



**Embassy of India
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Press Release

Ambassador meets with Members of Parliamentary Friendship Group with India

H.E. Mrs. Narinder Chauhan, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Serbia visited the National Assembly of Serbia on 27 March 2018 at the invitation of Ms. Ivana Stojiljkovic, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Friendship Group with India, and met its members. There are 26 members drawn from different political parties.

Ms. Ivana Stojiljkovic thanked Ambassador for India's principled stand on the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Serbia and for the support that India extended to Serbia following the flooding in May 2014. She assessed that relations between the two countries have been raised to a higher level with the visit to India by President Vucic in 2017, in his capacity as Prime Minister. She remarked that this year is very important for both countries, as India and Serbia mark 70 years of diplomatic relations. It was noted that people to people contacts were being promoted, including through tourism by abolition of visas for Indians and introduction of e-visa for Serbians.

Addressing the Honorable Members of Parliament, Ambassador Narinder Chauhan said that India and Serbia maintain good relations, marked by mutual trust and understanding and support in international fora. Trade had increased by 40% and tourism to India by 23%. Ambassador invited the Serbian parliamentarians to visit India's Parliament.

Ms Marija Obradovic, member of the Group thanked Ambassador for her cooperation and active participation in the activities of the Women's Parliamentary Network and other events organized by the Serbian Parliament. Also discussed at the meeting was the role of women in Indian politics.

The meeting was also attended by Group members including Ms. Ljiljana Malusic, Ms Vera Jovanovic, Ms Tijana Davidovac, Ms Milanka Jevtovic Vukojcic, Ms Bojan Torbica and Dr. Dragana Barisic.

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