



TALKING POINTS FOR H E SUSAN KIHKA, NAKURU COUNTY GOVERNOR, DURING A MEETING WITH H E DR ADARSH SWAIKA, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO KENYA ON 13TH MARCH, 2026 IN NAKURU CITY

Your Excellency, Dr Swaika,

1. Let me begin by warmly welcoming you and expressing Nakuru County's deep appreciation for the longstanding and cordial relations between the Republic of India and the Republic of Kenya. Our two nations share a rich history rooted in trade, cultural exchange, and a shared commitment to democracy, innovation, and inclusive development.
2. Nakuru County values India not only as a strategic global partner to Kenya, but also as a trusted friend whose people and enterprises have contributed immensely to our local economy and social fabric. The Indian community in Nakuru has played a significant role in commerce, manufacturing, education, healthcare, and financial services. They are an integral part of our county's growth story.
3. We particularly appreciate the presence of Indian-owned and Indian-origin businesses operating successfully in Nakuru, including financial institutions and banks that support trade, enterprise development, and access to credit. These institutions strengthen our local economy by financing SMEs, manufacturing, agriculture, and cross-border trade.

Strengthening Nakuru-India Economic Ties

4. Nakuru County is strategically positioned as the economic hub of the Great Rift Valley region. We are centrally located along the Northern Corridor, with strong road and rail connectivity linking us to Nairobi, Western Kenya, and the East African region. This makes Nakuru an ideal destination for Indian investors looking to access both the Kenyan and wider regional markets.
5. Our county offers diverse investment opportunities across key sectors:

A. Agriculture and Agro-Processing

- Nakuru is one of Kenya's leading agricultural producers, with strong output in dairy, horticulture, floriculture, potatoes, wheat, and maize.
- We invite Indian investors to partner with us in value addition and agro-processing, including dairy processing plants, fruit and vegetable canning, cold chain logistics, and farm mechanization.
- India's expertise in irrigation technology, farm inputs, and cooperative models presents strong collaboration opportunities, especially in supporting smallholder farmers.

B. Manufacturing and Industrial Development

- Nakuru is actively promoting industrial parks and Special Economic Zones.
- We welcome Indian investment in pharmaceuticals, textiles, automotive assembly, plastics, steel, and construction materials.

- With India's global leadership in generic pharmaceuticals, we see potential for partnerships in local drug manufacturing and medical supplies production.

C. Renewable Energy and Climate-Smart Solutions

- Nakuru is home to significant geothermal resources and is committed to clean energy.
- We invite Indian companies specializing in solar, wind, geothermal support services, and waste-to-energy technologies to invest in our green transition.
- Climate-smart agriculture and water management systems are also key areas for partnership.

D. ICT and Innovation

- We are investing in digital transformation and innovation hubs to support youth entrepreneurship.
- India's global leadership in ICT, fintech, and digital public infrastructure presents opportunities for collaboration in e-governance systems, digital payments, and skills development.

E. Tourism and Hospitality

- Nakuru is home to world-renowned attractions such as Lake Nakuru National Park and other heritage sites.
- We invite Indian investors to expand hotel infrastructure, conference facilities, eco-tourism ventures, and film production partnerships.

Investment Incentives

6. Nakuru County offers a business-friendly environment supported by:
 - Streamlined licensing processes and a one-stop investment facilitation desk.
 - Access to affordable land for strategic projects.
 - Tax incentives available under national frameworks, including Special Economic Zones.
 - Public-private partnership opportunities for infrastructure development.

Our administration is committed to policy predictability, investor protection, and continuous dialogue with the private sector.

Development Cooperation Opportunities

7. We would welcome collaboration under India's development partnership programs, including concessional financing and grants for:
 - Affordable housing projects.
 - Healthcare infrastructure and equipment.
 - Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions.

- Water and sanitation infrastructure.
- Smart city solutions for Nakuru City.

Capacity building and skills transfer are especially important to us. We would appreciate expanded scholarship opportunities, technical training, and knowledge exchange programs for our youth and public servants.

Conclusion

Your Excellency,

8. Nakuru County stands ready to deepen its partnership with India at both governmental and private sector levels. We see India not just as a trade partner, but as a development ally in our journey toward industrialization, job creation, and inclusive prosperity. We look forward to working closely with your office to organize business forums, investment missions, and sector-specific engagements that will translate our shared goodwill into tangible projects.

Together, we can build a stronger bridge between Nakuru and India—one that delivers opportunity, growth, and shared success for our people.

Thank you.