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President of India, H.E. Smt. Droupadi Murmu*

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We are delighted to present this special collectable edition dedicated to the Slovak Republic, highlighting its significant developments and strategic initiatives in 2026. This edition underscores the strengthening of bilateral relations between Slovakia and India, exemplified by the visit of His Excellency Mr. Peter Pellegrini, President of the Slovak Republic, to India in February 2026 to attend the AI Impact Summit. This high-level engagement signifies both countries' commitment to deepening cooperation in technology, innovation, and economic growth.

We extend our sincere gratitude to H.E. Mr. Robert Maxian, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to India, for facilitating this collaboration and providing us the opportunity to work on this exclusive publication. His support has been instrumental in bringing this edition to life, allowing us to showcase Slovakia's vibrant industries and strategic sectors.

This edition features insightful interviews with influential Slovak leaders shaping the nation's future. Mr. Rastislav Podhorec, Director General of Eximbanka SR, offers a comprehensive overview of the bank's pivotal role in supporting export activities and shaping the country's economic policies aimed at fostering international trade and growth. His insights shed light on Slovakia's commitment to creating a conducive environment for entrepreneurs and exporters.

Mr. Pavol Čahoj, President of the Defence and Security Industry Association of the Slovak Republic, provides an in-depth perspective on the strengths and innovations within Slovakia's defence industry. He discusses how the industry is evolving to meet modern security challenges and emphasizes Slovakia's position as a key player in the global defence market, with advanced technological capabilities and strategic collaborations.

Additionally, Mr. Alexander Matušek, President of the Automotive Industry Association of the Slovak Republic, highlights the remarkable transformation of Slovakia's automotive sector. He elaborates on the country's transition towards electric vehicles, digitalization, and sustainable manufacturing processes, positioning Slovakia as a leader in the future of mobility and automotive innovation.

Beyond industry insights, this edition explores investment opportunities across various sectors in Slovakia, including manufacturing, technology, and tourism. We delve into Slovakia's space journey, detailing its achievements, ongoing projects, and strategic partnerships with India that are propelling the country into new frontiers of space exploration. The vibrant tourism industry is also featured, showcasing Slovakia's rich cultural heritage, scenic landscapes, and its growing appeal as a top travel destination.

We hope this comprehensive edition provides valuable insights into Slovakia's dynamic economy, strategic collaborations, and its expanding influence on the global stage. It is our pleasure to bring you this in-depth look at a nation poised for continued growth and innovation.

In addition, on the behalf of our entire team, let me convey sincere gratitude to all the contributors who helped making this special collectable edition successful.

Sincere wishes, and happy reading.

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Slovakia at a Glance

Slovakia is a parliamentary democratic republic. The Prime Minister who is the head of government holds the most executive power. The President is the head of state and the formal head of the executive, but with very limited powers. The country is subdivided into 8 regions, each named after its principal city.





Official Name: Slovak Republic

Official language: Slovak language

Capital city: Bratislava (population 732,757 as of December 2023)

Time: Central European time (+1 hour from GMT) (Summertime/ daylight saving time from March to November: +2 hours from GMT)

Location: Central Europe. The mid and the North of the country is mountainous (Carpathian curve), lowlands (important agricultural areas) are typical of the South and the East. The most important Slovak river the Danube connects the capital city, Bratislava with two capitals of the neighbour countries – Vienna and Budapest.

Climate: Moderate climatic zone, with changing four seasons (spring, summer, autumn, winter). Summers are hot with average daily temperature in summer 23 °C but can be as warm as over 30 °C (the hottest month is considered July); winters are cold, humid with lots of fog. An average winter daily temperature is -2 °C (the coldest month is mostly January).

Religion: There are approx. 86,6 % of believers, consisting of: Roman Catholic (62 %), Evangelic (5.9 %), Greek-Catholic (3.8 %), Reformed Christians (1,8 %), Orthodox (0.9 %)

Currency: Euro (€) from 1. January 2009

Phone extension: +421

Population: 5 424 687 (2024)

Nationality: Slovak (80.7 %)

Minorities: Hungarian, Roma (Gipsy), Czech, Ruthenian, Ukrainian, German, Polish and others

Area: 49 035 km²

Republic Day: 1st January 1993 – Day of the establishment of the Slovak Republic

Highest Mountain Peak: Gerlachovsky stit, 2.655 m

Lowest Point: Bodrog river in the village Streda nad Bodrogom – 94 m

Border countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Hungary

Top 10 places to visit: Bratislava, Kosice, Banska, Stianica, Trnava, Trencin, Bojnice, Modra, Bardejov, Piestany, Vlkolinec.



Indo-Slovak Relations in 2025: A Year to Remember



H.E. Mr. Robert Maxian, Ambassador of Slovak Republic to India

The year 2025 will be remembered as a defining chapter of relations between India and Slovakia. Marked by renewed political momentum, expanding economic engagements and deepening cultural and educational ties, the partnership has evolved into a dynamic and forward-looking relationship anchored in shared values and mutual interests.

- A historic milestone was the state visit of the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, to Slovakia - the presidential visit in nearly three decades. This momentous occasion symbolized the strength of bilateral goodwill and reaffirmed the commitment of both countries to elevate the cooperation across multiple sectors.
- Minister of Foreign and European Affairs Juraj Blnar attended geopolitical conference Raisina Dialogue, engaged with Indian and international leaders and led the delegation of the Slovak companies, further strengthening economic engagements. Second round of Slovak Technology & Innovation Day was successfully organised in Delhi, showcasing Slovakia's strengths in innovation and advanced technologies. The reopening of the Honorary Consulate of the Slovak Republic in Kolkata marked an important step toward enhancing cooperation with the eastern region of India.
- The 12th Session of the Indo-Slovak Joint Economic Committee (JEC) marked a milestone in institutionalized economic cooperation. The session celebrated the participation of the Slovak business delegation at the 26th International Engineering & Technology Fair (IETF) in New Delhi. As a key bilateral platform, the JEC plays a vital role in strengthening trade, investment, and industrial partnerships between the two countries.
- In 2025, totally five business missions with B2B meetings were organized to strengthen economic and technological cooperation: three in Delhi, one in Kolkata, and one in Bratislava, connected hundreds of Slovak and Indian companies, facilitated technology transfer, promoted joint innovation initiatives, and helped turn dialogue into concrete business outcomes.
- In 2025, several State Secretaries of the Slovak Republic participated in India in important international events. Róbert Zsembera from the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth took part in the APAIE 2025 Higher Education Fair in March. In December, Radovan Majerský from the Ministry of Finance attended the 18th Plenary Meeting of the OECD Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes. Also in December, Mário Maruška from the Ministry of Culture participated in the 20th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. In addition, Rastislav Chovanec, State Secretary from the Ministry of Foreign

and European Affairs, also visited India for engagements in trade, investments and innovations.

- Economic cooperation emerged as one of the strongest pillars of the partnership. Bilateral trade recorded annual growth of approx. 30%, crossing €1.6 billion in 2025. Slovak companies have been increasingly active in India, particularly in sectors aligned with India's transformation agenda under Viksit Bharat 2047.
- Slovak investments in Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal not only support India's modernisation in areas such as green technologies, railway infrastructure, smart mobility, and digital innovation, but also generate local employment and facilitate the transfer of advanced technologies. Simultaneously, Indian businesses are showing increasing interest in the Slovak market, benefiting from its strategic location within the European Union and its strong industrial capabilities.
- Education and students mobility have also become key drivers of bilateral engagement. The doubling of student visa numbers in 2025 reflects a rising interest among Indian students in Slovak higher education institutions, which are gaining recognition for their quality and specialization, particularly in technical and scientific disciplines. Slovak universities, in turn, are proactively establishing partnerships with Indian counterparts, fostering academic exchanges, joint research initiatives, and innovation-driven collaboration.

