

Embassy of India Budapest

India-Hungary Bilateral relations

India's relations with Hungary have been close and friendly, multifaceted and substantive. They have survived the vicissitudes of political and economic changes, particularly in Hungary and reorientation of its foreign policy in the post-cold war period. Hungarians are extremely grateful for India's role in the 1956 uprising in Hungary. India's intervention with the Soviet Union saved the life of Dr. Arpad Goncz who subsequently served as President of Hungary from 1990 to 2000. India is seen as a country whose ancient culture and spiritual traditions and the academic and scientific excellence specially in the "knowledge sector" is deeply attractive to ordinary Hungarians. Bilateral economic relationship has also been strengthened with investments of the order of over \$ 2 billion from India to Hungary.

High level visits

Vice-President of India, Shri M. Hamid Ansari, visited Hungary from 15 – 17 October, 2016. President of India, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma visited Hungary in 1993. Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi visited Hungary in 1988. From Hungary, the visit of PM Orban to India took place during the 65th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations in 2013. There have been visits of Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy in 2003 and Prime Minister Gyurcsany's State visit in 2008 on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. The last Hungarian President to visit India was Dr. Arpad Goncz in 1991.

Visit of Vice President of India

The Vice-President of India, accompanied by Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Man-sukh L Mandavia, and four Members of Parliament – Ms. Kumari Selja, Dr. Prabhakar Kore, Shri Javed Ali Khan, and Prof. Saugata Roy, visited Hungary from 15-17 October 2016, at the invitation of Prime Minister Orban. The visit took place as Hungary prepared for commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the 1956 Revolution of October 23, prompting recall of the role played by the then CDA, Shri M.A. Rahman, in saving the life of Arpad Goncz, who subsequently became President of Hungary. VP had delegation level talks with PM Orban, called on President Janos Ader and met with Speaker Laszlo Kover. Two documents – an MOU for Cooperation in Water Management and an MOU between the Indian Council for World Affairs and the Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, were signed during the visit.

Visit of Prime Minister Orban to India

Prime Minister Viktor Orban led a 100-member strong delegation including a 80-member business delegation on his visit to Delhi and Mumbai from October 16-18, 2013. He was accompanied by Minister of National Economy, Mihaly Varga, Minister of Human Resources, Zoltan Balog among other officials. He called on President, Vice President and held delegation level discussion with Prime Minister. MoUs on Traditional Systems of Medicine, Cooperation in the field of Sports, Cooperation in the areas of Defensive Aspects of Microbiological and Radiological Detection and Protection and Cultural Exchange Programme were signed. In addition, Letters of Intent on Revision of Air Services Agreement and Indo-Hungarian Strategic Research Fund were also signed. PM Orban delivered the keynote address at ICWA on "Hungary and Europe in a Changing World". He addressed Business Forums in both cities and a meeting with Indian investors at the Mumbai Stock Exchange.

Visits of EAM and Minister of Jal Shakti in 2019

External Affairs Minister Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar visited Hungary on 25-27 August 2019. During his visit, EAM held discussions with Hungary's Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Peter Szijjarto on a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues including on cooperation with the Visegrad Group. The two Ministers signed a Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Hungary for the period 2019-22. The Hungarian side announced their decision to join the International Solar Alliance. Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto inter alia mentioned that the Hungarian side will focus on five main areas of film production, digitalization, water management, solar energy and pharmaceuticals for strengthening cooperation with India. The two Ministers agreed to also intensify bilateral interaction in the fields of education, tourism and science. EAM had also meetings with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Mr. Mihaly Varga and Chairman of Hungary-India Parliamentary Friendship Group Mr. Peter Cseresnyes. EAM also addressed the annual conference of Hungary's Heads of Missions on August 26, 2019 as the Chief Guest. EAM also inaugurated a photo exhibition commemorating the 70th anniversary year of diplomatic relations at the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre at the Embassy of India on August 26. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Jal Shakti visited Budapest on October 14-17, 2019 at the invitation of the Hungarian side. He participated in the Budapest Water Summit 2019 and delivered a keynote speech at the Inaugural Session of the Summit. He had meetings with Mr. János Áder, President of Hungary as well as with Minister of Agriculture Dr. István Nagy, Minister of Interior Mr. Sándor Pintér and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr. Peter Szijjarto. Minister of Jal Shakti also undertook some site visits including some prominent water treatment facilities in and around Budapest, and interacted with exhibitors participating in the Expo of the Budapest Water Summit. He also met with Minister of State of Water Resources of Bangladesh on the sidelines of the Summit.

