

India – Slovakia Unclassified Bilateral Brief

Overview

India and Slovakia have had traditionally warm relations that date back to 1921 with the establishment of Czechoslovak Consulate in Bombay. The longstanding ties are based on shared values of democracy, rule of law, freedom and equality. After independence of Slovak Republic on 1 January 1993, India was one of the first countries to recognize the Slovak Republic. Slovakia opened its resident Mission in New Delhi in 1993. Subsequently, India established its resident Mission in Bratislava in August 1995. Slovak Republic maintains Honorary Consulates in Mumbai, Bangalore and Kolkata, the latest, which was opened in March 2025.

VVIP visits

<u>India to Slovakia</u>	<u>Slovakia to India</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Former President Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma visited the Slovak Republic (Slovakia) on 9-10 October 1996 as part of a larger European tour to boost economic ties, including meeting with Slovak President Michal Kováč.● Former Vice President Shri Krishan Kant visited Slovakia in June 2000 as part of a State Visit to Bulgaria, Slovakia, and Egypt, from June 8th to 21st, 2000.● The second Presidential visit took place after a gap of 29 years. President of India visited Slovakia from 9-10 April 2025. The President was accompanied by a business delegation. Two MoUs, respectively, Cooperation between Foreign Service Institutes of both the countries and MoU between National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC), India and Slovak Business Agency (SBA), Slovak Republic on cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises of Republic of India and Slovak Republic were signed during the visit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Prime Minister Josef Moravcik paid an official visit to India on 7-8 July 1994. His delegation included the Ministers of Defence and Economy, the Governor of the Slovak National Bank and the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.● President of the Slovak Republic H.E. Dr. Ivan Gasparovic paid a State Visit to India from December 11-15, 2004. President was accompanied by First Lady Ms Silvia Gasparovicova, State Secretaries of Culture, Defence and Foreign Affairs as well as a large business delegation.● President Peter Pellegrini participated in the AI Impact Summit on 19 and 20 February 2026. President arrived New Delhi on 18 February and was received by Minister of State Shri Jitendra Singh. During the visit, President Pellegrini had meetings with Hon'ble President on 19 February and Prime Minister on 20 February along with attending the leader's session and other events of the Summit.

FM Level visits

from India	from Slovakia
<p>External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar (EAM) paid an official visit to Slovakia on 02-03 June, the first ever visit at the level of EAM since 1993. On 03 June, EAM participated in the GLOBSEC 2022. During the visit, EAM called on Mr. Eduard Heger, former Prime Minister of Slovakia and had delegation level talks with the then Foreign Minister Korčok.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Miroslav Lajcak, Foreign and European Affairs Minister visited India as President-elect of the 72nd Session of UNGA in August 2017. • Foreign Minister Rastislav Kacer visited India for Raisina Dialogue in 2023 from 2-4 March 2023. The Cultural Exchange Programme was signed during this visit. • Foreign Minister Mr. Juraj Blonar visited India for Raisina Dialogue 2024 from 20 to 23 February 2024. He was accompanied by a 22-member delegation of business and defence companies. He also participated in the 2nd CII India Europe Business and sustainability conclave. Foreign Minister Juraj Blonar met EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar and Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane in New Delhi. He along with State Secretary Mr. Rastislav Chovanec and the defence delegation had a meeting with Secretary for Defence production, MoD. An MoU between BIS and Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing (UNMS SR) was also signed during this visit. • Mr. Juraj Blonar again visited India for Raisina Dialogue 2025 from 17 to 19 March 2025. He led a large business delegation, and Finance Minister Mr. Ladislav Kamenický, along with several senior functionaries of the government and journalists included in the delegation. He had a meeting with EAM during his visit. He inaugurated the Honorary Consulate of Slovakia in

	Kolkata on March 20. Mr. Juraj Blonar had confirmed participation for Raisina Dialogue 2026 but the visit got canceled due to the situation in West Asia.
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Other Ministerial Level visits

