

INDIA, CROATIA TO COLLABORATE FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND COMPETENCY BUILDING IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE SYSTEMS

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From the Croatian side, President of the Cluster, Assistant Professor Vladimir Mozeti, President of the Management Board of the Cluster, Irena Peršič Živadinov, and members of the Management Board Prof. Sandra Jankovi, Sandra Martini and Anna Maria Libri attended the event.

A six-member delegation, led by Special Secretary Ayush Shri Pramod Kumar Pathak, were in Croatia to attend the first International Yoga and Ayurveda conference earlier this week.

The two sides will undertake academic activities in the field of Ayurveda in collaboration with the identified institutions. There will be close cooperation and collaboration on research, including study design and execution, developing evidence-based guidelines for integrating Ayurvedic principles and practices with modern medicine, conducting lectures, workshops, seminars and conferences, and other such activities on Ayurveda.

Both sides will also develop academic standards and courses in accordance with the needs of the institution, end users and stakeholders and develop Ayurvedic medical education guidelines for Ayurveda education in Croatia.

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"Considering that one of the goals of the Cluster is to connect members with international partners for a more comprehensive offer of health and tourism products, but also to educate members of the Association, we believe that this business cooperation with the Indian Ministry opens a new opportunity to connect our 32 members with potential partners from India. In addition to improving the health and tourism offer in Kvarner, in this way we will work with new partners on education, training and building and strengthening competencies," said Dr. Vladimir Mozeti.

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