

**Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
between
the Slovak Academy of Sciences
and
the Indian National Science Academy**

The Slovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as “SAS”) and the Indian National Science Academy (hereinafter referred to as “INSA”) hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”, recognizing the importance of international scientific cooperation have entered into the following Agreement on Scientific Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) to promote and develop opportunities for scientific cooperation of researchers in both countries.

**Article I
Objectives and Forms of Cooperation**

1. The Agreement shall serve as a basis for the promotion and support of scientific cooperation between the Parties within their respective fields of competence, and in accordance with applicable national legislation.
2. Prospective cooperation activities under the Agreement shall be carried out in the form of mobility projects, a project-based support of researcher exchanges. Financial support for such mobility shall be provided for researchers’ visits. The detailed financial terms and conditions for the exchange of scientists shall be governed by the Protocol to the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation between SAS and INSA signed on annual basis.
3. Other cooperation activities may be established by mutual written agreement of the Parties.
4. All cooperation activities shall be based upon the principle of reciprocity for the mutual benefit of both Parties. The precise scope and detailed conditions of each cooperation activity shall be specified in the Protocol signed by both Parties, which shall be an integral part of the Agreement.

**Article II
Implementation**

1. Cooperation under this Agreement shall be implemented through the international cooperation units of the Parties.
2. Financial provisions shall be made in accordance with the conditions specified in this Agreement unless exceptional circumstances arise, such as budget reductions or limitations on budget utilization due to provisional arrangements. In the event that such exceptional circumstances arise, the affected Party shall promptly notify the other Party in writing without undue delay, providing reasonable details of the nature and expected duration of such circumstances. Upon receipt of such notification, the other Party shall be entitled to adjust correspondingly the scope, timing, or financial conditions of its obligations under this Agreement, as appropriate and in accordance with the principle of reciprocity.
3. The details of implementation of the Agreement shall be specified in the Protocol.
4. The progress of cooperation shall be reviewed regularly.

5. The Parties commit to resolving any disputes that may arise during the implementation of the Agreement through negotiation or written correspondence between the Parties.

Article III

Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and Confidentiality

1. Both Parties agree to share the intellectual property rights generated by the cooperation agreement in an effective and fair manner. The intellectual property rights provisions should be clearly stipulated in the specific cooperation agreement to be signed separately by both Parties and/or relevant collaborating parties.
2. Neither Party may disclose any confidential or business information which may arise from the cooperation under this Agreement to any third party without prior written consent of the other Party. Such obligation shall not be governed by the duration of this Agreement and shall remain long in force even after the expiry of the Agreement.

Article IV

Final provisions

1. The Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Parties. It shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years. After the expiration of the term, if neither Party raises any objection in writing, it shall be automatically renewed for subsequent periods of five (5) years. This agreement shall terminate under any of the following circumstances: (1) Both Parties mutually agree to terminate this agreement; (2) Any Party gives a written notice of termination of the agreement to the other Party six months in advance; (3) If the two Parties fail to sign the Protocol on an annual basis, the Agreement shall terminate on the expiration date of the last the Protocol.
2. Termination of the Agreement shall not affect any ongoing or previously approved activities under the terms of the Agreement unless the Parties agree otherwise.
3. The Agreement can be modified or amended only by written agreement signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.
4. The Agreement is signed in two (2) identical copies in English, each of equal legal validity, with each Party retaining one (1) copy.

On behalf of
the Indian National Science Academy



Prof. Shekhar C. MANDE
President of the Indian National Science
Academy

In New Delhi on 14 June 2026

On behalf of
the Slovak Academy of Sciences



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Mgr. Martin VENHART, DrSc.
President of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

In Bratislava on 15 June 2026

**Protocol to the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation
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the Indian National Science Academy**

The Slovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as “SAS”) and the Indian National Science Academy (hereinafter referred to as “INSA”), hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”, in compliance with Article I.4 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation signed on 15.. June 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) agree upon the following Executive Protocol to the Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Protocol”).

**Article I
Objectives and forms of cooperation**

1. The Protocol has been signed in order to specify the terms for implementing the Agreement between the Parties for cooperation activities performed during the period 2026 – 2027.
2. The cooperation activities shall be carried out in the following forms: exchange of researchers (28 researcher-days per year), organization of joint research programs, exchange of periodicals and other publications, and organization of other academic exchanges mutually agreed upon by the Parties. For the avoidance of any doubt, a “year” shall mean a technical year of twelve (12) consecutive months commencing from the entry into force of the Protocol, and not a calendar year.
3. Other cooperation activities may be established by mutual agreement of the Parties.

**Article II
Exchanges of researchers**

1. The annual quota of 28 researcher-days may be used by each Party for the exchange of individual scientists.
2. Unused researcher-days shall not be carried forward to the following year. Scientist exchanges within the aforementioned quota shall be coordinated through the respective Departments of International Cooperation of both Parties.
3. The sending Party shall nominate scientists to the partner Academy, and shall, at least two (2) months prior to the visit, provide the receiving Party with the following information: a) full name and gender, b) date and place of birth, c) details of degree qualifications and brief scientific biography, d) current employment, e) field of specialization, f) foreign language proficiency, g) details of scientific centre and scientists to be visited, h) proposed start date and duration of visit.
4. The receiving Party shall confirm in writing whether to accept the nomination within 30 days after receiving the information. Failure to provide such confirmation within the said 30-day period shall be deemed as a refusal.

5. On the Slovak side, scientists shall be selected through a call for bilateral cooperation projects with the Indian National Science Academy. Projects shall be evaluated by the Commission for International Relations, which shall recommend candidates for exchange. On the INSA side, projects will be evaluated by the academy before recommending candidates for exchange.
6. After confirmation of acceptance, and no later than twenty (20) days prior to the visit commencement, the sending Party shall provide the receiving Party with precise details of the travel arrangements of the visiting scientist.

Article III Financial provisions

1. Financial contributions shall be calculated and provided in compliance with the applicable national legislation and internal regulations of each Party. Upon the entry into force of the Protocol, the Parties shall exchange information on the level of contributions applicable for the duration of the Protocol.
2. The receiving Party shall cover the following expenses for the incoming researcher:
 - Accommodation according to the selection of the receiving Party;
 - Daily allowances in the amount to be notified by the receiving Party in the confirmation of acceptance;
 - Costs of public transportation necessary for travel from the place of accommodation to the workplace;
 - Other expenses specified in the confirmation of acceptance.
3. The sending Party shall cover the following expenses for the outgoing researcher:
 - International round-trip transportation to the host country;
 - Health insurance coverage for the entire duration of the visit.

Article IV Intellectual property rights

1. Nothing in this Protocol shall affect ownership of intellectual property rights of either Party existing prior to the entry in force of this Protocol or generated by a Party outside of a Joint Research Project. Nothing in this Protocol shall grant either Party any intellectual property rights or access to materials owned by the other Party prior to the effective date of this Protocol;
2. Ownership of intellectual property stemming from a research project under this Protocol shall be determined in accordance with the project agreement and inventorship laws of the relevant jurisdiction. Intellectual property created with the contribution of both parties in the course of a Research Project shall be jointly owned by both Parties in proportion to their respective contributions to the innovation, subject to specific legal instruments governing such ownership.

Article V
Final provisions

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties and shall become effective on the day following its first publication in the Central Register of Contracts maintained by the Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic and shall remain valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of its entry into force.
2. The Protocol can be modified or amended only by written agreement signed by authorized representatives of the Parties.
3. The Protocol is signed in two (2) identical copies in English, each of equal legal validity, with each Party retaining one (1) copy.

On behalf of
the Indian National Science Academy

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