- The Indian diaspora in Slovakia is growing steadily, with more than 10,000 Indian nationals contributing to various sectors of the Slovak economy, including industry, services, and technology. As the second-largest foreign workforce in the country, Indians play an increasingly visible role in supporting Slovakia's economic growth and addressing labour market needs.
- Cultural diplomacy has added further depth and richness to Indo-Slovak relations. Events such as Slovak Cultural Days in India have showcased Slovakia's artistic and cultural heritage to Indian audiences, fostering greater awareness and appreciation. At the same time, the first-ever translation of ancient Indian philosophical works - the Upanishads into Slovak language has brought India's intellectual traditions closer to Slovak readers. These exchanges highlight the timeless relevance of bilateral cultural dialogue, mutual understanding and respect.

In conclusion, the development in year 2025 clearly illustrates that Indo-Slovak relations are not only strengthening but also diversifying in meaningful ways with stronger political engagements, robust economic growth and people to people contacts. As both India and Slovakia navigate an increasingly complex global landscape, their cooperation stands as a testament to the power of dialogue, partnership and shared values.



In an Interview with Envoy Excellency

Mr. Rastislav Podhorec

Director General of Eximbanka SR



Could you give us an overview of the role and mandate of EXIMBANKA SR in supporting Slovak businesses?

As the state's main direct instrument for export support, EXIMBANKA SR is a key component of the chain responsible for implementing the country's economic policy in the area of external economic relations. It offers a wide range of export-related financial products, primarily export credit insurance, financing, and guarantees. As a state-owned export credit agency, it enables Slovak exporters to enter into trade and investment relationships where the commercial financial sector shows less interest in assuming risk, thereby fulfilling a complementary function.

What are some of the key development projects currently being financed or supported by the bank?

EXIMBANKA SR continues its efforts to create the best

possible conditions for Slovak exporters to succeed in foreign markets. It has actively supported European initiatives and brought them closer to the Slovak business community, while continuing to organize specialized events focused on specific export markets. An important part of its activities was cooperation in the field of economic diplomacy, participation in business missions and presentations, as well as strengthening its presence in the regions. Through these activities, EXIMBANKA SR systematically contributes to the development of Slovak exports and to increasing the readiness of domestic companies to succeed in the international environment.

How does the bank support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in entering international markets?

We provide tailored financial products such as export credits, insurance against commercial and political risks, and guarantees. We also offer them the option to take advantage of a credit line from the European Investment Bank to support small and medium-sized enterprises and mid-sized companies at a preferential interest rate of at least 0.25% per annum. EXIMBANKA SR also helps mitigate risks when entering new or emerging markets. This enables smaller companies to expand globally with greater confidence.

What potential do you see for financial cooperation between Slovakia and India, especially in trade and infrastructure projects?

There is strong potential for financial cooperation between Slovakia and India, especially in the light of the evolving EU-India trade relations, including the new free trade agreement and planned defence cooperation. These frameworks are expected to reduce trade barriers and create new opportunities in infrastructure and industrial projects. EXIMBANKA SR builds on its experience in India, particularly in energy and engineering sectors, and is ready to support Slovak exporters through financing and insurance. Cooperation with Indian institutions such as the Export-Import Bank of India, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India, and State Bank of India is key to enabling joint projects. Establishing reliable local partnerships, also in line with the "Make in India" initiative, remains essential for successful market entry.

Are there specific sectors where EXIMBANKA SR is looking to expand partnerships with foreign stakeholders?

EXIMBANKA SR encourages Slovak exporters to expand their partnerships particularly in sectors such as nuclear energy, defence industry, and reconstruction projects in Ukraine. Additional focus areas include engineering, chemical, metallurgical, electrical, and pulp and paper industries. We also aim to strengthen cooperation with European financial institutions and support exports to promising markets beyond the EU. A key priority remains enhancing support for SMEs in these sectors. Overall, the ambition is to position EXIMBANKA SR as a strong partner for Slovak companies in global markets.



In an Interview with Envoy Excellency

Mr. Pavol Čahoj

President of the Defence and Security Industry Association of the Slovak Republic

Slovakia has a well-established defence manufacturing base, particularly in areas like ammunition, artillery systems, and military technologies—how would you describe the current strengths and global positioning of Slovakia’s defence industry today?

Strengths and global position of Slovak defence industry is growing very fast especially in this period of global environment. Based on this we can say that our industry is actually within top leaders in Europe.

The Slovak defence sector includes both state-owned and private enterprises, often working in international collaborations—how does your association facilitate cooperation between industry players and the government to strengthen the overall ecosystem?

The industry cooperate together and use all necessary experience within national and international area.

With increasing global demand for defence equipment and modernization programs across Europe, what are the key growth areas and investment opportunities within Slovakia’s defence industry, particularly in advanced manufacturing and exports?

I consider as a key growth area and investment opportunities

mostly high skills of people working in our industry. Our analyze describe Slovak industry development as one of the most credible area in case of quality and production skills.

India is among the world’s largest and fastest-growing defence markets—what opportunities do you see for Slovak–Indian defence cooperation, especially in areas like joint production, technology transfer, and supply chain integration?

As it was mentioned we offer high skills and quality approach, friendly workspace and possibility to cooperate within all defence area. ToT and JV structure are considered as a key for future common manufacturing.

Emerging technologies such as drones, autonomous systems, and AI-driven defence solutions are reshaping modern warfare—how is Slovakia positioning itself in these domains, and what role does your association play in promoting innovation?

Based on the fact that we are very close of conflicts , our companies has huge experience in modern warfare and the are very proactive in case of building new capacities for products use AI platform. The association provide support within national and international environment as well.

In an Interview with Envoy Excellency

Mr. Alexander Matušek,

President of the Automotive Industry Association of the Slovak Republic



Slovakia is often referred to as the “Detroit of Europe” due to its high car production per capita—what key factors have contributed to the success and growth of the automotive industry in Slovakia?

Slovakia has built this reputation through a combination of strategic location, industrial tradition, openness to foreign investment, and a strong export-oriented economy. Being situated in the heart of Europe gives manufacturers efficient access to major European markets.

Another important factor has been the presence of global automotive OEMs, which have created a robust supplier network and brought advanced technologies and know-how into the country. Slovakia also benefits from a skilled and adaptable workforce, competitive productivity, and strong engineering capabilities.

Over time, the automotive industry has become a key pillar of the Slovak economy and an important driver of innovation and employment.

How would you compare the automotive ecosystems of Slovakia and India, and where do you see the strongest complementarities between the two markets?

Slovakia and India represent two different but highly complementary automotive ecosystems. Slovakia is known for high-quality vehicle manufacturing, productivity, engineering excellence, and close integration into the European supply chain.

India, on the other hand, is one of the world’s fastest-growing automotive markets, with a strong domestic demand base, dynamic innovation environment, and globally competitive capabilities in IT, software, and component manufacturing.