Parliamentary Exchanges

There is a good tradition of regular exchanges at the level of our respective Parliaments as well as co-operation of the two delegations within the IPU. The Indian Speakers who have visited Hungary include Shri Balram Jakhar (1980), Shri Rabi Ray (1991), Shri Shivraj Patil (1995) and Smt. Meira Kumar (2010). Speaker, Smt. Meira Kumar led a 14-member delegation to Hungary in June 2010 soon after the formation of the new government there in May 2010. The Hungarian Speakers who have visited India include Mr. Istvan Sarlos (1986), Mr. Zoltan Gal (1994), Dr. Janos Ader (1999) and Mr. Laszlo Kover (2012).

Hungary reconstituted the India Hungary Friendship Group in their Parliament for the period 2018-22 which is led by Mr. Peter Cseresnyes, Fidesz MP from Nagykanizsa. The composition of the group includes seven members of the Parliament from across of the political spectrum. Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha has approved the setting up of the parliamentary Friendship Group at our end in December 2020.

Foreign Office Consultations

The 8th round of Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) was held in New Delhi on January 15, 2009. While Secretary (West) led the Indian side, the Hungarian side was led by the State Secretary of the Hungarian Foreign Ministry. The 9th round was also held in India as Hungarian side expressed its desire to send their Deputy State Secretary for Global Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to India for FOCs as well as for preliminary talks before the visit of their Prime Minister in 2012. The FOCs were held on January 23, 2012. The Indian side was led by Secretary (West). Dr. Csaba Balogh, Deputy State Secretary for Eastern Opening, MFAT attended the CII Partnership Summit in Jaipur and also held talks with Secretary (West) and Secretary (ER&DPA) in Jan 2015. Mr. Istvan Ijgyarto, MOS for Cultural and Science Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visited Kolkata, in May 2016 in connection with establishment of a Hungarian room at Tagore House in Kolkata, which is in the form of an Exhibition Gallery commemorating Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's visit to Hungary in 1926. During the visit, Minister Ijgyarto held talks with Secretary (West). The 10th round of FOCs was held on January 19, 2021 in Budapest. While the In-

dian side was led by Secretary (West) Vikas Swarup, the Hungarian side was led by Deputy State Secretary for development of Eastern Relations of the Hungarian Foreign Ministry András Baranyi. Secretary (West) also called upon FM Szijjártó before the FOCs. A virtual ICWA and IFAT Dialogue under a bilateral MOU was conducted on September 10, 2020.

