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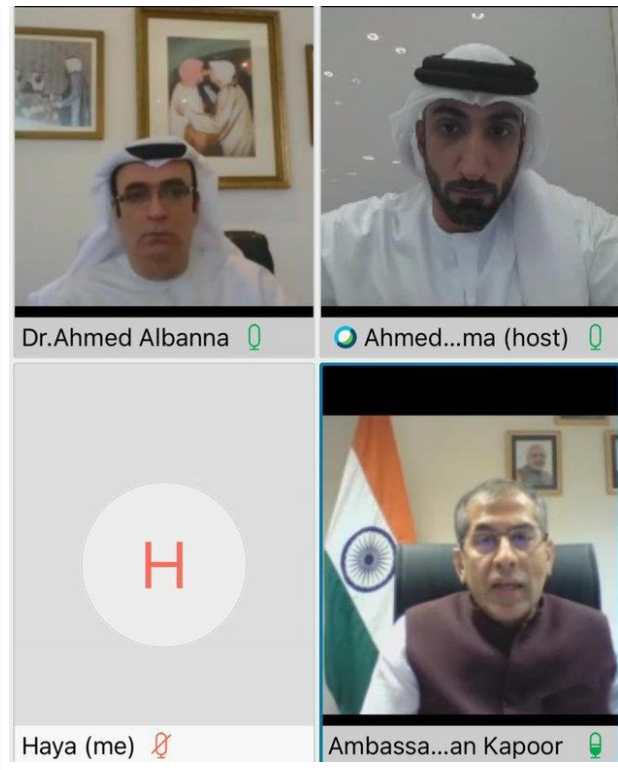
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Virtual Meeting of H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al Banna, UAE Ambassador to India with H.E. Pavan Kapoor, Indian Ambassador to the UAE



May 2021: H.E. Dr. Ahmed Al Banna, UAE Ambassador to India has held a virtual meeting with H.E. Pavan Kapoor, Indian Ambassador to the UAE to discuss and develop the scope of economic and trade relations between UAE and India.

During the meeting, the two sides reiterated that the UAE and India have had economic and cultural ties from the immemorial time and deliberated on ways to reinforce bilateral relations between the two nations. They also exchanged information and views on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic & the situation in their respective countries.

H.E. Dr. Albanna and H.E. Kapoor emphasised the importance they attach to the strength and richness of the bilateral relationship and explored ways for consolidating the strategic cooperation between the two friendly countries.

The meeting culminated on a positive note and both sides expressed common desire to bolster cooperation and exchanges between the UAE and India.

Sector in Focus

Indian maritime sector, a pivotal component of the Indian economy, accounts for 95% of EXIM trade by volume and is a significant employment generator. India also plays a key role in global maritime trade, accounting for 1.05% of global coastline and 10.4% of global maritime trade in FY 2019. Infrastructure and policy reforms have driven overall development and also made India a major provider of ship recycling, accounting for 27.23% in terms of Gross Tonnage (GT).

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has launched the Maritime India Vision 2030 (MIV 2030) to continue driving accelerated growth in the sector. The vision outlines 10 broad themes encompassing 150+ initiatives and is a comprehensive effort to increase the transshipment volumes of Indian cargo at Indian ports from 25 per cent in 2020 to more than 75 per cent by 2030. MoPSW currently hosts 100+ projects under port, harbour, terminal facilities and jetty-development in the Maritime sector, under the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) on the India Investment Grid (IIG) portal in an easily searchable format that allows an investor to directly connect with project owners.

Opportunities in the Maritime Sector

S.No	Name	Total Project Cost	Weblink
1	Mechanization of Berth No. 3 at Haldia Dock Complex	USD 46.11 mn	View More
2	Development of Western Dock at Paradip Port	USD 417.31 mn	View More
3	Mechanization of EQ-7 Berth at Vishakhapatnam Port	USD 27.92 mn	View More
4	Mechanization of WQ 7 & 8 Berths at Vishakhapatnam Port	USD 40.07 mn	View More
5	Development of Multi Cargo Berth no. 9 at Mormugao Port	USD 138.89 mn	View More
6	Development of international and domestic Cruise Terminal at Mormugao Port	USD 3.06 mn	View More
7	Construction of Coastal Berth at JNPT	USD 23.61 mn	View More
8	Development of additional liquid cargo jetty at JNPT	USD 12.5 mn	View More
9	Development, operation and maintenance of Oil Jetty no. 9, Deendayal Port	USD 17.14 mn	View More
10	Development, operation and maintenance of Oil Jetty no. 10, Deendayal Port	USD 17.1 mn	View More
11	Development of Oil Jetty to handle liquid cargo and ship bunkering terminal, Deendayal Port	USD 32.43 mn	View More
12	Development, operation and maintenance of Oil Jetty no. 11, Deendayal Port	USD 50.24 mn	View More
13	Mechanization of fertilizer handling facilities at berth no.14, Deendayal Port	USD 41.71 mn	View More
14	Development, operation & maintenance of container and clean cargo terminal on berths 15 and 16, Deendayal Port	USD 311.11 mn	View More