The strongest complementarities lie in areas such as smart manufacturing, digital mobility solutions, R&D cooperation, electric vehicle technologies, and supplier partnerships.

What opportunities exist for Slovak automotive companies to expand into the Indian market, and similarly, for Indian companies to invest or collaborate in Slovakia?

India offers significant opportunities for Slovak companies, particularly in advanced manufacturing technologies, automation, precision engineering, testing solutions, and specialized components. Its rapidly growing market also creates space for long-term partnerships.

For Indian companies, Slovakia can serve as an attractive gateway to the European Union. It offers a stable business environment, a mature automotive ecosystem, strong logistics connections, and direct access to European customers.

We also see potential in joint ventures, technology partnerships, battery technologies, sustainable mobility projects, and digital transformation initiatives.

Could you elaborate on the role of the Automotive Industry Association in shaping industry standards, policies, and regulations in Slovakia?

The Automotive Industry Association in Slovakia serves as a key platform connecting vehicle manufacturers, suppliers, policymakers, universities, and other stakeholders. Our mission is to strengthen the competitiveness and long-term sustainability of the sector.

We actively participate in discussions on industrial policy, education, innovation, energy, infrastructure, and labour market development. We also support the creation of a predictable regulatory environment that enables investment and growth.

At the same time, we promote dialogue, cooperation, and the exchange of best practices across the industry.

With the global shift toward electric vehicles and sustainable mobility, how is Slovakia’s automotive sector adapting to these changes, and what challenges do you foresee?

Slovakia’s automotive sector is already undergoing a major transformation toward electrification, digitalisation, and more sustainable production processes. Several manufacturing plants are preparing for or already producing electric vehicle models, while suppliers are adapting their portfolios accordingly.

The main challenges include maintaining globally competitive energy prices, developing charging infrastructure, securing access to raw materials, and ensuring a workforce with the right future-oriented skills.

If these challenges are addressed successfully, Slovakia is well positioned to remain one of Europe’s leading automotive manufacturing hubs in the new era of mobility



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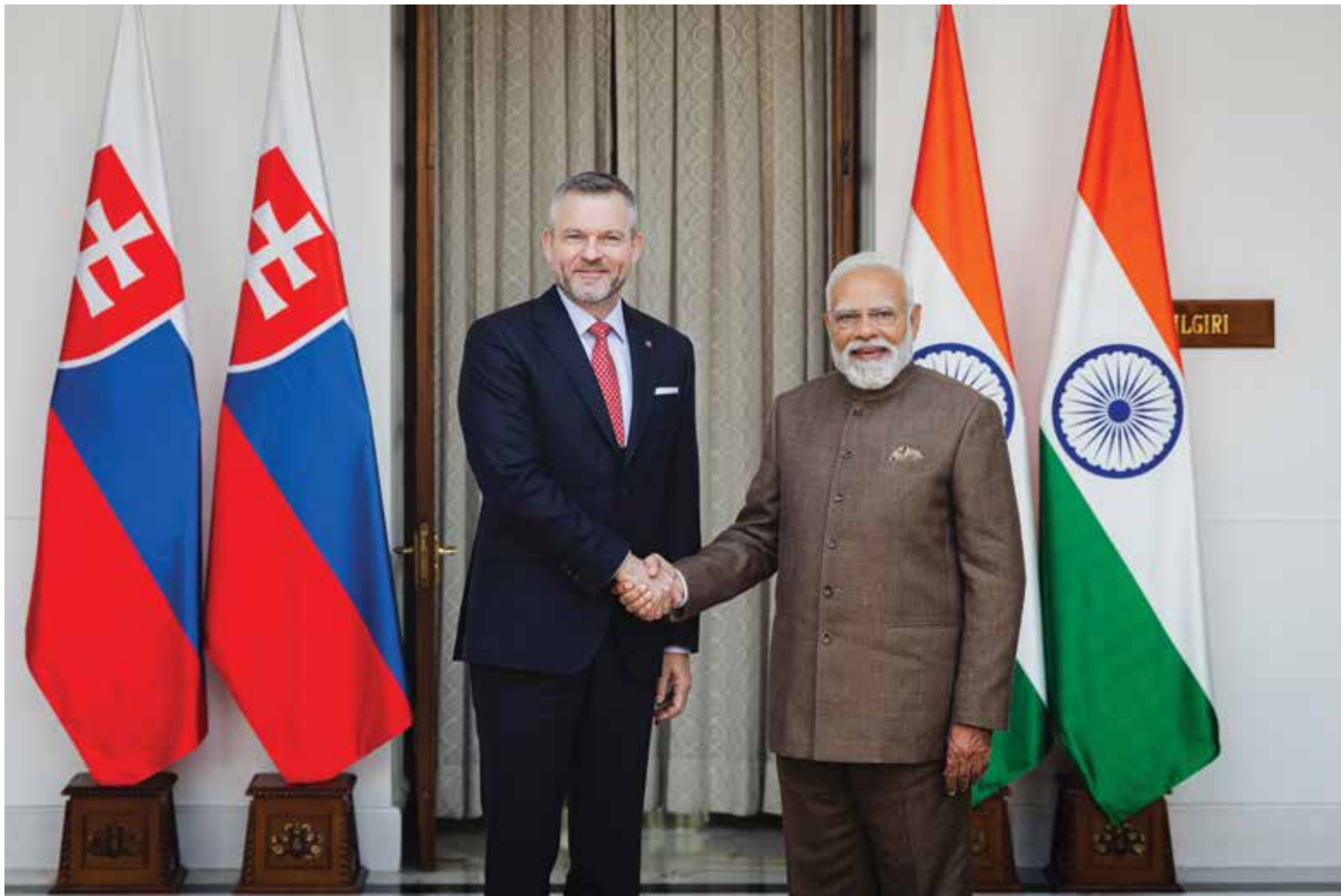
Visit of the President of Slovak Republic, His Excellency Mr. Peter Pellegrini to India, February 2026

The official visit of the President of the Slovak Republic, H.E. Mr. Peter Pellegrini, to the Republic of India in February 2026 marked a significant milestone in the growing diplomatic and strategic partnership between Slovakia and India. President Peter Pellegrini visited India primarily to participate in the prestigious India AI Impact Summit 2026, held in New Delhi from 16 to 20 February 2026. The summit brought together Heads of State, government leaders, policymakers, innovators, and technology experts from around the world to deliberate on the future of artificial intelligence under the central themes of People, Planet, and Progress. His participation reflected Slovakia's growing interest in global digital transformation, innovation, and responsible AI governance. It also highlighted the importance Slovakia attaches to strengthening ties with India in emerging technologies and strategic sectors.

President Peter Pellegrini arrived in New Delhi on 17 February 2026 and received a warm welcome from Indian officials and members of the diplomatic community. His visit came at a time when India and Slovakia were seeking to deepen cooperation in trade, innovation, manufacturing, defence, and education. The visit was viewed as an important opportunity to expand Slovakia's engagement with one of the world's fastest-growing economies and a recognised leader in digital public infrastructure and innovation-driven governance.

