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Vice President's visit to Rwanda and Uganda

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Why in news?

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Vice President (VP) had returned to India after concluding his five-day visit of Rwanda and Uganda.

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What happened during Uganda visit?

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- This was the first high-level bilateral visit to Uganda from India since 1997 and first high-level visit to Rwanda ever.

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- India and Uganda decided to expand cooperation in the field of energy sector and training of personnel for space programme and peaceful use of atomic energy.

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- Uganda has pitched for Indian companies to manufacture automobiles locally to discourage import of cars.

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- At the **India-Uganda Business Forum**, the VP has emphasised that business ties with Uganda is a “key pillar” of the bilateral relationship.

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Uganda & Rwanda - Geography

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- The equator passes through the African countries of Gabon, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, **Uganda**, Kenya and Somalia. It also passes through Lake Victoria.

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- Rwanda (Capital. Kigali) and Uganda (Capital. Kampala) are both land-locked countries.

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- Rwanda, in east-central Africa, is surrounded by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, and Burundi.

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- Uganda is bordered on the west by Congo, on the north by the Sudan, on the east by Kenya, and on the south by Tanzania and Rwanda.

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- The highest point of Rwanda is Karisimbi, which peaks at 14,826 ft.

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- Numerous lakes dot the landscape, with Lake Kivu making up most of Rwanda's western border. Lake Kivu is one of the 20 deepest lakes in the world, and has a maximum depth of 1,575 ft.

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- Four of East Africa's Great Lakes - **Lake Victoria** (second largest inland freshwater lake in the world), Lake Kyoga, Lake Albert, and Lake Edward lie within Uganda or on its borders.

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