<u>from India</u>	<u>from Slovakia</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Shri R.L. Bhatia visited Slovakia in January 1993 ● Minister of State for External Affairs Retd. Gen (Dr.) V.K. Singh visited Slovakia for GLOBSEC Security Forum from 15-17 April 2016. ● Minister of State for External Affairs Shri M.J. Akbar visited Slovakia for GLOBSEC Forum 2018 from 15-18 May 2018. ● Union Minister of Law and Justice Shri Kiren Rijiju visited Slovakia in March 2022 as the Special Envoy of Hon'ble Prime Minister to oversee the evacuation of Indian students from Ukraine through Slovakia ● Minister of State for Education Sh. Sukanta Majumdar led the Indian delegation to Slovakia from 24-25 November 2025 to participate in the OECD Global Forum on the Future of Education & Skills 2040. MoS had a bilateral meeting his counterpart Mr. Robert Zsembera, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, SR, on the sidelines of the Forum. MoS also visited the Slovak Technical University, manufacturing plant of Jaguar Land Rover and interacted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A parliamentary delegation led by Chairman, Mr. Ivan Gasparovic visited India in 1993 ● A Parliamentary delegation led by Mr Pavol Paska, the speaker of the National Council visited India in March 2008. Incumbent President Mr Peter Pellegrini was part of the delegation. ● State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Mr. Lukas Parízek visited India in September 2017. ● Mr. Vojtech Ferencz, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Slovak Republic led a delegation to New Delhi for the 10th Session of the India-Slovakia Joint Economic Committee (JEC) meeting held on 13 February 2019. ● Mr. Lukáš Parízek, State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and Mr. Vojtech Ferencz, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy participated in the 5th India-Europe 29 Business Forum (IE29BF) held on 20 – 21 November 2019 in New Delhi. Mr. Lukáš Parízek also met with Mr. V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs.

<p>with the Indian professionals working at the Plant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A delegation from Karnataka led by Hon'ble Ministers Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil and Dr. M.C. Sudhakar visited Slovakia in December 2025. They visited Stellantis Automobile Plant in Slovakia and held meeting with the company management and interacted with Indian workers in the company. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Karel Hirman, Minister of Economy visited India from 27-29 March 2023 for Smart Cities India Expo 2023 held in New Delhi. He also had a bilateral meeting with Minister of Commerce, Shri Piyush Goyal. He also met Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy, Shri R.K. Singh. • Mr. Ladislav Kamenický, Minister of Finance visited India in March 2025 as part of a high-level delegation accompanying Foreign Minister Juraj Blanar • Mr. Robert Zsembera, State Secretary, Ministry of Education led a delegation of Slovak universities to the International Educational Conference APAIE 2025 in New Delhi from March 24-28, 2025.
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Meetings on the sidelines (last five years)

- In November 2021 EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar had a brief meeting with the then FM Korčok on the margins of Sir Bani Yas Forum in UAE.
- EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar met the FM of Slovakia, Mr. Ratislav Káčer at Slavkov Format in Vienna, Austria on 2 January 2023.
- EAM held talks with Mr Juraj Blanar, Minister of Foreign Affairs on the margins of UNGA on 26 November 2024
- EAM held talks with Mr Juraj Blanar, Minister of Foreign Affairs on the margins of EU Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels on 16 March 2026

Bilateral Mechanisms

Foreign Office Consultations (FoC)

- The Indo-Slovak Protocol on Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) was signed in July 1994. So far, six FOCs have taken place; first FOC was held in December 1995, second in March 1996, third in December 1999, fourth in February 2015 and fifth round in April 2018. The sixth round of FOC was held on February 10, 2023, in New Delhi co-chaired by Secretary (West) and Director General for Political Affairs from the Slovak side.

India – Slovakia Joint Economic Committee (JEC)

- Indo-Slovak JEC was established in 1994 during the visit of former Prime Minister Mr Jozef Moravcik to India, held its first meeting in Bratislava in May 1995. The latest and 12th session of the JEC was held in New Delhi in February 2025. The visiting Slovak business delegation also participated at the 26th International Engineering & Technology Fair (IETF) in New Delhi.

Trade and Investment Relations

Bilateral Trade: Trade and investment ties between the two countries have experienced positive growth in the last two years. According to Slovak Statistical Office data, in 2024, the total bilateral reached an all-time high figuring US\$ 1.3 billion, crossing the US\$ 1 billion mark for the first time. In 2025, the bilateral trade has further progressed and figured US\$ 1.8 billion, experiencing annual growth of 28%. It is steered by Indian exports of US\$ 1.52 billion and imports of US\$ 284 million. The bilateral trade figures for the last five years according to Statistical Office, Slovak Republic and DGFT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India are as below:

Bilateral Trade - Slovakia (in US\$ million)