At the India AI Impact Summit 2026, President Peter Pellegrini actively participated in plenary sessions, panel discussions, and bilateral meetings. The summit served as a major international platform for discussing AI in governance, industry, healthcare, education, climate action, and sustainable development. Leaders discussed AI policy, ethical frameworks, digital inclusion, and innovation partnerships. Slovakia's participation highlighted its interest in embracing Industry 4.0, digital modernisation, and collaboration in futuristic technologies such as robotics, cybersecurity, and smart manufacturing. President Pellegrini's presence also reflected Slovakia's commitment to international cooperation in shaping responsible and inclusive AI systems.

A major highlight of the visit was the bilateral meeting between the Hon. Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and President Peter Pellegrini on the sidelines of the summit. This was the first official meeting between the two leaders and provided an important opportunity to review the full spectrum of India-Slovakia relations and exchange views on regional and global developments. Both leaders welcomed the positive momentum generated by the recent India-EU Summit and the conclusion of the landmark India-EU Free Trade Agreement, along with the adoption of the Joint India-EU Comprehensive Strategic Agenda.





During their discussions, Hon. Shri Narendra Modi and President Peter Pellegrini expressed satisfaction at the growing momentum in bilateral economic and commercial ties. They agreed to explore further cooperation in sectors such as startups, information technology, renewable energy, including nuclear energy, manufacturing, defence, space, and education. Both leaders also noted the potential for enhanced collaboration in AI and digital public infrastructure. Hon. Shri Narendra Modi highlighted India's vision of "AI for All," while President Pellegrini shared Slovakia's priorities in digital transformation and industrial innovation. They also reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening people-to-people exchanges, tourism, and cultural ties. President Pellegrini appreciated the contribution of the Indian community in Slovakia and recognised India's growing role in the global economy.

During his visit, President Peter Pellegrini also met the President of India, H.E. Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Their meeting reaffirmed the warm and friendly relations between the two countries and focused on expanding cooperation across multiple sectors. Hon. President Murmu appreciated Slovakia's support for strengthening India-EU relations and discussed opportunities in trade, innovation, education, and culture. Both leaders acknowledged the importance of democratic values, international peace, and multilateral cooperation. The meeting symbolised the growing importance of the India-Slovakia partnership in connecting Europe and Asia.

The visit further highlighted the historical and friendly relations between India and Slovakia. Diplomatic relations



Slovakia's strategic location in Central Europe and India's expanding global economic and technological role provide strong opportunities for future collaboration.

between the two countries have remained cordial and constructive over the years, with growing trade and cooperation in automobiles, machinery, pharmaceuticals, defence production, information technology, and education. Slovakia's strategic location in Central Europe and India's expanding global economic and technological role provide strong opportunities for future collaboration. Cultural exchanges and educational partnerships have also contributed to stronger people-to-people ties.

Overall, the official visit of the President of the Slovak Republic, Mr. Peter Pellegrini, to India in February

2026 was highly successful and productive. Through his participation in the India AI Impact Summit 2026, bilateral meetings with India's top leadership and interactions with diplomats, corporate houses, and media, President Pellegrini significantly advanced Slovakia-India relations. The visit reaffirmed the shared commitment of both countries to deepen cooperation in AI, trade, innovation, strategic sectors, and people-to-people ties. It also opened new avenues for future collaboration and strengthened the partnership between the two democratic and forward-looking nations.



Slovakia and India: Building a Forward-Looking Partnership in the Indo-Pacific

Slovakia's Indo-Pacific strategy reflects a forward-looking evolution in its foreign policy, grounded in the recognition that its future prosperity and security are closely linked to developments beyond Europe. This approach was formalized with the adoption of Slovakia's Indo-Pacific Strategy, which sets out the country's priorities and areas of engagement in the region. As a highly open and internationally connected economy, Slovakia is naturally engaged with global supply chains that run through the Indo-Pacific. The strategy therefore focuses on expanding economic opportunities, strengthening technological cooperation, and deepening diplomatic engagement, while aligning with broader European efforts to promote open trade, stability, and effective multilateral cooperation in the region.

In this context, Slovakia is an active, reliable, and pragmatic partner in the Indo-Pacific. It contributes through economic diplomacy, innovation partnerships, and constructive political dialogue. By strengthening its diplomatic presence, supporting business cooperation, and engaging through the European Union framework, Slovakia is steadily building a visible and credible role in the region, grounded in partnership, connectivity, and shared growth.

India plays a key role for Slovakia in Asia, given its significant economic growth, large consumer market, and increasing influence on the global stage. India's robust IT sector,



H.E. Mr. Juraj Blanár, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

expanding manufacturing base, and vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem offer tremendous opportunities for cooperation. By strengthening ties with India, Slovakia can tap into this dynamic market, foster innovative partnerships, and further enhance bilateral trade and investment flows. Beyond economic cooperation, the document notes areas such as innovation, digital transformation, cyber security, education, research, defence industry collaboration, mobility, and cooperation in multilateral forums where Slovakia and India share converging interests. It underlines the importance of supporting Slovak companies active in India and attracting Indian investment into strategic sectors of the Slovak economy.

We also recognise India as a key player in maintaining stability in the Indo-Pacific region and as a country that shares with Slovakia a commitment to multilateralism, rules-based international order and constructive global engagement.

The relationship has gained clear momentum in recent years, at both political and business level. Political engagement has intensified, reflecting growing mutual interest and trust. This includes the participation of the Slovak president, Peter Pellegrini, in the AI Impact Summit held in New Delhi in February 2026, as well as the landmark visit of the Indian president, Droupadi Murmu, to Slovakia in 2025, alongside regular meetings between the foreign ministers of both countries. These interactions demonstrate a sustained commitment to deepening dialogue and expanding cooperation across multiple areas.

This strong political engagement is increasingly matched by tangible economic outcomes. Bilateral trade between India and Slovakia has shown steady and dynamic growth, surpassing €1.6 billion in 2025. This upward trajectory reflects not only the expanding scale of exchange, but also a well-defined and complementary trade structure. Slovakia's exports to India are heavily concentrated in high-value industrial goods, particularly passenger vehicles and automotive components, which are complemented by machinery and mechanical equipment such as pumps, filtration systems, and machinery for processing plastics and rubber. Additional export categories include electrical equipment, precision components as well as chemical products. At the same time, imports from India into Slovakia reflect a diversified mix of industrial and consumer goods. Key categories include telecommunications equipment, automotive parts and engines, and electrical systems, alongside pharmaceuticals and chemical products.

Nowadays, there is growing diversification beyond traditional sectors, with increasing collaboration in high-value industries such as artificial intelligence, green technologies, and advanced manufacturing. Slovak firms are actively exploring India's vast market potential, while Indian companies are strengthening their footprint in Slovakia, often using it as a gateway to the broader European Union market. Slovak investments in Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal not only support India's modernisation in areas such as green technologies, railway infrastructure, smart mobility, and digital innovation, but also generate



local employment and facilitate the transfer of advanced technologies.

Education and research cooperation represent another promising dimension of bilateral ties. Universities and academic institutions in both countries are expanding partnerships through student exchanges, joint research programs, and technical collaboration. Slovak technical universities are increasingly engaging with Indian institutes in fields such as engineering, information technology, and applied sciences. At the same time, a growing number of Indian students are choosing Slovakia—particularly for medical and technical studies—contributing to people-to-people connections and long-term professional linkages.

Cultural cooperation is also playing a meaningful role in strengthening mutual understanding. Indian culture, through film, cuisine, yoga, and traditional arts, has gained visibility and popularity in Slovakia, while Slovak culture is being promoted in India through exhibitions, cultural events, and artistic exchanges. Cultural diplomacy efforts are helping to build a broader societal foundation for the partnership.

