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Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Shri Jitin Prasada, concluded his official visit to the Czech Republic from 22-23 April 2026. The visit was held at the invitation of the Government of the Czech Republic, reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthening strategic and economic engagement with key European partners, while deepening bilateral trade, investment, and innovation linkages with the Czech Republic.

During the visit, the Minister held bilateral meetings with senior Czech leadership, including Mr. Karel Havlíček, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry and Trade; Mr Jan Sechter, Deputy. minister of Industry and Trade and Ms. Marie Chatardová, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. These engagements focused on reviewing progress in economic cooperation and exploring new avenues to strengthen industrial and trade linkages across priority sectors.

Shri Prasada co-chaired the 13th Session of the India–Czech Republic Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) with his Czech counterpart Mr Jan Sechter, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic in Prague on 23rd April 2026. Both leaders reviewed the full spectrum of bilateral economic relations and identify new opportunities for collaboration in priority and emerging sectors. The protocol of 13th India-Czechia JCEC was signed.

On the margins of the visit, the Minister inaugurated in the India–Czech Business Forum with Mr Jan Sechter, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade and engaged with leading Czech industry representatives to promote trade and investment opportunities and further strengthen business-to-business linkages.

As part of the programme, Shri Prasada visited leading Czech industrial and technology companies in the automotive, transport equipment, and advanced engineering sectors, including Škoda Transportation in Plzeň, gaining first-hand insights into Czech industrial capabilities and exploring avenues for deeper collaboration. Minister also held meeting with representatives of Skoda Auto and encouraged to enhance investment in India's auto mobile sector. Minister interacted with vibrant Indian community during the visit.

The Minister also visited Czech Institute of Informatics, Robotics and Cybernetics (CIIRC CTU) in Prague and the ELI Beamlines Laser Facility in Dolní Břežany—globally recognised centres of excellence in advanced research, artificial intelligence, robotics, and laser science.

The visit reflects the growing political will and converging economic aspirations between India and its European partners. It aims to translate shared leadership vision into durable partnerships that drive inclusive growth, industrial transformation, and global economic resilience.

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