

## Embassy of India Belgrade

## Press Release

## Visit of H.E. Mr. Ivica Dacic, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Serbia to India

At the invitation of Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister of India, H.E. Mr Ivica Dacic, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Republic of Serbia is paying an official visit to India from 1-4 May 2018.

During his visit, Mr Dacic is scheduled to hold bilateral talks with Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister of India. He is also scheduled to deliver a lecture on 'Serbia in the region, Europe and the World' at the Indian Council of World Affairs on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018. Later in the day, Mr. Dacic will call on Hon'ble Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India.

The bilateral cooperation received a significant boost at the beginning of 2017 when the then Prime Minister and now President of Serbia, Hon'ble Aleksandar Vucic visited India for Vibrant Gujarat Summit and held discussions with Prime Minister Modi and business community. In another push to the bilateral relations, Mr. Branislav Nedimovic, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management led Serbian agroprocessing companies to World Food India in November 2017. Minister Nedimovic held bilateral meetings with Indian Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Food Processing Industries to discuss scope of bilateral cooperation in export and import of fruits, Indian investment in food processing and agro-machinery. India was invited to participate in International Agricultural Fair of Novi Sad in May.

The visit of Mr. Dacic is expected to further strengthen the overall bilateral relations of our two friendly countries.