Source: Slovak Statistical Office

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
India's Export	419	586	736	1,138	1,525
India's Import	165	162	197	243	284
Total Trade	584	748	933	1,381	1,809

Bilateral Trade - India (in US\$ million)

Source: DGFT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (Apr-Jan)
India's Export	171.13	190.22	193.03	380.38	205.43
India's Import	101.86	70.92	67.60	74.23	60.88

Total trade	272.99	261.4	260.64	454.61	266.31
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- The major items of India's export to Slovakia are motor vehicle parts, Machinery and Mechanical appliances, Apparels knitted or corched, mobile phones, footwear, part of footwear, garments, medicaments, propellant powders, electrical apparatus. Vehicle parts like gear boxes and appliances like spark ignition engines for cars contributes to more than half of the total exports from India.
- Major items of import from Slovakia are dominated by automobiles (cars) , along with their parts, as well as machinery, electrical equipment, and rubber products, reflecting its strong manufacturing base, especially in the automotive sector. Other items include glass, iron, steel, and ceramic products.

Indian investments in Slovakia

- Tata Motor's Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) state-of-the-art automobile plant with an investment of €1.4 billion with annual manufacturing capacity of 150,000 vehicles started the construction in September 2016 and its operation began in October 2018. The plant employs more than 4400 people and produces two models – Land Rover Discovery and Land Rover Defender.
- Tata AutoComp Systems has completed the acquisition of a 100-percent stake in IAC Group (Slovakia), which operates a manufacturing facility in Lozorno near Bratislava. The transaction was carried out via the company's UK-based subsidiary, Artifex Interior Systems. Following integration, the Slovak operation is expected to operate under the name Artifex Systems Slovakia.
- In January 2020, CK Birla Group through its company National Engineering Industries (NEI) acquired Slovakia-based Kinex Bearings. Kinex has an annual turnover of around €60 million, rich history in engineering and bearing production. It supplies products to over 80 countries and employs around 750 workers (7 Indians) in its two production plants in Slovakia (Bytca and Kysucke Nove Mesto) with a capability to produce bearings for railways, industrial segments and textile industry.
- In 2017, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) opened branch in Bratislava. TCS is providing IT Services for Jaguar Land Rover in Nitra. TCS General Manager for Slovakia is based in Budapest, Hungary.
- Amara Raja Energy & Mobility Ltd, an electric vehicle battery manufacturer based in Slovakia has an investment of about 9.32% of Inobat.
- In 2017, Dhoot Transmission, Aurangabad-based wiring harness manufacturer acquired TFC Cable Assemblies plant in Slovakia. TFC

manufacture wiring harnesses, wiring looms, and cable assemblies for automotive industry.

- In 2011, The Samvardhana Motherson Group acquired 80% of the shares in Peguform GmbH, Germany. Peguform had a subsidiary in Slovakia that was renamed SMP Automotive Solutions Slovakia s.r.o. The company supplies interior parts for automotive industry.
- In 2010, Illichmann Castalloy, Austria merged into the Aicon Group. Its Slovakian plant Illichmann Castalloy s.r.o. in Zarnovica also became member of the Aicon Group. The company manufactures aluminium products.

Slovak investments in India

- Slovakian rail freight cars and bogies manufacturer Tatravagonka a.s., Poprad acquired a 26 percent stake in Jupiter Group, Kolkata in 2015. Tatravagonka is headquartered in Slovakia and is the leading designer and manufacturer of freight wagons in Europe with approximately 40 percent market share. Jupiter Tatravagonka Railwheel Factory has plants in Madhya Pradesh and Aurangabad, Maharashtra. In April 2025, Jupiter Tatravagonka Railwheel Factory Pvt. Ltd has set up India's first private forged railwheel and axle manufacturing plant in Odisha's Khordha district.
- In March 2023, Zuari Industries Limited entered into an agreement with Envien International Limited of Envien Group, headquartered in Slovakia to jointly develop, construct own and operate a 150 kilo litre per day (KLPD) grain-based (rice & corn) distillery in Uttar Pradesh and supply ethanol to oil marketing companies under the Ethanol Blending Programme of the Government of India. The distillery has been developed at Aira, Lakhimpur Kheri, UP. The project is being implemented by Zuari Envien Bioenergy Pvt Ltd which will own and operate the project as a joint venture (JV) company.
- Envien group also owns freight wagons manufacturer Nymwag that was established in 2019 and specializes in the production of tank cars, hoppers, container flatcars, and bogies. The company's production facility is located in Nymburk, Czechia. Nymwag has also entered the Indian market. In 2023, a joint venture was established with Texmaco Rail, a leading local freight car producer. In 2024, construction began on a new plant in Kolkata, which will be part of the joint venture. The new facility is expected to produce up to 2,500 freight cars annually. The product range will include flatcars, tank cars, hoppers, and gondolas.
- In 2024, Furbify, which refurbishes and sells used computers has registered its company Furbify India Pvt Ltd.
- In October 2022, Slovak company Dajky s.r.o. established their branch in India. The company would do business in the field of installations of artificial

