

## India-Slovakia Comprehensive Partnership

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### Why in News?

Recently, Prime Minister paid the first-ever state visit by an Indian PM to Slovakia since its independence in 1993.

- India and Slovakia elevated their ties to a Comprehensive Partnership, signing multiple MoUs.

### Major Areas of Cooperation

- **Nature of Partnership** - Comprehensive Partnership (bilateral + multilateral cooperation).
- **India-European Union (EU) Integration**- Slovakia is an active member state of the European Union (EU).
- Slovakia's support for the early implementation of the **India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** and **the Comprehensive Framework of Cooperation on Mobility** signed in January 2026.
- **Counter-Terrorism** - Established a **Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism** also explicitly condemned cross-border terrorism.
- **Backing UNSC Membership** - Slovakia backed **India's permanent UNSC membership** and confirmed a constructive approach to India's NSG (Nuclear Suppliers Group) membership.
- **Defence and Security** - Signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) on Defence Cooperation focusing on joint development, co-production, and technology transfer.
- **Digital and Quantum Tech** - Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Quantum communication and critical Infrastructure protection.
- Established the **1<sup>st</sup> ever Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Chair** in Artificial Intelligence at the Technical University of Kosice, Slovakia.
- **Trade and Economy** -

- Strengthening India-Slovakia Joint Economic Committee,
  - Improvising automotive, electronics, advanced manufacturing sectors;
  - Leveraging Slovakia's industrial ecosystem and India's innovation scale.
- **Energy and Climate** - Collaboration in nuclear, geothermal, green energy transition, net-zero goals.
  - **Water and Infrastructure** - Cooperation in hydrology, dam safety, rural drinking water, climate-resilient infrastructure.
  - **Mobility and Labour** - Signed a MoU on Labour Migration to address Slovak manpower shortages and protect Indian professionals, working towards a Social Security Agreement (SSA).
  - **Aligning with Regional groupings** - It gives emphasis on aligning with Central European regional groupings like **Slavkov 3, Visegrad 4 (V4), and the 3 Seas Initiative.**

<b>Visegrad Group (V4)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formed in 1991.</li> <li>• Alliance of Poland, Hungary, Czechia, Slovakia.</li> <li>• To promote military, economic, and energy cooperation.</li> </ul>
<b>Slavkov 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established in 2015.</li> <li>• Trilateral format between Austria, Czechia, Slovakia.</li> <li>• Complements the V4 by focusing heavily on labor markets, transportation, infrastructure, and socio-economic integration.</li> </ul>
<b>3 Seas Initiative (3SI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launched in 2016.</li> <li>• Platform of 13 EU states between Baltic, Adriatic, Black Seas.</li> <li>• To bridge the infrastructure and economic gap between member countries.</li> </ul>

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