Important Bilateral Treaties and Agreements

- (i) Air Transport Agreement (1966)
- (ii) MoU and Co-operation Agreement between Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (2001)
- (iii) MoU on Cooperation in Information Technology and Services (2003)
- (iv) Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (2003)
- (v) Agreement concerning Defence Cooperation (2003)
- (vi) Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments (2003) - (since discontinued, a new BIT has been proposed instead.)
- (vii) Agreement on Exemption of Visa Requirement for holders of diplomatic and official passports (2003) -an amendment is under discussion.
- (viii) Agreement on cooperation in the field of Health & Medicine (2008)
- (ix) Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors (2008)
- (x) Letter of Intent on Strategic Research Fund between India and Hungary (2008)
- (xi) MoU between Bharat Electronics Limited, India and Bonn Hungary Electronics Ltd., Hungary for joint development of Low-Noise Amplifier (LNA) & Receiver (S-Band) (2008)
- (xii) MoU between Oil and Natural Gas Corp. Ltd. and MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Plc. for Cooperation in Hydrocarbon Sector (2008)
- (xiii) MoUs between Bharat Electronics Ltd., India and CARINEX, Hungary on Satellite Communication Monitoring Systems (2008) and on Joint Development of TDM Analyser and Demultiplexer (2008)
- (xiv) Agreement on Social Security between India and Hungary (2010)
- (xv) Agreement between Semmelweis University Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Sciences (TF), Hungary and Sport Authority of India (2011)
- (xvi) MoU on Traditional Systems of Medicine (2013)
- (xvii) MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sports (2013)
- (xviii) MoU on Cooperation in the areas of Defensive Aspects of Microbiological and Radiological Detection and Protection (2013)
- (xix) Cultural Exchange Programme, 2013-15
- (xx) Letter of Intent on Revision of Air Services Agreement (2013)
- (xxi) Letter of Intent for Indo-Hungarian Strategic Research Fund (enhanced contribution of Euro 2 million each for 2014-17.
- (xxii) Education Exchange Programme signed in Budapest on 19 November 2014. (stands automatically renewed)
- (xxiii) MOU on Cooperation in the field of Water Management – October 2016
- (xxiv) MOU between the Indian Council of World Affairs and Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary – October 2016.
- (xxv) MOU between Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences and the University of Debrecen for establishment of European Institute of Ayurvedic Sciences, in October 2017. The MoU was not renewed, and expired on 6th January 2020.
- (xxvi) MoU between ICCR and ELTE University of Budapest for continuation of Hindi Chair at ELTE University, signed on September 19, 2018.

(xxvii) MoU on Cultural Exchange program for the period 2019-22 between India and Hungary on 26th August 2019.

Bilateral visits

Over the years, several high-level visits have taken place:

India to Hungary

President Zakir Hussain	1958
President V. V. Giri	1970
PM Indira Gandhi	1972
President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed	1976
Speaker B.R.Jakhar	1980
PM Rajiv Gandhi	1988
Speaker Rabi Ray	1991
President S.D.Sharma	1993
Speaker S.Patil	1995
Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Health and Family Welfare	June 2003
Mr Natwar Singh, External Affairs Minister	June 2005
Smt Ambika Soni Minister of Tourism & Culture	October 2006
Mrs. Panabaaka Lakshmi, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare.	September 2007
Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry	February 2010

Smt. Meira Kumar, Speaker of Lok Sabha	June 2010
Smt. Preneet Kaur, Minister of State for External Affairs	November 2010
Shri Ashwani Kumar, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs	May 2011
Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh, Minister for Science and Technology	November 2011
Shri Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communications and IT Technology	October 2012
Shri Salman Khurshid, Minister of External Affairs	July 2013
Shri Harish Rawat, Minister of Water Resources	October 2013
Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation	June 2016
Shri Hamid Ansari, Vice-President	October 2016
Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister	August 2019
Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Jal Shakti	October 2019

Hungary to India

PM Ferenc Munnich	1962
PM Gyula Kallai	1966
President Pál Losonczi	1969 & 1976
PM Jenő Fock	1974
Speaker Istvan Sarlos	1986

President Dr. Arpad Goncz	1991
Speaker Zoltan Gal	1994
Speaker Janos Ader	1999
PM Peter Medgyessy	2003
Dr. Kinga Goncz, Foreign Minister	November 2006
Dr. Janos Veres, Finance Minister	January 2007
Mr. Istvan Hiller, Minister of Cultural Heritage	October 2007
PM Ferenc Gyurcsány	January 2008
Dr. Ildikó Kovács, National Office for Research and Technology	January 2010
Mr. Peter Balazs, Minister of Foreign Affairs	January 2010
Mr. László Parragh, President of Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	March 2010
Dr. Zsolt Semjén, Deputy Prime Minister, Deputy Speaker of Parliament	May 2012
Dr. János Latorcay, Deputy Speaker of Parliament	May 2012
Mr. László Kövér, Speaker of Parliament	November 2012
Mr. Péter Szijjartó, State Secretary for External Economic Relations	August 2013
Mr. Viktor Orban, Prime Minister	October 2013
Mr. János Martonyi, Minister of Foreign Affairs	November 2013

