphal:**

Organised by Government of Manipur, Department of Textiles is organising. The main objective of MANITEX was to show case all the exquisitely and uniquely

beautiful products of handlooms, handicrafts, dyeing and printing, powerloom, garment, embroidery and costume of Manipur to a larger platform with participation of different States and countries. As a part of brand promotion, MANITEX Fashion Week will be staged. An international Workshop on the prospects and employment opportunities on Loin Loom will also be organised during this event.

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## **14th Edition of the mega exposition titled "ELECRAMA 2020" from 18-22 January at India Expo Mart near Delhi:**

Organised by Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA), the apex industry association of manufacturers of electrical, industrial electronics and allied equipment in India. ELECRAMA 2020 will include a World Utility Summit for pioneering global though leadership forum

# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TENDERS

**Tenders can be accessed through the following links:**

- 1) Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/>
- 2) Government of India Tender information System  
<https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>

**More details on Tenders in India are available at the following Embassy link:**

<https://www.eoiprague.gov.in/tenders.php>

**Information on trade fairs/exhibitions is available at:**

- 1) [www.indiatradefair.com](http://www.indiatradefair.com)
- 2) [www.cii.in/CII\\_Events.aspx](http://www.cii.in/CII_Events.aspx)
- 3) [www.ficci.com/ficci-exhibitions.asp](http://www.ficci.com/ficci-exhibitions.asp)
- 4) <http://www.assochem.org/international-exhibitions.php>
- 5) [www.fieo.org/view\\_detail.php?lang=0&id=0,22&evetype=0](http://www.fieo.org/view_detail.php?lang=0&id=0,22&evetype=0)
- 6) [www.biztradeshows.com/india/](http://www.biztradeshows.com/india/)

# FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

ITPO -ITPOs Fairs in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)

Name of the Fair	Location	Dates	Products	Contact Person	Link
MSME Forum Exhibition	Delhi	Aug.23-25 , 2019	Start Up Expo and Laghu Udyog Vyapar	Mr. S.R. Sahoo, General Manager Tel: 011-23371965/0257 E-mail: companysecretary@itpo.gov.in, hodbdd@itpo.gov.in	&nbsp;
Delhi Book Fair	Delhi	Sept.11-15, 2019	Books, Publications, Journals etc.	Mr. Ashutosh Varma, General Manager Tel: 011-23371970 E-mail: ashutosh.varma@itpo.gov.in Mgr: Shri Mukesh Chopra	&nbsp;
Stationery & Office Automation Fair & Corporate Gift Fair	Delhi	Sep. 11-15 2019	All Education, Office Stationery items & Gifts	Mr. Ashutosh Varma, General Manager Tel: 011-23371970 E-mail: ashutosh.varma@itpo.gov.in Mgr: Shri Mukesh Chopra	&nbsp;
India Intl. Footwear Fair	Delhi	Sept. 23-25, 2019	Leather & leather products, Footwear, Accessories, Chemicals, Machinery etc.	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011-23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in SM: shri B.N. Gupta Mgr: Shri Tarun Pant	&nbsp;
India Wellness Expo (In Association with M/s. Exhibition India)	Delhi	Aug. 6-8, 2019	Health India Expo, Biotech India Expo, Organic India Expo	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011-23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in	&nbsp;
22nd India International Security Expo 2019 (Defence and Homeland Security) - a Joint initiative of ITPO and PHDCCI	Delhi	Oct.3-5, 2019	Security & safety equipment systems, including fire & industrial safety etc.	Mr. A.K. Vashisht General Manager Tel: 91-11-23378511 Fax: 91-11-23379338 E-mail: avashisht@itpo.gov.in Mgr: Mrs. Durgesh Nandini	&nbsp;
India International Co-Operatives Trade Fair(Organised by National Cooperative Development Corporation(NCDC) with ITPO as Co-Organisor)	Delhi	Oct 11-13, 2019	Display of products by Co-operatives from India and abroad in Agriculture, Food and other sectors.	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011-23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in SM: Shri Ashok Kumar E-mail: ashokkumar@itpo.gov.in	Pamphlet
Tex-Styles India	Delhi	Oct. 2019	Textile items – Cotton yarns,	Mr. Jayanta Das, Sr. General Manager Tel: 011-	&nbsp;

Name of the Fair	Location	Dates	Products	Contact Person	Link
India International Trade Fair	Delhi	14-27 November, 2019	Fabrics & Home furnishing Multi-Products	23378929/1673 E-mail: jd@itpo.gov.in Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011-23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in SM: Shri Ashok Kumar	Fact Sheet
New Delhi World Book Fair (in collaboration with National Book Trust)	Delhi	Jan.4-12, 2020	Books, Periodicals, Journals, Publications etc.	Mr. Jayanta Das, Sr. General Manager Tel: 011-23378929/1673 E-mail: jd@itpo.gov.in	&nbsp;
Aajeevika	Delhi	Jan.3-12, 2020	Rural Artisan/ Self Help Groups, Small and Medium Enterprises	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011-23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in SM: Shri Ashok Kumar Mgr: Shri Rohit sonkar	&nbsp;
Nakshatra	Delhi	Jan.3-12, 2020	Holistic products, Astrology, Numerology, Yoga etc.	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011-23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in SM: B.N. Gupta Mgr: Shri Arun Dhankarge	&nbsp;
26th Convergence India and IoT Expo 2018 (In Association with M/s. Exhibition India)	Delhi	Feb. 19-21, 2020	Technologies related to Telecom, Broadcast, Cable and Satellite TV, Cloud & Big Data, IoT, Digital Homes, Mobile devices, Film and Radio, Content Creation, Management and Delivery, etc.	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011-23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in	&nbsp;
Aahar	Delhi	March 3-7, 2020	Food, Beverages, Hotel & Restaurant Equipment & Supplies etc.	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011-23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in SM: Shri Ashok Kumar E-mail: ashokkumar@itpo.gov.in	&nbsp;

# USEFUL LINKS

**The National Portal of India** <http://india.gov.in>

**Ministry of External Affairs of India** [www.mea.gov.in](http://www.mea.gov.in)

**Indian Public Diplomacy** <https://mea.gov.in/in-focus.htm>

**Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India** <https://commerce.gov.in/#>

**Invest India** [www.investindia.gov.in](http://www.investindia.gov.in)

**India Trade Portal** <http://indiantradeportal.in/>

**Reserve Bank of India** <https://www.rbi.org.in/>

**India Brand Equity Foundation** [www.ibef.org](http://www.ibef.org)

**The Confederation of Indian Industry** [www.cii.in](http://www.cii.in)

**Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry** [www.ficci.com](http://www.ficci.com)

**Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India**  
[www.assochem.org](http://www.assochem.org)

**The Federation of Indian Export Organizations** [www.fieo.org](http://www.fieo.org)

**PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry** [www.phdcci.in](http://www.phdcci.in)

**Incredible India** [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org)