

CZECH REPUBLIC

In Central Europe, is a country that is known for its ornate castles and long history. Czech Republic also known by its short name Czechia is a state bordered by Germany to the west, Austria to the south, Slovakia to the east and Poland to the north-east. The Czech Republic includes its historical territories of Bohemia, Moravia and Czech Silesia.

Prague, capital city of the Czech Republic, is bisected by the Vltava River. Nicknamed "the City of a Hundred Spires," it's known for its Old Town Square, the heart of its historic core, with colorful baroque buildings.

Relations between India and Czech Republic are deep rooted. Relations between the two countries continued to strengthen with frequent exchange of visits by academicians, artists, businessmen and political leaders.

The official language is Czech and the currency is Czech koruna.

INDIAN COMPANIES :

- Infosys: IT facility in Brno
- Shriram and SIRO Clinpharm
- Spentex Industries: bought yarn maker Schoeller Litvinov
- Glenmark Pharmaceuticals: acquired Medicamenta company
- Arcelor Mittal: invested in a steel plant in the Czech Republic
- Ashok Leyland (Hinduja Group): invested in Avia Ashok Leyland for trucks production
- Alok Industries: acquired a textile plant Mileta in Horice and manufactures textile material under COTTONOVA brand
- Motherson Sumi Systems Limited: manufacturing and supplying injection moulding components for automobile
- Fedders Lloyd: acquired two Czech companies Lloyd Coils Europe (industrial heat exchangers) and Janka a.s. (industrial coils)

Bilateral Trade figures: (Million US Dollars)

Year	Export from India	Import from Czech Republic	Total Trade
2008	510.628	634.839	1 145.467
2009	471.796	604.238	1 076.034
2010	575.077	788.514	1 363.591
2011	650.878	854.305	1 505.183
2012	596.00	655.30	1252.31

2013	630.127	566.12	1196.25
2014	692.56	588.88	1281.453
Jan -Sept 2015	506.06	411.85	917.92

(Source Czech Statistical office)

Exports from India:

Iron and Steel, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, Power-generating machinery and equipment, Medical and pharmaceutical products, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, footwear, General industrial machinery and equipment, Organic chemicals.

Imports from India:

Boilers and Electrical Machineries, Machinery specialized for particular industries, General industrial machinery and equipment, Roads vehicles , Organic chemicals, Rubber materials, Telecommunications and sound-recording equipment.

Important Clusters:

Agriculture, Nuclear power engineering, Engineering, Renewable energy, Automation, robotics, Low-energy and passive construction, Biotechnology, Furniture, Textile industry, Water, power engineering, Glass, Pharmacy, Wood-processing industry, Food industry, Construction

Chamber of Commerce:

Czech Chamber of Commerce, Prague