surfaces for cricket stadiums and training pitches, sports fields for schools and universities, as well as military training fields.

- In 2022, Edgar Baker s.r.o., a human resources company opened its subsidiary Edgar Baker Pvt Ltd in Noida. They focus on search of manager & expert profiles and also skilled workforce.
- In 2020, Mr. Martin Kusik, former partner in the M/s Penta Investments s.r.o., Bratislava Group bought through his Czech company M/s Odyssey 44 a.s., Prague, a stake in M/s IDFC First Bank, Mumbai. As on March 2024, Odyssey 44 owned 3.82% shares of the Bank.
- In 2015, MicroStep-MIS, that specializes in the development and manufacturing of customized monitoring and information systems incorporated MicroStep Monitoring Information Systems India Pvt Ltd in Bangalore. MicroStep-MIS also delivered meteorological systems for 67 military airports for the Indian Air Force.
- GMP Slovakia, s.r.o., a worldwide leader in the production of steel reels, drums, take aparts reels and handling equipment for the wire and cable industry has its main manufacturing plant located in Pribenik. Its second manufacturing plant, GMP Reels India, was founded in 2013 and is located in Nashik, Maharashtra.
- M/s VIPO a.s., Partizanske is doing research, development and production of machines and electronic systems. Established in 1974, the company has around 120 employees and supplies 100 machines in a year. Its main line of business is production of machines for tire industry – bead winding machines and bead apex machines. Since 2008, it has delivered 27 machines to Indian companies including Apollo Tyres, JK Tyre, MRF, CEAT, and BKT. In June 2025, the company incorporated Vipo India Pvt Ltd in Delhi to expand its presence in India.

Cultural Relations

- An Agreement on Cultural Exchange Programme (2023-2026) has been signed between India and Slovakia on 4th March 2023.
- The Embassy of India in Slovakia has time and again been organizing various cultural events in Bratislava. Some of these events organized in past two years are painting competition by the Slovak-Indian friendship society in cooperation with Embassy in Slovakian schools, science exhibition, events for Diwali, Holi, Rathyatra, Garba etc. International Yoga Day is being celebrated regularly by the Mission along with local yoga studios. Embassy also organizes regular Yoga and Ayurveda sessions in Embassy.

- The first ever translation of the Upanishads from Sanskrit to Slovak language was done by Mr. Robert Gafrik, (Veda publications) in association with the Embassy of India. This also featured in the 116th episode of Mann ki Baat by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Indian Embassy facilitated participation of two Slovak troupes in India one a 13 member Ifju Szivek Dance Theatre Group which participated in Balijatra at Cuttack. The second Slovakia Ruthenia Folk group participated in 8th India international folk festival. In last two years, Embassy received six ICCR cultural troupes (Bhangra group, Marwar group of Rajasthan, Rajasthani Folk Legacy Society, Ghumti Gori, Sur Varsha and Lok Chhanda Group) from India which performed at various places in Slovakia

Indian Community

- The NRI/OCI population in Slovakia is estimated to be close to 11000 scattered around several cities. There has been a considerable increase in the number of Indians in Slovakia since last five years. Indians' workers are working in different automotive companies in Slovakia mainly in Jaguar Land Rover (303), Stellantis (889), Lear Corporation Seating Slovakia s.r.o. (266), Vertiv Slovakia (88) and Motherson Automotive systems (50).
- Most OCIs numbering around 50-60 are engaged in small businesses, such as groceries, garments and textiles, ethnic handicrafts and restaurants.
- There are about 500 students studying in Slovakia spread over universities in Kosice, Bratislava and Nitra. Most of the students pursue engineering and business management. The Embassy maintains regular contact and invites them during our National Days celebrations and other occasions.