

Embassy of India
Bucharest

India – Moldova Relations

India recognized Republic of Moldova on 28 December 1991 and diplomatic relations were established on 20 March 1992. India-Moldova relations are friendly and cordial. India and Moldova co-operate well on matters of mutual interest at multilateral fora. Moldova accredits its Ambassador in Baku, Azerbaijan, concurrently to India. India accredits its Ambassador in Bucharest. India has recently appointed Honorary Consul in Chisinau, Moldova. India-Moldova Foreign Office Consultations have been instituted and one session was held in January 2003 in Chisinau. Moldova has been supportive of Indian candidatures in multilateral fora.

Minister of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Mr. D. V. Sadananda Gowda visited Moldova on 2-4 November 2016. Minister of State for External Affairs Mrs. Preneet Kaur visited Moldova on 22-25 September 2013 on an official visit. Ms. K K Shailaja Kumari 'Teacher' Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Kerala, visited Moldova from 29 Nov to 1 Dec 2019.

From the Moldovan side two high level visits took place in quick succession in 1993. In March the President of Moldova, Mircea Snegur visited India. This was followed by visit of their Vice Premier Coscodan in the same year. Deputy PM Valentine Kunayev visited India in 1994. A Moldovan delegation headed by Mr. Victor Bodiu, Secretary General of the Government participated in the e-World Forum 2011, held in New Delhi from 1-3 August 2011. Mr. Bodiu also met Mr. Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communication and Information Technology and discussed possibilities of cooperation in the field of IT. Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova Mr. Tudor Ulianoschi paid an official visit to India on 11 – 15 August 2018. Ms. Georgeta Mincu, Minister of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova, visited India on 9-10 September 2019, to attend the 14th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

Agreements: During the State visit of Moldovan President Mircea Snegur in March 1993, the following six agreements were signed:

- Declaration on Principles and Directions of Cooperation;
- Agreement on Cooperation in Education, Science, Culture, Arts, Mass Media, Sports, Tourism and Youth Affairs;
- Protocol of Consultations between MEA and the Moldovan Foreign Ministry;
- Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation;
- Agreement on Economic & Technical Cooperation; and
- Agreement on cooperation in Science & Technology

Bilateral Trade and Investments

India-Moldova trade statistics for the last five years are as follows:

Trade data	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Export from India	6.71	7.14	8.63	8.71	11.58
Imports by	11.73	1.57	0.39	0.25	1.00

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Total	18.44	8.71	9.02	8.96	12.58

(Department of Commerce, Govt. of India statistics US\$ million)

Major articles of exports to Moldova included pharma products; vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock and parts and accessories thereof; electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; miscellaneous chemical products; organic chemicals; optical, photographic cinematographic measuring, checking precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus parts and accessories thereof; articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances and parts thereof; cereals; and miscellaneous edible preparations.

Main articles of Indian imports from Moldova are edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers; oil seeds, fruits, miscellaneous grains, industrial or medicinal plants, straw and fodder; wool, fine or coarse animal hair, horsehair yarn and woven fabric; optical, photographic cinematographic measuring, checking precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus parts and accessories thereof; edible fruits and nuts; beverages, spirits and vinegar; nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances and parts thereof; miscellaneous chemical products, pharmaceutical products; rubber and articles thereof.

There have been some visits by commercial delegations from either side. Moldovan Chamber of Commerce and Industry with a 7 members delegation visited India to participate in the India International Trade Fair in New Delhi in 2004. Three Pharma delegations led by PHARMEXCIL visited Moldova in 2010, 2012 and 2016. ICC delegation of 28 Indian companies participated in the Fashion Expo in Chisinau during October 2018. A PHD Chamber of Commerce delegation from India visited Moldova during September 2019.

GOI Assistance to Moldova

India has extended humanitarian assistance to Moldova from time to time. In response to an appeal for disaster relief, following a severe drought in Moldova in the summer of 2000, a consignment of 10 tonnes of pharmaceuticals worth Rs.2 million was gifted to the Government of Moldova in May 2001. India also provided relief assistance of US\$ 100,000/- in 2011, in the wake of floods, in Moldova. The Government of India donated about 6000 Kgs. of medicines, medical consumables and other medical supplies in July 2020, as part of India's assistance to the Government of the Republic of Moldova in the context of COVID-19 pandemic. This included 700 disposable surgical gowns, 1750 protective equipment (non-woven LDPE/POAQUE Cape hood) and 3,500 surgical gloves.

ITEC and Other Exchanges

Moldova has significantly increased its utilization of ITEC slots since 2010. Moldova has been allotted 05 slots under ITEC Scholarship Programme for the Year 2019-20. Moldovan diplomats have also attended various courses conducted by the Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi, for Foreign Diplomats.

Cultural Relations:

Bilateral cultural interaction has been limited in the recent past. An exhibition "India My Love" displaying works by the well-known Moldovan photographer Mrs. Gulnara Vishku

was held from 12-18 November 2004 at the National History Museum, Chisinau. An 'India Evening' was organised in cooperation with India-Moldova Cultural Association on 27 March 2019 in the Free International University of Moldova. The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated in Chisinau, Moldova every year since 2015. The 7th International Day of Yoga 2021 was celebrated in Chisinau at Niagra Fitness Club on 20 June, Dendrarju Park on 20 June, Free International University of Moldova (ULIM) on 21 June, Jiva Yoga Centre on 21 June, Anasuya Yoga Centre on 22 June and Yoga Studio, Surya on 26 June. An India Centre was inaugurated in the International Free University of Moldova (ULIM), Chisinau to mark India@75 celebrations. Hindi Day was also celebrated in ULIM in September 2021.

Indian Community:

The Indian community in Moldova numbers around 800, out of which about 700 are medical students. A cultural association of Indians in Moldova was formed in 2001 and is active in social and commercial activities and is in touch with the Embassy.

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