

India - Slovakia Relations

Indo- Slovak relations are free from any bilateral problem. Both cooperate well in international forums. Slovakia supports permanent membership for India in UNSC. It supported waiver of NSG guidelines to enable international cooperation with India in civilian nuclear energy.

Important Bilateral treaties and Agreements:-

- Protocol on Scientific cooperation between Slovak Academy of Sciences and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (1995)
- Agreement for formation of the Indo—Slovak JBC (1995)
- MOU on Defence Cooperation (1995)
- Air Services Agreement (1996)
- Agreement on Cooperation in Science & Technology (1996)
- Agreement on Scientific Cooperation between Indian National Science Academy & Slovak Academy of Sciences (2001)
- Economic Cooperation Agreement (2004)
- Programme of Cooperation in the field of Culture (2004)
- Bilateral Investment Promotion Agreement (2006)
- ***Programme of Cooperation between Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic for the period 2011-2013***

Visits from India to Slovakia during 2011-2012:-

24-26 March 2011	Shri Jawhar Sircar, Secretary Culture, Ministry of Culture
16-21 May, 2011	15 Member delegation from NDC led by Rear Admiral Anand Iyer

Visits from Slovakia to India during 2011-2012:-

11-13 April 2011	Slovak Minister of Economy Dr. Juraj Miskov accompanied by Minister of Defence Mr. Lubomir Galko
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Bilateral Trade Statistics (in million):-

	Jan-Nov 2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
India's Exports	€ 190.467	€ 164.410	€ 123.395	\$144.095	\$171.042
India's Imports	€63.277	€ 71.682	€57.521	\$99.854	\$ 57.373
Bilateral Trade	€253.744	€236.092	€180.916	\$243.949	\$228.415
Trade Balance	€127.190	€92.728	€65.874	\$44.241	\$113.669

(Courtesy:- Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic)
Slovakia joined the Euro Zone w.e.f Jan 01, 2009

India – Slovakia Trade Basket:- Major items of India's exports to Slovak Republic in 2009 to 2011 were leather, footwear components, garments, bed/table linen, drugs & pharmaceuticals, vehicles/their parts. Major items of import from Slovakia were vehicles & their parts, machinery and their parts thereof, organic chemicals, pharmaceutical products (antibodies) etc.

Investment:- Slovakia has attracted foreign investment from a large number of foreign companies, especially from the US (US Steel), Germany (Volkswagen) France (Peugeot), Republic of Korea (Kia Motors and Samsung Electronics) and Japan. More than 80 per cent of its industry has already been privatized.

Joint Committee:- Under the trade agreement signed with Slovakia in 1993, an Indo-Slovak Joint Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (ISJEC) was set up in May 1994. So far six meetings have been held. In the 6th meeting held in India in Nov. 2006, a Protocol was issued to increase bilateral trade & cooperation in areas like pharmaceuticals, chemicals & petrochemicals, textiles and finalize programmes for cooperation in Forestry, S&T, energy, IT, agriculture and defence.

Indo-Slovak Joint Business Council:- An agreement on the formation of Indo-Slovak Joint Business Council was signed between the Slovak Chamber of Commerce & Industry and FICCI/ASSOCHAM on 29 March 95. The JBC has so far held 5 sessions in Bratislava and Delhi, the last being held in April 04 in Delhi. CII had organized an 'Enterprise India' trade exhibition in Bratislava in Oct 05 with participation of 35 Indian Companies. A five-member delegation from the Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council visited Slovakia in 2006.

S&T Cooperation:- An Agreement on Cooperation in Science & Technology was signed in 1996. It envisages cooperation in joint research projects, exchange of specialists/scientists, organization of bilateral workshops/exhibitions etc. A Programme of Cooperation & identification of specific joint activities is currently being negotiated under this Agreement.

ITEC Programme:- With effect from 2005-06, 10 ITEC slots are offered to Slovakia.

Student Exchange Programme:- The ICCR offers 2 slots every year to Slovak students for higher studies in India. Slovakia offers 1-2 slots to Indian students.

Estimated NRI/PIO:- NRI/PIO population in Slovakia is estimated to be around 80 to 90. However, this is an unofficial estimation.

Air link with India:- There is no direct air link between India and Slovakia. However, the Vienna International Airport is located in close vicinity of Bratislava and serves as the principal airport for Slovakia.

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