Taken together, these developments point to a relationship that is becoming more comprehensive, structured, and forward-looking. Slovakia's engagement with India reflects both strategic intent and practical cooperation across political, economic, educational, and cultural domains. In a global environment increasingly shaped by Asia's rise, this partnership offers Slovakia a valuable pathway to expand its international presence, diversify its economic links, and actively participate in shaping future opportunities.

INVEST IN SLOVAKIA

In the race to attract global capital, Slovakia has positioned itself as a highly attractive destination for foreign investment. Situated in the heart of Central Europe, the country is standing out as a dynamic investment hub that combines a strong industrial tradition with an increasing focus on innovation and investor-friendly policies. Together, these elements help reduce costs, simplify market entry, and support long-term business growth.

Slovakia's appeal lies in its geographic position in the centre of Europe, bordering key markets such as Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary, which eventually provides direct access to hundreds of millions of consumers. Its well-developed transport infrastructure, linking road, rail, and air corridor, makes it an efficient hub for logistics and export-oriented production.

Equally important is Slovakia's stable economic and political environment. As a member of the European Union, the Eurozone, NATO, and the OECD, the country offers a high level of regulatory certainty and integration into global markets.

Slovakia has also built a strong reputation as an industrial

powerhouse, particularly in the automotive and engineering sectors. It is one of the world's leading car producers per capita, hosting 5 major global manufacturers (Jaguar Land Rover, Volkswagen, Stellantis, Kia and Volvo) and an extensive network of suppliers. This industrial ecosystem creates opportunities not only for manufacturing but also for research and development, innovation, and advanced services.

A key driver behind this success is the country's skilled and productive workforce. Slovakia benefits from a solid education system with a strong emphasis on technical disciplines, while universities and vocational schools cooperate closely with industry. In addition, the workforce is known for its adaptability and efficiency, supported by strong nominal labour productivity per hour worked, reaching around 80% of the EU average, placing Slovakia ahead of regional peers, including Romania, Czech Republic or Hungary.

From a cost perspective, Slovakia offers a competitive advantage compared to Western Europe. Labor and operational costs remain relatively low while productivity levels are high, allowing companies to maintain efficiency





without compromising quality. This balance has made the country particularly attractive for manufacturing, shared service centres, and high-value-added activities.

However, Slovakia offers more than just a favourable location and a skilled workforce. Its attractiveness is further strengthened by a well-structured system of investment incentives, supported at the governmental level. In practice, investors benefit from coordinated cooperation across public institutions, local and regional authorities, as well as legal and advisory partners, which helps streamline administrative processes, facilitate market entry, and ensure a smoother establishment of operations. A central role in this system is played by the Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency (SARIO), an agency under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, which acts as a primary point of contact for investors offering free and confidential services throughout the entire investment process.

Building on this institutional support, the Slovak government has developed a targeted system of investment incentives designed to attract projects with high added value. These incentives are tailored to each project, taking into account factors such as the type of investment, the region, and its expected economic impact. Companies can benefit from corporate income tax relief, which reduces their tax burden over a defined period, as well as direct financial contributions for creating new jobs or acquiring assets such as machinery and technology.

In addition, Slovakia increasingly prioritizes innovation-driven investments. Projects focused on research and

development, digitalization, or advanced manufacturing can access additional forms of support. This reflects the country's broader goal of moving toward a more knowledge-based economy while remaining competitive in traditional industries.

SARIO agency complements these incentives with practical assistance. It supports companies with site selection, helping identify suitable locations based on operational needs, and provides insights into the local business environment, labour market, and supply chains. It also helps investors navigate administrative procedures, reducing delays and uncertainty during the setup phase. Crucially, support continues beyond the initial investment, with long-term engagement also available to foreign investors already operating in Slovakia.

Looking ahead, Slovakia is increasingly positioning itself as a destination for innovation and advanced industries. Government strategies emphasize digitalization, automation, and the transition toward a knowledge-based economy. Sectors such as information technology, electric mobility, and research-intensive manufacturing are gaining importance, offering new opportunities for forward-looking investors.

Overall, Slovakia presents a well-rounded investment case: a central European location, strong industrial base, skilled workforce, competitive costs, and targeted government support. The country's continued efforts to improve its business environment and attract high-value investments ensure that it will remain firmly on the radar of global investors in the years to come



Slovak Industry: A Gateway to Central Europe's Prosperity

Slovakia is demonstrating a resilient industrial sector that continues to evolve. It is a country that has built a strong manufacturing base while actively working to broaden and modernize it. Slovakia's industrial development has been shaped by core sectors including automotive, engineering, electronics and IT. While these industries remain central, their role is evolving as they contribute to the expansion of more advanced and technology-oriented production such as electromobility (EVs), robotics, AI, space and much more.

The automotive industry has been the backbone of the industry for a very long time, forming a strong ecosystem which extends into mechanical engineering, where firms specialize in tooling, automation systems, and precision components as well as electronics manufacturing. This strong industrial base interconnected with extensive supplier networks provided the foundation for 5 automotive plants that are currently operating from Slovakia.

Starting with Volkswagen established in 1991, the car production has continued with Stellantis (2003), Kia (2004), Jaguar Land Rover (2015) and with the latest investment from Volvo Cars which plant is still under construction, planning to be fully operating from the year 2027. Even considering only 4 operational plants, Slovakia is already the world leader in car production per capita.

At the same time, the sector is undergoing a major transformation as it shifts toward electric vehicles (EVs) and

sustainable mobility. Carmakers in Slovakia are retooling factories, introducing EV production lines, and investing in new technologies, while the government is supporting the transition through incentives and infrastructure development. EV adoption is steadily rising, and the country is positioning itself within Europe's growing battery and EV supply chain with 17 electric and plug-in hybrid electric models being produced in Slovakia.

Slovakia's electrical engineering industry plays a central role in the country's industrial economy, combining large-scale manufacturing with increasing technological sophistication. The sector is closely linked to automotive production and specialises in areas such as power electronics, automation systems, electrical components, semiconductors, and





consumer electronics. Major international companies including Siemens, Bosch, and Foxconn operate production and development facilities in Slovakia. The country's position within European manufacturing supply chains, together with ongoing investment in automation and smart technologies, continues to strengthen Slovakia as an important hub for electrical engineering and advanced industrial production in Central Europe.

The mechanical engineering industry in Slovakia is a long-established and strategically important part of the national economy, shaped by strong industrial tradition and a shift toward modern, high-value production. Currently, it accounts for 41% of Slovakia's industrial production and representing 39% of total industrial employment in the country. It has evolved from conventional manufacturing into a sector increasingly focused on precision engineering, automation, robotics, and advanced technological solutions.



A significant feature of the industry is its role in supporting broader industrial output through the production of machinery, transport equipment, and specialised engineering systems, often developed in collaboration with international manufacturing and technology partners. This combination of historical know-how, industrial capacity, and technological upgrading continues to reinforce Slovakia's position as a competitive engineering location in Europe.

