

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

**Ambassador's visits to Craiova and Slatina highlight India-Romania
friendship and growing economic cooperation**

The Ambassador of India to Romania visited Craiova on 5 June 2026 and Slatina on 6 June 2026, holding a series of engagements aimed at strengthening India-Romania ties through people-to-people connections, economic cooperation, and partnerships with regional authorities.

In Craiova, the Ambassador attended a special ceremony hosted by the Municipality of Craiova to honour Mr. Vipin Kumar, an Indian national who courageously rescued a five-year-old Romanian girl from the frozen waters of Front Lake earlier this year. In recognition of his exceptional bravery and selfless act, Mr. Kumar was conferred the title of Honorary Citizen of Craiova by H.E. Ms. Lia-Olguța Vasilescu, Mayor of Craiova.

Addressing the gathering, the Ambassador commended Mr. Kumar's courage and noted that his actions embodied the universal values of compassion, humanity, and solidarity. He expressed appreciation to the Municipality of Craiova for recognizing Mr. Kumar's heroism and highlighted the positive contribution of the Indian community to Romanian society.

During the visit, the Ambassador, accompanied by Mr. Karan Gupta, Managing Director of Mahavir Group, also met H.E. Mr. Eugen-Costel Călinoiu, Prefect of Dolj County, H.E. Mr. Marian Popa, Vice-Prefect of Dolj County, and representatives of the Dolj Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Discussions focused on opportunities for Indian investment in infrastructure, automotive manufacturing, renewable energy, logistics, energy storage, and agri-processing. Both sides agreed to encourage closer business-to-business engagement and explore avenues for expanding economic cooperation.

As part of the visit, the Ambassador and Mr. Karan Gupta, also met with H.E. Mr. Vasile Dorin-Cosmin, President of the Dolj County Council. Discussions focused on expanding economic cooperation and exploring investment opportunities across a range of strategic sectors, including infrastructure development, green energy, logistics, agri-processing, automotive manufacturing, and industrial development. Both sides exchanged views on Dolj County's economic potential and the opportunities available for Indian companies seeking to establish a long-term presence in the region. The meeting underscored the shared commitment to promoting sustainable investments,

fostering industrial partnerships, and creating new avenues for economic growth and job creation.

On 6 June 2026, the Ambassador visited Slatina and met H.E. Mr. Mario De Mezzo, Mayor of Slatina, and Mr. Ioan Valentin Mihalache, Deputy Mayor of Slatina. The discussions focused on promoting economic partnerships, encouraging Indian investment, and enhancing cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including urban development and municipal governance. Both sides acknowledged the growing importance of local-level partnerships in strengthening bilateral relations.

The visits to Craiova and Slatina reflected the strong and multifaceted nature of India–Romania relations, combining economic engagement with people-to-people ties and regional cooperation. They further underscored the shared commitment of both countries to deepening collaboration and building a dynamic partnership for the future.

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Ambassador with H.E. Ms. Olguta Vasilescu, Mayor of Craiova.



Mr. Vipin Kumar being made Citizen of Honor by H.E. Ms. Olguta Vasilescu.



Ambassador met with Hon'ble Prefect Eugen Costel Călinoiu of Dolj County.



Ambassador and Mr. Karan Gupta met with on'ble President of the Dolj County Council, Mr. Vasile Dorin-Cosmin.