



India-Croatia Relations

Why in News

Recently, Foreign Ministers of India and Croatia held a meeting. Both countries asserted that they share a lot of common positions on issues like the [Indo-Pacific](#), [the situation in Afghanistan](#), [combating terrorism](#) and shared economic interests.



Key Points

▪ Highlights of the Meeting:

- Tourism is a very important area and both shall strive to expand air connectivity.
- There are a lot of opportunities in the pharmaceuticals, digital and infrastructure sectors like railways.
- Several topics of mutual interest, including [EU-India relations](#), the situation in Afghanistan, economic and cultural cooperation and post-Covid recovery, were also discussed.

▪ About India-Croatia Relations:

- Croatia is an **important Central European country** from the point of view of its geo-strategic location, membership of the European Union and [NATO](#), as well as being a significant Gateway to Europe through the Adriatic coastline.

- Relations between India and Croatia have been **friendly since the days of the former Yugoslavia**.
 - The **Breakup of Yugoslavia** occurred as a result of a series of political upheavals and conflicts during the early 1990s.
 - Disintegration gave birth to **six new countries namely:** Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia.
- Indian PM Jawaharlal Nehru and Yugoslavia's President Josip Broz Tito were also pioneers of the [Non-Aligned Movement](#).
- Croatian people have a deep interest in India. The Indology department in the University of Zagreb has existed for over six decades and an **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** Hindi chair was set up there a decade ago.

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