Dr. Csaba Balogh, Deputy State Secretary for Eastern Opening, MFAT	January 2015
Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs	May 2015
Dr. Laszlo Szabo, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Trade	October 2015
Mr. Istvan Ijgyarto, MOS for Cultural and Science Diplomacy, MFAT	May 2016
Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs	July 2016
Dr. Pana Petra, Deputy State Secretary for Foreign Trade, MFAT	December 2016
Dr. Csaba Balogh, Minister of State for Public Policy, MFAT	October 2017
Mr. Istvan Mikola, Minister of State for Security Policy and International Cooperation, MFAT	November 2017
Mr Peter Sztaray, MoS for Security Policy for Raisina Dialogue	January 2019
Mr. Istvan Joo, Deputy State Secretary for Export Development	November 2019
Mr. Peter Szijjártó Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade	January 2020

Bilateral Commercial & Economic Cooperation

India-Hungary economic relations have revived during the last few years, as both Hungary and India have both become globally integrated, our trade and investment cooperation has picked up and bilateral trade in 2020, stood at USD 760.8 mln (+2.3%) or €69.1 mn compared to the same period of 2019. Exports to Hungary reached USD 478 mln (-2.4%) or €421.1 and imports from Hungary were USD 282.8 mln (+11.1%) or €248. Recent trends indicate a shift in the composition of Indian exports away from traditional goods such as cotton yarn and textiles, towards organic chemicals, machinery, automotive components, and pharmaceuticals. Imports from Hungary comprise items such as electrical machinery and equipments, electronics and light engineering goods. India has sizeable investments in Hungary (approximately in the

range of US\$ 3.3 billion). Embassy organized webinars in May 2020 (manufacturing sector); in June 2020 (Services Sector) and in September 2020 (technologies) where Atmanirbhar Bharat scheme was also promoted.

Bilateral Trade: Bilateral trade with Hungary in the last few years is given in the table below:

Year	Indian Exports	Indian imports	Total Trade
2015	364.9 [€329.2 mn]	213.8 [€193.7 mn]	578.7 [€522.8 mn]
2016	382 [€344.1 mn]	186.1 [€167.9 mn]	568.1 [€512 mn]
2017	437.3 [€391.9 mn]	229.0 [€204.5 mn]	666.2 [€596.3 mn]
2018	459.2 [€388.0 mn]	277.5 [€235.2 mn]	736.7 [€632.0]
2019	489.6 [€436.2 mn]	254.5 [€226.7mn]	744.1 [662.9]
2020	478 [€421.1 mn]	282.8 [€248 mn]	760.8 [€669.1mn]

Source: Central Statistical Office, Hungary

Joint Economic Committee (JCEC): The Indo-Hungary Joint Economic Committee provides the institutional framework for intergovernmental discussions on economic cooperation. Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion is our nodal agency. The Fifth Session of the Hungarian-Indian Joint Commission on Economic Co-operation, was held on March 6-7, 2018 in New Delhi. Both Sides agreed that the full potential of co-operation in several areas has remained untapped and shared the view that both the government and private sectors in their respective countries should take further steps in order to promote trade and investment as well as to strengthen business relations.

Joint Business Council (JBC): A Joint Business Council of Indian and Hungarian companies was set up in 1979 under an agreement between FICCI and Hungarian Chamber of Commerce to promote direct contacts between business delegations. A meeting of the Joint Business Council was held on the sidelines of JEC meeting in Budapest, Hungary, on June 2, 2016. FICCI brought an 18-member Indian business delegation for the Joint Business Forum. Over 100 B- 2-B meetings were held between the Indian companies and the Hungarian companies which participated in Joint Business Forum.