The defence segment of Slovakia's mechanical engineering industry is a specialised and expanding field focused on the production of military vehicles, ammunition, weapon systems, and advanced defence technologies. It builds on a strong domestic industrial base and includes established Slovak manufacturers such as KONŠTRUKTA-Defence, MSM Groupor WAY Industries. The sector also includes companies, which develops defence IT systems and communications solutions. Together, these firms illustrate how Slovakia's defence industry combines traditional heavy engineering with modern electronics and software-based systems, while increasingly producing export-oriented special vehicles, artillery platforms, and various technologies.

Slovakia's ICT sector has become a significant pillar of the national economy, contributing around 4.5% to GDP and employing more than 110,000 people, with sector employment growing by 80% between 2013 and 2023. It has developed into one of the country's most dynamic industries, supported by strong investment in digital infrastructure, innovation, and technical education. The country has 12 ICT-focused faculties across 7 universities and a growing network of research and development centres that cooperate closely with private companies. The sector



is home to internationally recognised firms such as ESET, Sygic, and Photoneo, which have built global reputations in cybersecurity, navigation software and robotics.

Slovakia is also steadily expanding its presence in the pharmaceutical and life sciences industry through a combination of advanced manufacturing with a growing focus on research and medical innovation. The country has developed expertise in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, diagnostics, and medical devices, supported by cooperation between universities, research centres, and private companies. Innovative Slovak firms are active in areas such as cancer diagnostics, biomarker analysis, and personalised medicine, helping strengthen the country's international profile in health technologies.

Research and development sector (R&D) in Slovakia is best understood as a “value-upgrading layer” that strengthens the country's core industrial strengths in automotive,

ICT, pharmaceuticals, and mechanical engineering by pushing them toward more complex, knowledge-intensive production. Instead of replacing these sectors, R&D activities are embedded within them through corporate innovation centres, university partnerships, and applied research institutes. This innovation environment has produced several notable Slovak-developed products and technologies, such as biometric identity systems from Innovatrics or advanced diagnostic platforms developed by biotech firms like Multiplex DX. A notable extension of this ecosystem is Slovakia's growing involvement in space-related technologies, where existing competencies in electronics, precision engineering, and software are being applied to satellite components, mission systems, and Earth observation applications. Supported by investment incentives and tax deductions for research activities, this evolving innovation ecosystem enhances Slovakia's attractiveness for investors seeking a technologically capable, industrially integrated, and increasingly value-driven business environment.

Slovakia and India Strengthen Ties During EU Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) in Brussels



The Slovak Republic continued to strengthen its political and economic dialogue with India, which ranked among the most important partners of the European Union in the Indo-Pacific region. Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Juraj Blanár, confirmed this during a bilateral meeting with Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar on the sidelines of the EU Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) in Brussels.

Minister Blanár stated that during his first visit to India in 2024, the countries' mutual trade had reached an annual level of 870 million euros; for that year, it subsequently exceeded one billion euros, and for 2025, the mutual turnover was expected to reach a historic value of 1.8 billion euros.

“India is an important partner for Slovakia and the entire EU in terms of stability, security, economic cooperation and competitiveness. It has one of the fastest growing economies in the world and is a significant player in the Indo-Pacific region. Therefore, it is exceptionally important in today's geopolitical situation to strengthen partnerships with countries that play a key role in protecting the rules-based international order”, emphasised the head of Slovak diplomacy.

The ministers also discussed further possibilities for deepening cooperation between Slovakia and India, particularly in the areas of defense and space industries, as well as the development of relations between the European

Union and India. Blanár praised the progress in negotiations on a free trade agreement and highlighted the emergence of a new partnership in security and defense.

“The Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and India sends a positive signal about the importance of an open and mutually beneficial partnership; this is especially important in the current tense situation in world trade. For Slovakia, this is crucial, especially in terms of further development of industrial and technological cooperation, for example, in the automotive industry or in the field of modern technologies”, stressed the head of Slovak diplomacy.

He added that the European Union and India already traded goods and services worth more than 180 billion euros annually, supporting nearly 800,000 jobs within the EU.

The Slovak minister also informed his counterpart about preparations for the first-ever official visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Slovakia. The planned trip in June aimed to confirm the growing momentum of dialogue between the two countries and to create new opportunities for cooperation in economic, scientific, technical, and educational fields.

“We are preparing intensively for this visit. It will be a historic moment in our bilateral relations and an opportunity to shift the partnership between Slovakia and India to a new level”, confirmed Juraj Blanár.

He recalled the positive bilateral dynamics confirmed by last year's visit of Indian President Droupadi Murmu to Slovakia and the February visit of Slovak President Peter Pellegrini to India.

During the meeting, Minister Blanár also extended an invitation to Indian Minister Jaishankar for an official visit to Slovakia. This invitation was linked to India's interest in joining regional cooperation formats in Central Europe—such as the Slavkov format (S3), which Slovakia currently chaired, and the Visegrad Four (V4), where Slovakia was set to assume the presidency in the second half of this year.



Slovakia's Space Journey: Key Contributions, International Engagements, and Strategic Partnerships with India

Slovak R&D involvement in international space programmes dates back to the 1970s, including two human spaceflight missions (as part of Czechoslovakia, as well as an independent state) and four satellite missions with scientific and professional training objectives. Today, Slovak researchers actively participate in a variety of international space missions, including Rosetta, BepiColombo, JUICE, and JEM-EUSO. On top of that, two Slovak universities have already launched a dedicated space engineering programme.

Slovakia has more than 60 companies and 10 R&D institutions actively involved in the space sector, and the number has been dynamically growing over the past years. These companies are predominantly coming to the space arena from relevant areas of sectors such as electronics, high precision machinery, Industry 4.0 and ICT. Although more than half of them are focused on the upstream segment, most of the space-related revenue is concentrated in software applications using Earth observation or positioning data. Since 2025, Slovakia has been hosting the European Space Agency's (ESA) Business Incubation Centre (ESA BIC), located in three regions with the potential to support 25 start-ups over the next five years.

Since 2022, Slovakia has been an Associated Member State of the ESA – European Space Agency, participating in programmes supporting technological and industrial

capabilities, education, business development and incubation, hardware technologies, Earth Observation applications, and space safety. As a member state of the European Union, Slovakia is actively involved in all key components of the EU Space Programme (Copernicus, Galileo, GovaSatcom, and more). It is also represented in the United Nations – COPUOS, International Astronautical Federation, EUMETSAT, SME4SPACE, EURISY, and many other organisations, including AreMis Accords.

The Slovak Space Office, the main ecosystem development organisation for space in Slovakia, consists of two branches. The first, the Ministry of Education, Development, Research and Youth of the Slovak Republic is responsible for inter-ministerial political coordination and multilateral international cooperation (European Space Agency, European Union, United Nations). The second, the Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency – SARIO covers the implementation part of the agenda, especially developing the space ecosystem, local and international partnerships.

The Industrial Branch of the Slovak Space Office at SARIO is an official national contact point for international cooperation for the space agencies, offices, associations, businesses, and research entities with the primary focus at industry an cooperation. It aims to support Slovak



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entrepreneurs and researchers in integrating into European industrial structures and participating in international projects. Its objective is to actively develop international professional cooperation of Slovakia with relevant actors in the space industry field. And it is not limited to European partners only. Slovakia is intensively developing its partnership globally.

