



President Visit to the Slovak Republic

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President Droupadi Murmu's visit to the **Slovak Republic** (also known as Slovakia) was the first visit by an Indian President in 29 years, aimed at enhancing bilateral relations.

- President Droupadi Murmu was awarded the **Doctorate Honoris Causa degree** in Slovakia for her contributions to public service, women's empowerment, and social justice.
- **India-Slovak Republic Relations:**
 - **Trade Relations:** Bilateral trade crossed 1.28 billion Euros in 2024, with India maintaining a favourable trade balance.
 - India's key exports to Slovakia include mobile phones, footwear, garments, motor vehicle parts, medicaments.
 - Slovakia's major exports to India include motor vehicles, machinery, pumps, transmission shafts.
 - A Joint Economic Committee (JEC) established in 1995 to enhance India-Slovakia commercial ties.
 - **Space Cooperation:** The first Slovak satellite, SKcube, was launched on Indian PSLV-XL in 2017.
 - **Nuclear Cooperation:** MOU signed on safe use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes between India and Slovakia.
- **Slovak Republic:** It is a landlocked country in Central Europe. It borders **Hungary** to the south, **Poland** to the north, **Czech Republic** to the northwest, **Austria** to the west and **Ukraine** to the east.
 - The **Velvet Revolution (1989)** ended communist rule in **Czechoslovakia** and led to the peaceful dissolution of the country into the **Czech Republic** and **Slovakia** in 1993 (often referred to as the "**Velvet Divorce**").
 - Slovakia is a **high-income developed economy** with its capital at **Bratislava** and follows a **parliamentary democratic republic system**.



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