Cooperation in Science and Technology:

Cooperation in S&T is a key focus area in India-Hungary relations. Currently, the bilateral cooperation is being executed through two agreements - between Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and the HAS and between Department of S&T and NIH, Ministry for National Economy. The two countries have undertaken 30 joint research projects during the plan period (2006 - 2010). Projects covered diversified areas such as nano-technology, agriculture, molecular and nano-science and biodiversity. The 11th India-Hungary Joint S&T Committee Meeting [Online] was held on 29 July 2020, hosted by NRDI Office, Hungary. 7 joint projects were identified in the fields of Energy, Environment, Water, Biotech, Agriculture Food, with other 4 potential projects under discussion. The Eli Alps laser research centre, and broader areas of cooperation were also discussed.

Indian Investments in Hungary: India has sizeable investments in Hungary (approximately in the range of USD 3 billion). India was the largest Greenfield investor in Hungary in 2014 and third largest in 2015. The major Indian presence in Hungary includes Apollo Tyres, SMR Automotive, Sun Pharmaceuticals, Orion Electronics Ltd., Sona BLW, Cosmos and major IT companies TCS, WIPRO, Cognizant and Tech Mahendra. Apollo Tyres has set up a greenfield tyre production factory in Hungary with an investment of Euro 500 million. PM Viktor Orban and Apollo Chairman Onkar Kanwar laid the foundation stone of the factory on 10 April 2015. Indian companies in Hungary provide employment to nearly 8,000 people. There are a small number of first generation Indians who have set up businesses. Gurgaon-based multinational group SRF limited announced setting up of a packaging plant in the city of Jaszfenyszaru. The company plans to invest Euro 60 million (approx. Ft 18 billion) and will employ 100 workers. Production has commenced in 2021. On 21st November 2018, FM Peter Sziijarto announced another Greenfield investment of Euro 71.50 million by M/s Flex Films Europa, a subsidiary of Uflex India Ltd. The company has established a flexible packaging materials production plant in Rétság. On 22nd May, 2019 Samvardhana Motherson Automotive Technologies & Engineering (MATE) inaugurated a EUR 15.3 million expansion at its base in Túrkeve. Samvardhana Motherson Group (SMG) employs more than 3,500 in Hungary to date. In December 2020, SMG group announced an investment of appx EUR 15.5 mln on developments of its four bases in Hungary, and is building a 9,000 m² production hall at its base in Kecskemét. Apollo Tyres announced an investment of appx EUR 12.2 mln to upgrade production and widen its portfolio in Gyöngyöshalász. On 26th November, 2020 Kischchemicals announced further additional investment of EUR 32 million.

Cultural Relations

Cultural Links: Indian Cultural Centre in Budapest was formally opened in November 2010 and named *Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre on 15 August, 2014*. The Centre has been organising regular cultural activities since 2010. In addition, Yoga, Dance, Music and Hindi classes and screening of Indian films are also being held regularly. A bi-monthly 'Amrit' magazine is brought out by the Centre. The Embassy has also organised Indian cultural days in several major cities in Hungary. These events received enthusiastic response from the Hungarian public. Yoga and Indian spiritual thoughts and practise are fairly popular in Hungary. There are more than 200 privately-run Yoga centres in the country. A large number of spiritual gurus from India have their followers in the country. Hungarian Cultural Centre in India has been operating since 1976. We also provide some scholarships for learning Hindi, Indian classical dances and music. Some fellowships are also given for study of Indology. Due to the onset of the pandemic, all activities of ASCC were converted to fully or partially virtual from March 16th, 2020 which also included online courses, virtual classes, live-streaming of Classes, Events, Performances, and Webinars.

Embassy has also curated a 12- episode video series titled "India-Hungary Dialogue Series", where in eminent domain experts from Hungary in various fields of politics, economy, culture, indology, ayurveda, science and technology, yoga etc answer questions bringing out various dimensions of the bilateral relations between the two series. The inaugural episode saw Hungarian Parliament Speaker Laszlo Kover addressing questions from Ambassador Tuhin. The inaugural episode was also aired on M1 & Hatoscsatorna TV Channel. Mission also focused on strengthening its outreach, especially on media and in this regard.