Source: <https://indiainvestmentgrid.gov.in/>



39 berths have been planned to be offered on **Landlord Model Adoption (PPP)** to boost private participation in the maritime sector



Deregulation of the tariff fixation process through **abolition of Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP)** through Major Ports Authority Bill, 2021.



Creation of **Maritime Development Fund (MDF)** to cater to the funding requirements of Indian Maritime Sector



Creating a **competitive environment** and **reducing transportation costs**, while encouraging Indian vessels to increase their share in Coastal Shipping



Enhancing **Ease of Doing Business** through reforms in the Merchant Shipping Bill



Boosting cruise passenger traffic through **Cruise Tourism Reforms** such as Rationalization of Port Charges and Streamlining Immigration

••••• **Read More:** <https://indiainvestmentgrid.gov.in/opportunities/transport?subSector=37%2C110%2C111>

Monthly News Wrap (May 2021)

Israel's Ecoppia, signs first landmark deal in the UAE with the support of IFIICC



India, Israel and the UAE have signed their first ever trilateral pact, first such arrangement since Israel and UAE established diplomatic ties. A trilateral partnership has been initiated by the International Federation of Indo-Israel Chambers of Commerce (IFIICC) through which an Israel-based company, Ecoppia, is producing an innovative robotic solar cleaning technology in India for a landmark project in the UAE. The deal includes a multilateral collaboration with a leading global renewable energy partner of IFIICC.

UAE-India relations have emerged stronger from the pandemic: Envoy Dr. Albanna



In his remarks, H.E. Dr. Ahmed Albanna, UAE Ambassador to India highlighted that the UAE's bilateral ties with India have further strengthened amid the Covid pandemic. The UAE has helped to strengthen India's fight against the virus. Planeloads of medical supplies were sent from the UAE to India as part of the Government and private initiatives. The country's landmarks were lit up in solidarity with the Indian tri-colour, underscoring the further strengthening of bilateral ties in the backdrop of the pandemic.

Dubai unveils Food Tech Valley to drive AgTech, enhance food security



The first phase of 'Food Tech Valley', a new initiative that seeks to triple the UAE's food production and make the country more self-sustainable was launched on 1st May 2021 by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. The initiative is a partnership between the UAE Ministry of Food and Water Security and Wasl Properties to explore urban planning of future smart and food independent cities.

New multi-organ transplant centre to be established in Abu Dhabi



A multi-disciplinary team of medics from the UAE and India will jointly establish a multi-organ transplant centre in Abu Dhabi, the second such facility in the emirate, offering solace to patients waiting for an organ transplant in the UAE. The centre will be based at VPS Healthcare's Burjeel Medical City in Abu Dhabi and will have a multi-disciplinary team led by Dr. Sandeep Attawar, Chair and Director of KIMS Institute. While Burjeel Medical City will ensure the provision of advanced technology and equipment at the new centre, experts from the KIMS Hospital will share their medical expertise and knowledge.

GCC buyers show interest as India resumes horticultural food promotions



In a bid to boost export potential of India's agricultural and processed food products during the COVID-19 pandemic, a three-day virtual trade fair focusing on horticultural produce was organized by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). This was the second virtual trade fair organized this year, which witnessed the participation of about 543 visitors/importers from several GCC states and over 470 exhibitors/exporters.

India's popular cricket league to be played in the UAE



The world's most popular cricket sport league will be played for the third time in the UAE in September-October this year, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced. The decision was taken at a Special General Meeting of the Board, held virtually, at which members unanimously agreed to move the IPL to the UAE and resume it in mid-September. The season will last until the second week of October and there will be 31 games during this season.

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Indian Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt receives UAE's golden visa



Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt thanked the UAE government for granting him the golden visa. He is the first Indian mainstream actor to have received the UAE golden visa. In November last year, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, approved the issuance of a 10-year golden visa for professionals in a bid to keep the “talented people and great minds” in the Gulf country and help in nation-building.

