

**Brief Embassy Report on Bilateral Relations – ITJ Division, DGCI&S,
Kolkata.**

India-Slovenia Bilateral Relations

A. Introduction

1. Indian Trade Journal (ITJ) division of the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS) brings out weekly publication on Embassy Profile Report providing information on recent policy changes and happenings in other countries that may be of interest to the Indian trading community. This is the Embassy Profile Report for depicting the Embassy of Slovenia.

2. Republic of Slovenia attained independence from Yugoslavia in 1991. India recognized Slovenia on 11 May 1992. India supported Slovenia for membership at the UN. Slovenia was admitted into the UN on 23 May 1992. Diplomatic relations with Slovenia were concretized when the Ambassador of India in Vienna presented credentials on February 3, 1993 for concurrent accreditation to Slovenia. India opened its resident Mission in Ljubljana in February 2007.

B. Commercial Relations (Trade and Foreign Investment) - Recent facts & figures

3. As a trading country partner of India, and as per latest compiled and available statistics with DGCI&S, India's exports to Slovenia during 2023-24 have been recorded at 586.97 million US Dollar and India's imports from Slovenia during the same reference period stands at 307.74 million US Dollar. India's imports from Slovenia were significantly high in 2022-23. India has continuously enjoyed a trade surplus with Slovenia.

Export-Import statistics as per India's Ministry of Commerce data bank from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as follows :

Export-Import statistics from 2019-20 to 2023-24

(US Dollar Million)

Year	Total trade	Import	Export
2019-20	582.55	248.43	334.12
2020-21	627.58	271.78	355.80
2021-22	799.96	303.24	496.72
2022-23	909.18	297.83	611.35
2023-24	894.71	307.74	586.97

(Source: Department of Commerce, India)

4. Main items of imports from India to Slovenia in calendar year 2021 include Organic chemicals, Pharmaceutical products, Aluminium and articles thereof, Machinery, mechanical appliances, nuclear reactors, Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof, Iron and steel, Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, Ores, slag and ash, Plastics and articles thereof, Rubber and articles thereof.

5. Main items of export from Slovenia to India in 2021 include Organic chemicals, Machinery, mechanical appliances, nuclear reactors, boilers, Iron and steel, Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof, Paper and paperboard, articles of paper pulp, Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical, Plastics and articles thereof, Inorganic chemicals, organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, Rubber and articles thereof, and Miscellaneous Chemical products.

6. **International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE):** India is a member of International Center for Public Enterprises (ICPE), a multilateral organization with its headquarters in Ljubljana. Ministry of Finance is the nodal agency in the Government of India for ICPE.

7. **Science and Technology:** The bilateral S&T programmes between the two countries are being pursued under the bilateral Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation signed between India and Slovenia in January 1995 in New Delhi. A Joint Working Group (JWG) on Scientific and Technological Cooperation finalizes executive Programmes of Cooperation (PoC) concluded for a specified period. Programme of Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Ministry of Science and Technology of India and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Slovenia was signed during the visit of former President of India to Slovenia from 15-17 September 2019, for the period 2020-2022.

C. Other Major Areas of Co-operation

➤ Several Agreements/ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have been signed between India and Slovenia for cooperation in the fields of defence, economic and commercial links, technical cooperation and culture.

➤ MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sport between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Slovenia.

➤ Programme of Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Ministry of Science and Technology of India and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Slovenia for the period 2020-2022.

➤ Programme of Cooperation in the fields of Culture, Arts, Education, Sports and Mass Media,

➤ Programme of Cooperation between the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Slovenian Institute for Standardization (SIST) on Technical Cooperation in the field of Standardization,

➤ MoU between Invest India and SPIRIT Slovenia,

➤ Memorandum of Understanding between IIT Kanpur (for cGanga / India) and VGB (Slovenia),

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➤ Cooperation Agreement between Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (CCIS) and the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the New (Nova) University, Ljubljana and Centre for Eastern & North-Eastern Regional Studies—Kolkata (CENERS-K) on 03 September 2021.
- A consent paper on establishing of India Studies Centre was signed at New University in Ljubljana on 27 September 2021.
- MOU signed between NSIC and SPIRIT SLOVENIA on 22 August 2022.
- **Indian Community:** There is a small Indian community of about 300, comprising mainly of students, professionals and PIOs.

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