Ganges – Danube Cultural Festival and International Day of Yoga: Embassy organized the first ever *Ganga – Danube Cultural Festival* and the celebration of the second *International Day of Yoga* in ten cities of Hungary from 17 – 19 June 2016. The events were organized in *Budapest, Balatonfured, Debrecen, Esztergom, Eger, Nagykanizsa, Sopron, Szentendre, Gyor* and *Szeged*. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State

(IC) for Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation, inaugurated the Festival, the opening ceremony of which was held in the prestigious venue in Budapest, Pesti Vigado, on June 17, 2016. Mr. Istvan Ijgyarto, Minister of State for cultural and Science Diplomacy, Government of Hungary was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. Mahesh Sharma also inaugurated the International Day of Yoga and the Festival in Budapest and Szentendre, along with Mr. Szabolcs Takacs, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, and Mr. Miklos Verseghe-Nagy, Mayor of Szentendre, respectively on June 18. Dr. Sharma also attended the Festival Celebrations in Esztergom. Over 50 artists from India, representing the length and breadth of the country, and 60 local artists, proficient in Indian art forms, enchanted the audience during the three-day Festival. In 2017, the 2nd Ganga – Danube Festival and International Day of Yoga were celebrated in 15 cities. It is estimated that around 10,000 people participated in the events. The 4th International Day of Yoga and 3rd Ganga-Danube Cultural Festival was celebrated in 22 cities of Hungary (June 23-24, 2018). The mega-opening of the event was held on 22nd June at the prestigious Urania Theatre in Budapest. A mango promotion event was also held at the opening ceremony. The 5th International Day of Yoga and Cultural Festival was held in 17 cities in Hungary. It was organized on a big scale in the prestigious Balna Stadium on June 22, 2019. The International Day of Yoga celebrated in 2020 was under the theme 'Yog From Home' and 'Yog With Family' due to the pandemic situation. The Embassy of India organized a series of online activities in the run-up to the main event on June 21. Several webinars were conducted where speakers included eminent persons like Deputy Mayor of Balatonfüred, Director of Heart Hospital in Balatonfüred, Director General of National University of Public Service Ludovika, Budapest, Principal of International School of Budapest, etc. Many live Yoga Sessions were conducted. Mission celebrated the International Day of Yoga 2021 successfully at three locations in Hungary - On June 19th at Erzsébet Park in Esztergom, on June 20th, at Athletic Centre, Margaret Island and on June 21st at Halászbástya or Fisherman's Bastion in Budapest. The events were held in partnership with the Municipality authorities. In the run-up to the events, several events were conducted including a special Press Meet with Yoga demonstration for leading mediapersons & press of Hungary and a webinar on 'Healthy Eating Habits according to traditional Ayurvedic Methods' where food writers, experts & nutritionists from both India & Hungary participated.

150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji: Embassy celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2018 in the Hungarian Parliament's prestigious Széll Kálmán Hall. The Speaker of Hungarian National Assembly, Mr. László Köver, Mr. Peter Cseresnyés, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, and Members of the Hungarian Parliament participated in the event. On the occasion Embassy also joined the '*I bike Budapest*' event in April, 2019. The 550th Birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji was celebrated in the Embassy on 16 November, 2019.

Indian Community

There are about 5500 Indians living in Hungary. Most of them are ICT professionals, while some are working in the manufacturing sector of Indo-Hungarian joint ventures. There are about 900 Indian students studying in various universities in Budapest, Pecs, Szeged and Debrecen. The Malayali community has formed an association called "Keralites in Hungary". Separately, there is an Indo-Hungarian Friendship Society which was reconstituted in 2011. The Society organises cultural activities from time to time. From time to time, there is an exchange of research scholars and scientists for a period ranging from three weeks to six months under our exchange programmes. In addition, there are a few Indians who are married to local Hungarians and permanently settled in Hungary. It is widely believed that the number of community members has been steadily increasing.

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