Ambassador of India Undertakes Regional Engagements Across Romania

The Ambassador of India to Romania, Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, undertook a series of regional engagements in Hunedoara, Caraş-Severin and Marghita, while also participating in celebrations marking India's 80th Independence Day in Braşov and Cluj-Napoca. The programme brought together meetings with county and municipal authorities, business leaders, cultural representatives and members of the Indian community. These engagements highlighted the significant potential for expanding India–Romania cooperation at the regional and local levels, while further strengthening longstanding people-to-people ties.

The celebrations in Braşov and Cluj-Napoca provided an opportunity for the Indian community, Friends of India and Romanian partners to commemorate India's Independence Day and celebrate the country's rich cultural heritage. The events also underscored the growing interest in India among Romanian communities and the important contribution of cultural exchanges in deepening mutual understanding. India's Independence Day was celebrated across Romania with enthusiastic participation from the Indian diaspora and Romanian friends of India.

Engagements in Hunedoara

During his visit to Hunedoara County, Ambassador Mohapatra met Mr. Laurenţiu Nistor, President of the Hunedoara County Council; Mr. Lörincz Széll, Prefect of Hunedoara County; Mr. Dan Bobouţanu, Mayor of Hunedoara; and Mr. Lucian Ioan Rus, Mayor of Deva. The discussions focused on ways to expand cooperation in investment, tourism, economic development, education and cultural exchange. Particular emphasis was placed on promoting greater interaction between businesses, local institutions and communities in Hunedoara and their potential counterparts in India.

The meetings also explored opportunities to showcase Hunedoara's industrial heritage, tourism assets and cultural traditions to Indian audiences, while facilitating enhanced engagement with Indian companies, investors and tourism stakeholders. The Ambassador highlighted the Embassy's readiness to support contacts and exchanges that could lead to concrete partnerships in mutually beneficial areas.

Engagements in Caraş-Severin

In Caraş-Severin County, the Ambassador met Mr. Silviu Hurduzeu, President of the County Council; Mr. Cristian Gâfu, Prefect of Caraş-Severin; and Mr. Daniel Călin, Deputy Mayor of Reşiţa. The discussions covered the county's economic, industrial and tourism potential, as well as possible areas of

cooperation with India. These included investment promotion, business partnerships, tourism, culture, education, innovation, technology and sustainable development.

Ambassador Mohapatra noted that regional authorities and institutions can play a vital role in identifying new avenues of cooperation and connecting local stakeholders with Indian partners. The discussions also considered the scope for cooperation in skills development, research and innovation, sustainable industrial growth and the promotion of cultural and educational exchanges. The engagement in Reşiţa was particularly significant in the context of strengthening links between India's expanding industrial and technological ecosystem and the economic priorities of Romanian regions. It also offered an opportunity to explore how local authorities, businesses and academic institutions could work together to develop practical and long-term partnerships.

Visit to Marghita

During his visit to Marghita, the Ambassador met Mr. Zsolt Demian, Mayor of Marghita; Mr. Cosmin Durnea, Deputy Mayor; and leading representatives of the local business community. The discussions centred on strengthening business-to-business engagement and promoting new opportunities in investment, tourism and cultural cooperation. The participants exchanged views on the potential for mutually beneficial partnerships between Marghita and India, including through greater interaction among entrepreneurs, local institutions and community organisations.

Ambassador Mohapatra encouraged local businesses to explore India's large and dynamic market, as well as opportunities for partnerships with Indian companies in areas of shared interest. He also emphasised the importance of sustained institutional dialogue and direct business contacts in translating common interests into concrete cooperation.

The visit further highlighted the value of engaging smaller cities and municipalities in the broader India–Romania partnership. Such engagement can help broaden the geographical scope of bilateral cooperation and ensure that opportunities are shared across regions and communities.

Strengthening Local Partnerships

Across Hunedoara, Caraş-Severin and Marghita, the Ambassador emphasised the important role of regional and local authorities, businesses, educational institutions and cultural organisations in complementing the broader India–Romania relationship. He underlined that bilateral cooperation is strengthened not only through national-level dialogue but also through sustained engagement among cities, counties, universities, enterprises and civil-

society organisations. Local partnerships can create new opportunities in trade and investment, tourism, education, innovation, culture and sustainable development, while generating tangible benefits for communities on both sides.

The regional engagements also reflected the Embassy's continuing efforts to promote a more diversified and inclusive framework for India–Romania cooperation. Earlier engagements in Cluj-Napoca similarly focused on innovation, education, regional development and people-to-people relations, underscoring the growing importance of Romanian regions in bilateral exchanges.[2]

Reaffirming Shared Commitment

The Ambassador's engagements in Hunedoara, Caraș-Severin and Marghita, together with his participation in the 80th Independence Day celebrations in Brașov and Cluj-Napoca, reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and Romania to expanding regional, economic, educational and cultural cooperation. The programme provided an opportunity to strengthen existing partnerships, identify new areas of collaboration and encourage closer interaction among public institutions, businesses and communities. It also reaffirmed the enduring friendship between India and Romania and the central role of people-to-people contacts in giving further momentum to the bilateral relationship.

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Ambassador's interaction with the dignitaries of Hunedoara



Ambassador’s interaction with the dignitaries in Caras Severin



Ambassador’s interaction with dignitaries in Marghita