UAE first GCC country to rush medical supplies to India



While briefing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the Navy's efforts to bring oxygen containers and other supplies from the Gulf for COVID-19 patients in India, Admiral Karambir Singh, India's Chief of Naval Staff highlighted that the UAE was the first Gulf country to rush medical supplies by plane to India last month when COVID-19 cases surged in the second wave of infections. The shipment included oxygen tanks and concentrators, ventilators, testing kits, Favipiravir medicine and other medical equipments.

UNICEF with support from DP World, sent critical supplies to help fight COVID-19 surge in India



With the help of end-to-end logistics support from DP World, the United Nation's Children's Fund (UNICEF) sent additional critical lifesaving supplies to India. The equipment was dispatched from Unicef's warehouse in Dubai to New Delhi to help India battle the deadly 'second wave' of COVID-19. It is part of the global partnership between DP World and UNICEF, which offers worldwide access to logistical services, including ports, rail, trucking and warehousing, free of charge.

Emirates Airlines launched India humanitarian airbridge to transport urgent COVID-19 relief items



Emirates launched a humanitarian airbridge between Dubai and India to transport urgent medical and relief items, to support India in its fight to control the serious COVID-19 situation in the country. Under the airbridge initiative, Emirates offered cargo capacity free of charge on an "as available" basis on all of its flights to nine cities in India, to help international NGOs deliver relief supplies rapidly to where it is needed.

India COVID-19: UAE's Aster provides free telehealth consultation



Rising to meet a challenging situation, the UAE-based Aster DM Health Care Group empowered over 100 of their doctors from GCC and UAE to provide free telehealth consultation for all COVID-19 patients and their caregivers in India. The support was offered through Aster Volunteers, the CSR arm programme of the healthcare group. This gesture was initiated to provide relief to the healthcare ecosystem in India to battle enormous challenges amid the COVID-19 surge.

Indian consulate in Dubai issues new guidelines for OCIs



The Consulate General of India in Dubai issued a slew of new guidelines for Overseas Citizens of India. The new instructions pertain to the re-issuance of OCI cards due to the issuance of new foreign passports to OCI cardholders. According to the notice, there is no requirement of re-issuance of an OCI card each time a new passport is issued to a foreigner up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age. OCI cards would only need to be re-issued when a new passport is issued for the cardholder after completion of 20 years of age.

Major Upcoming Events

06-08 September. 2021	 Annapoorna ANUFOOD India View Details
07-09 September. 2021	 SIAL Middle East View Details
12-15 September. 2021	 The Big 5: International Building & Construction Show View Details
15-17 September. 2021	 Renewable Energy India Expo View Details
1 October 2021 - 31 March. 2022	 Expo 2020 View Details
17-21 October. 2021	 GITEX Technology Week View Details
10-11 November. 2021	 Middle East Investment Summit View Details
14-18 November. 2021	 Dubai Airshow View Details
15-18 November. 2021	 ADIPEC View Details
22-23 November. 2021	 GCC - India Industrial Conference View Details
24-26 November. 2021	 CPHI & P-MEC India View Details
28-30 November. 2021	 International Apparel & Textile Fair View Details
14-16 December. 2021	 Automechanika Dubai View Details
17-19 January. 2022	 World Future Energy Summit View Details
19-21 January. 2022	 SATTE View Details
13-17 February. 2022	 Gulfood View Details
22-24 February. 2022	 DUPHAT View Details



ABOUT US

UAE - India Business Council (UIBC) is the only Official Joint Business Chamber set up by both the Governments for promoting economic synergy between the UAE and India. UIBC was formally launched by His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Minister for Foreign Affairs and Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs of India during 11th Session of the India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting on 3rd September 2015 in New Delhi.

UIBC aims to create an inclusive bilateral trade environment between UAE and India by linking businesses from both the countries, and supporting long-term commercial partnerships for developing strategic relationships between businesses and government officials from both the countries.

UIBC acts towards promoting investment promotion and business collaborations/ JVs between UAE and Indian businesses by organizing B2B networking meetings, policy forums and investment focused events, delegations, and other facilities required to succeed. It serves to provide a voice and visibility to the various stakeholders in UAE - India economic space and work towards promoting trade and investment, job creation, innovation, inclusion, and entrepreneurship between the UAE and India.



OUR MISSION

- To act as a catalyst engaged in exchange of ideas intended to promote the economic synergy between the UAE and India.
- To serve as the direct link between business and government leaders of both the countries
- To work towards providing the critical first 'home-away-from-home' with a network of Government, Policy Makers, Business Leaders and Industry contacts supported by highly skilled secretariat
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