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## **UAE and India Sign Historic Trade Pact, Marking a New Era of Economic Cooperation**

- India and UAE signed the historic Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) aimed at boosting the merchandise trade between the two countries to US\$ 100 billion over next five years. The deal was signed during the virtual summit meeting between Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and H.E. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.
- The leaders also witnessed the signing of the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (India-UAE CEPA) by the respective Commerce & Industry/Economy Ministers from the two countries. The India-UAE CEPA is the first bilateral trade accord concluded by the UAE, and it is also India's first bilateral trade agreement in the MENA region.
- CEPA is a significant initiative in bilateral relations during the pandemic and a major trade agreement that will launch a new era of strategic cooperation between both countries. It will transform bilateral economic and investment ties, open up emerging trade routes between Africa and Asia, promote global trade liberalization and propel economic growth in a post-COVID world.
- Bilateral trade, investment and energy relations between India and the UAE have remained robust. Signing of the CEPA is a testament to these longstanding bilateral trade and investment linkages. Both sides are also strengthening their cooperation in new areas of renewable energy like green hydrogen, climate action, start-ups, skilling, fintech and healthtech.
- The UAE is India's third largest trade partner and bilateral trade is expected to surpass USD 60 billion mark in the current financial year. India ranks as the UAE's number one trading partner for non-oil exports, accounting for nearly 14 percent of the UAE's total non-oil exports globally.
- CEPA may increase the total value of bilateral trade to over US\$100 billion within five years. The historic trade deal is expected to lay the roadmap to a shared vision for the future envisaging stronger, more resilient economies that deliver sustainable welfare and wellness to the peoples of the two countries.

- India- UAE CEPA sees many firsts including automatic authorization for Indian pharma products, strict rules of origin and safeguard mechanism against surge in imports.
- CEPA to generate 10 lakh jobs across labour-intensive sectors such as Textiles, Gems & Jewellery, Leather, Footwear, Pharma, Agriculture products, Medical Devices, Plastics, Sports Goods and Automobiles.

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