India, during the recent years was an important partner for Slovakia. In 2017, the first Slovak satellite, SKCube, was successfully launched by an Indian rocket on June 23, 2017, amongst other 30 satellites. The satellite was carried by India's PSLV-XL rocket, which launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. In 2021, during the Expo 2020 Dubai, Slovak Space Office-SARIO and India organized B2B Matchmaking between the Indian and Slovak space industry and R&D. Indian delegation was represented by companies and R&D institutions, such as Agnikul, Alpha



Design Technologies, Astrogate Labs, Bellatrix Aerospace, Dhruva Space Private Limited, DIGantara Research and Technologies, GalaxyEye Space, Lakshmi Machine Works Limited, Larsen &Tourbo, NewSpace India Ltd., Skyroot Aerospace, Inertial Systems Unit (IISU) – ISRO, Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) – ISRO, ISRO Headquarters, Space Applications Centre (SAC) – ISRO, VSSC – ISRO, National Remote Sensing Centre – ISRO. Most recently, in 2026, Slovakia has been allotted 10 slots under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme for the Financial Year 2026-27 by the Government of India. The Slovak space industry, and the Slovak Space Office at SARIO, is ready to explore potential opportunities in launch providers, hardware components development, Space Safety, Earth Observation Application Development, Business, and Education.



Bojnice castle

Slovakia in Every Season: An Unforgettable Journey Through Culture, Nature, and Traditions

Slovakia presents a mosaic of experiences that feel authentic, diverse, and often unexpectedly memorable. Being a relatively small country, it has a benefit of simple access to a lot of sightseeing in a very short time, making it easy to combine city exploration with natural adventures. At the same time, many destinations feel untouched by mass tourism, allowing for a more genuine experience of local culture and traditions, while also providing excellent value for money, making it an attractive option for travellers seeking an affordable yet high-quality experience.

Arriving to Slovakia is easier as one would imagine, since there is a direct flight from Delhi to Vienna (capital of Austria) and from Vienna, it takes only 40 minutes by bus or car to reach Slovak beauty on the Danube – the capital – Bratislava.

Bratislava offers a striking contrast where history meets modernity. Landmarks such as Bratislava Castle, Devín Castle, and the Old Town highlight its historical depth, while scenic boat rides along the river provide memorable views of both its heritage and modern skyline.

In the Old Town, Baroque and Classical architecture meets a lively modern atmosphere, complemented by sites like the

Lomnický peak cable car





Orava castle

pastel Blue Church and the Grassalkovich Palace - now the president's residence, whose gardens offer a peaceful retreat. For an unforgettable evening, the UFO observation tower, set above the SNP Bridge, offers not only spectacular sunset panoramas but also a highly regarded restaurant known for its excellent cuisine. Food lovers will also appreciate the city's diverse dining scene, including several Indian restaurants, all

popular for their rich flavours and authentic dishes. A good way to see the sights of Bratislava in an easy and accessible way is to take the Bratislava City Tour "Oldtimer." This small, vintage-style bus offers a comfortable ride through the city's main highlights, making sightseeing effortless. With disposable earphones and a multilingual guided commentary, it quickly helps visitors to get oriented.



Wine festival in city Pezinok

Moving away from the capital, travellers will find many opportunities for various activities, depending on the season. In summer, warm weather and long days offer plenty of time to explore the country and enjoy the landscape. 180 castles and ruins along several UNESCO sites scattered around the country will guide the way and mark an unforgettable experience where history meets nature. Many of the well-known castles, such as Bojnice Castle, Smolenice Castle, Orava Castle or Spiš castle, nowadays offer very interactive visits using virtual reality and mobile apps to learn about its fascinating background. Plenty are set in a stunning natural scenery, which gives visitors the opportunity to discover Slovak countless mountains, valleys and caves. One of the most enchanting places to experience this is Bojnice Castle, where storybook charm and natural beauty come together to create one of the most photogenic locations in Slovakia. A fairytale-like setting with romantic architecture, manicured gardens, and a dreamy atmosphere makes for an unforgettable backdrop for romantic couples' destinations or pre-wedding photoshoots.

Even Slovak mountains are not distant spectacles. They rise dramatically yet remain accessible, offering crisp air, clear lakes, and trails that lead to moments of quiet awe. Whether it's a cable car ride above the valleys or a gentle walk along mountain paths, the connection to nature feels immediate. The cinematic quality of these mountains has already drawn international attention. Even Amitabh Bachchan had the opportunity to experience the quiet grandeur of the High Tatras during the filming of movie *Chehre*, where the scenery itself becomes part of the storytelling.

In autumn, the landscape transforms into a tapestry of warm colours, which is a perfect time to visit some of the wine festivals and tastings all over the country, along with traditional duck and goose feasts that highlight local culinary tradition. If the temperature drops a bit lower, visitors will find that Slovakia is home to 20 spa towns and offering 42 locally bottled natural mineral waters, all thanks to 1,943 thermal and mineral water springs. With over 100 years of expertise, Slovak spas rank amongst the most developed in Europe. Set in both historic and modern surroundings, they offer high-quality medical care, rehabilitation, and preventive treatments, while visitors can enjoy tranquillity, elegant architecture, and one-of-a-kind experiences.

During winter, Slovakia takes on a serene character, with snow-covered landscapes, inviting visitors to enjoy snow-dusted views and a relaxing atmosphere. Except spending time in picturesque hot spas surrounded by snowy mountains or for more adventurous types by skiing, people can best enjoy the country through countless winter and Christmas festivals, which bring a special warmth to this season. Bigger and smaller towns are filled with sparkling lights, festive music and joyful atmosphere. Traditional markets offer handmade crafts alongside seasonal Slovak specialities such as savoury potato pancakes, various grilled sausages and meats, gingerbreads, roasted nuts, and sweet pastries, all best enjoyed with a cup of mulled wine or warm honey liquor. The atmosphere is cozy and welcoming, giving visitors a true taste of local holiday traditions and winter charm.

Christmas market in Bratislava Main Square



UFO Tower in Bratislava





The Treetop walk, Bachledova Valley



In spring, Slovakia comes alive with Easter and May festivities, cultural events, and seasonal markets that fill towns with music, crafts, and local flavours. As the weather warms, parks, riverbanks, and lakes become perfect spots for relaxed afternoons and picnics. It is also a great time to venture beyond the capital Bratislava and discover smaller cities such as Trnava, known as the “Slovak Rome” for its many churches, Žilina set at the gateway to the mountains with a charming historic centre, Košice with its vibrant cultural scene, or Banská Štiavnica with its unique historic charm. Less crowded yet equally rewarding, these destinations offer an authentic atmosphere, most of them even complemented by an Indian restaurant for a familiar touch alongside local cuisine.

No matter the season, Slovakia offers a refreshing blend of authenticity and variety that cater to every type of traveller, from cultural events and lively festivals to outdoor adventures and relaxing escapes. Each season brings new opportunities to explore and whether it is for a short getaway or a longer stay, it leaves visitors with lasting impressions and a desire to return.



Goose feast



Spa in Rajecké Teplice



Slovak Pirohy

LIPTOV

Located in northern Slovakia, the Liptov region is regarded as one of the country's most distinctive tourist destinations thanks to its combination of mountains, lakes, thermal springs, and cultural heritage. Surrounded by the Low Tatras, Western Tatras, Choč Mountains, and Veľká Fatra, the region offers a diverse natural landscape where alpine scenery contrasts with green valleys, forests, and traditional villages. This unique setting allows visitors to experience hiking, cycling, skiing, water activities, and wellness tourism within a relatively compact area.

