

**Speech by H.E Anshuman Gaur, Ambassador welcoming the Speaker of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly at an interaction programme with the Indian community in Budapest**

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Namaskar, Jó estét kívánok! Good evening to all!

It is an immense privilege and a moment of great pride for the Embassy of India, and indeed for the entire Indian diaspora in Hungary, to welcome our esteemed guests this evening, particularly during our ongoing 'Focus Month on Uttar Pradesh'.

मैं उत्तर प्रदेश विधान सभा के माननीय अध्यक्ष, श्री सतीश महाना जी, और उत्तर प्रदेश विधान परिषद के माननीय सभापति, श्री कुंवर मानवेन्द्र सिंह जी, का हार्दिक स्वागत करता हूँ। एक प्रतिष्ठित प्रतिनिधिमंडल के साथ बुडापेस्ट में आपकी उपस्थिति, भारत के सबसे बड़े राज्य की मध्य यूरोप और वैश्विक भारतीय समुदाय के साथ अपने संबंधों को मजबूत करने की गहन प्रतिबद्धता को रेखांकित करती है।

To our wonderful Indian community members, my thanks to you for joining us here at the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre—a vibrant symbol of the artistic and historical connection between our two great nations. Your enthusiasm and success are the true reflection of India's global spirit.

India and Hungary share a relationship defined by warmth, friendship, and continuity, spanning decades. Our ties are not merely transactional; they are historic, cultural, and deeply empathetic. Hungarians fondly remember the role India played during the 1956 uprising, an act of solidarity that truly cemented our friendship. Today, that enduring goodwill translates into a modern partnership.

In the last year, our bilateral trade has crossed the \$1.2 billion mark, a testament to growing commercial confidence. Moreover, Indian companies have shown remarkable faith in the Hungarian economy, with cumulative investments reaching approximately \$3.3 billion, creating over 10,000 local jobs. This economic synergy is fueled by shared interests in advanced manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, IT, and automotive components.

We are actively working to expand this foundation. In areas like water management, digitalization, green energy, and, critically, education, there is immense untapped potential. The exchanges between our universities, the ongoing Stipendium Hungaricum and ITEC programmes, the enthusiasm for Yoga and Indian classical dance here in Hungary, and the tradition of Indian Studies demonstrate the vibrant cultural bridge we have built. This visit will serve to deepen these connections, ensuring that our parliamentary and governmental dialogue remains robust and forward-looking.

In recent years, India has emerged as the fastest-growing major economy globally. Our nation is on an ambitious path, projected to become the world's third-largest economy by 2028. This growth is driven not just by large federal initiatives, but by transformative changes happening at the state level.

For Hungary, India's surge represents an unprecedented opportunity. We are not just a market of 1.4 billion people, but a trusted partner in global supply chains, a hub for innovation, and a source of highly skilled human capital. By investing in India, Hungarian firms gain access to robust growth and stability. By partnering with India, Hungary secures its place at the heart of the fastest-growing economic corridor in the world. The strategic and political understanding between Delhi and Budapest provide the perfect framework to leverage this momentum for mutual prosperity.

Let us turn our focus to the heartland of this transformation: Uttar Pradesh.

For too long, the true potential of UP, with its enormous population of 240 million—the largest consumer base in India—remained latent. Today, under visionary leadership, Uttar Pradesh has rapidly transformed, emerging as India's third-largest state economy.

The numbers speak for themselves: UP's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is projected to have reached over \$307 billion USD in 2024-25. This exponential growth is underpinned by world-class infrastructure. UP now boasts India's largest expressway network, is pioneering the Defense Industrial Corridor, and is set to become the only state in India with five international airports. This unprecedented connectivity is changing the logistical map of the entire country.

Uttar Pradesh is evolving from a traditionally agricultural powerhouse—still the largest producer of milk, food grain, and sugarcane—into a modern industrial and service hub. The 'Make in UP' initiative, coupled with investor-friendly policies and a commitment to ease of doing business, is attracting global capital, making the state a crucial driver of India's manufacturing and export ambitions.

माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय सभापति महोदय, कल आप उप-अध्यक्ष सहित हंगेरियन सांसदों से मिलेंगे, मुझे विश्वास है कि आप उत्तर प्रदेश की आर्थिक प्रतिबद्धता की गहराई और जल प्रौद्योगिकी, खाद्य प्रसंस्करण, या कौशल विकास जैसे क्षेत्रों में द्विपक्षीय सहयोग स्थापित करने की तत्परता को व्यक्त कर पाएंगे।

To our Indian friends here tonight, you are the living links between Lucknow and Budapest. We urge you to carry the story of the new, dynamic Uttar Pradesh back to your Hungarian colleagues, friends, and partners.

आपकी बुडापेस्ट यात्रा के लिए धन्यवाद। हम विचारों के एक सफल और उपयोगी आदान-प्रदान की उम्मीद करते हैं, जो निस्संदेह भारत-हंगरी संबंधों को नई ऊँचाइयों पर ले जाएगा।

Thank you and Jai Hind!