At the centre of the region lies the Liptovská Mara reservoir, often considered one of the symbols of Liptov. Together with numerous thermal and mineral springs, it has helped establish the region as a major destination for relaxation and recreation. Popular thermal resorts and water parks such as Tatralandia and Bešeňová attract visitors throughout the year with thermal pools, wellness facilities, and water attractions. The region is equally known for winter tourism, particularly the ski resort Jasná Nízke Tatry, which is among the leading skiing destinations in Slovakia and hosts international competitions.

Although Liptov is surrounded by mountains, many of its hiking opportunities are suitable even for less experienced

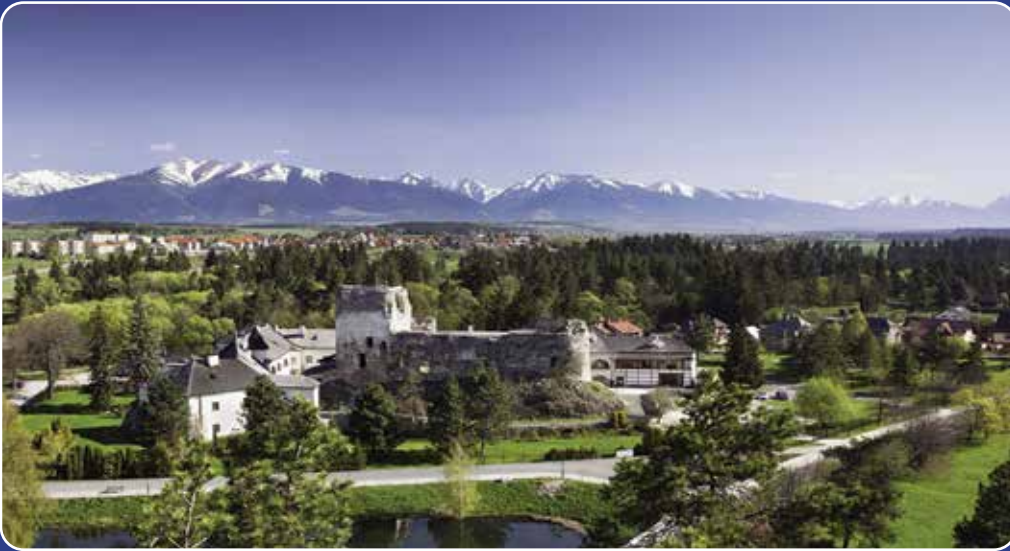
visitors and families with children. A large part of the trails focuses on easy to moderately difficult walks rather than extreme mountain climbing. Cable cars to Chopok and Malinô Brdo make higher-altitude areas accessible without demanding physical effort, allowing visitors to enjoy panoramic views and mountain nature comfortably. This accessibility makes the region attractive not only for active tourists, but also for visitors seeking a relaxed holiday connected with nature.

Its cave systems, including the Demänovská Cave of Liberty and the Demänovská Ice Cave, belong among the most visited natural attractions in Slovakia. Traditional Slovak cuisine, shepherd culture, and mountain chalets further contribute to the authentic atmosphere of the region.

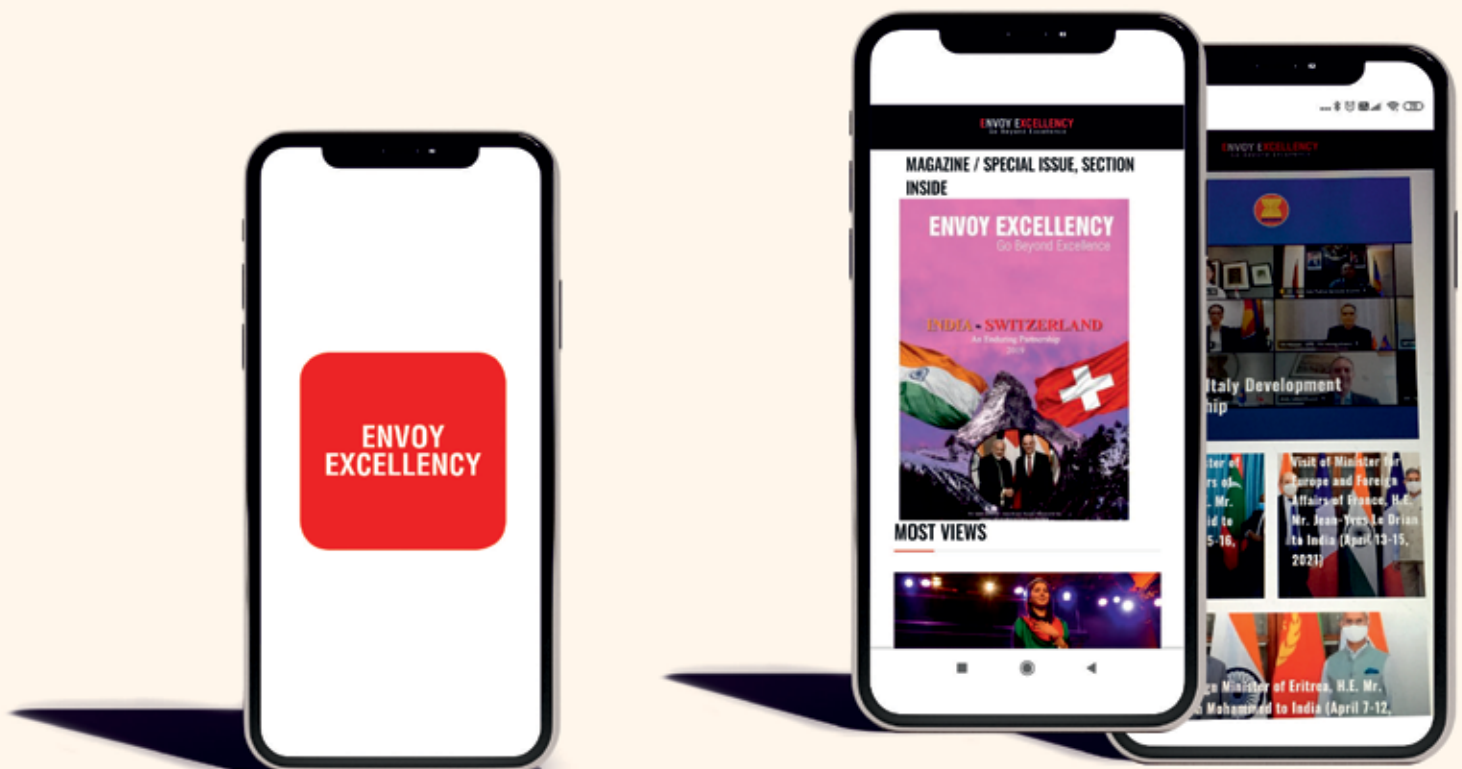
In addition to its natural attractions, Liptov preserves a rich cultural and historical heritage. The UNESCO-listed village Vlkolínec represents one of the best-preserved examples of traditional folk architecture in Central Europe, while the open-air museum in Liptov Village Museum offers insight into the historical way of life in the region. Liptov is also known for its folklore traditions, museums, galleries, and historic churches, including one of the largest wooden sacral buildings in Europe located in Svätý Kríž. The combination of natural scenery, active tourism, wellness facilities, and cultural heritage makes Liptov one of Slovakia's most attractive and versatile regions for visitors throughout the year.

Liptov - must experience!





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