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INDIA-UAE CONNECT:

INDIA-UAE CEPA AGREEMENT COMPLETED THREE YEARS WITH SHINING ECONOMIC AND TRADE ASSOCIATION



INDIA

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), signed on February 18, 2022, has significantly strengthened bilateral trade and economic relations over the past three years. **Merchandise trade nearly doubled from USD 43.3 billion in FY 2020-21 to USD 83.7 billion in 2023-24**. A key achievement is the diversification of trade, with non-oil trade reaching USD 57.8 billion in FY 2023-24. **This aligns with the broad objective of increasing**

bilateral non-oil trade to USD 100 billion by 2030. India's non-oil exports to the UAE grew 25.6% since CEPA's implementation, reaching USD 27.4 billion in FY 2023-24. Key export sectors include electrical machinery and high-tech goods. **Smartphone exports alone were valued at USD 2.57 billion**. The agreement has empowered MSMEs, generated employment, and fostered a strong India-UAE trade relationship.

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DEAR READERS,

The AG Group once again welcomes you in 2025 with the Quarter 1 edition of its newsletter "The AG communiqué". The completion of three years of strategic CEPA agreement between the India-UAE has taken center stage in this newsletter. Whereas, the other part of this insightful newsletter sums up major updates from the corners of the globe about sustainable development, technology advancements, defense cooperation, evolving geopolitics, and clean energy. This section will offer you insights from strategically important updates that will closely knit the web of the geopolitical and strategic global canvas. It will also include updates on the next G20 presidency and the role of WEF in fostering global economic growth through supporting climate finance and green energy transition respectively.



ASIA

INNOVATIVE LOCAL SOLUTIONS EMPOWERING PROGRESS OF SDGs IN ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION



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ASIA AND THE PACIFIC SDG PROGRESS REPORT

Engaging communities to close the evidence gap

SUSTAINABLE GOALS

The Asia-Pacific region has witnessed the collaboration between the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which, in January 2025, launched an initiative to localize the SDGs. This partnership empowers local actors and aligns policies with priorities, strengthening governance and services. Community-driven innovations are closing data gaps and ensuring marginalized populations are represented in policymaking. In Rajasthan, India, surveys of nomadic tribal households have been conducted, while in Indonesia, health apps have been introduced. Social innovation platforms in Thailand, Indonesia, and Pakistan are tackling challenges through multi-level portfolios co-created by local actors. In Indonesia, this approach is integrated into village planning, helping communities shape future development. These initiatives show how localized solutions drive progress toward the SDGs, ensuring inclusive development of the region.

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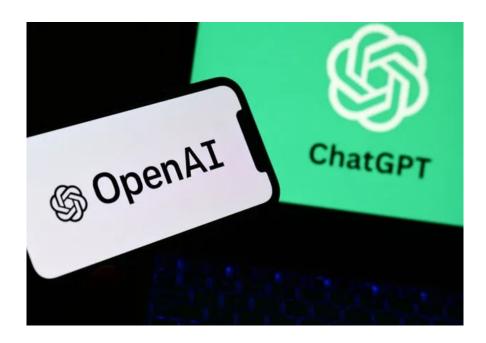
USA

CHATGPT GOV LAUNCHED BY OPENAI TO EMPOWER US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



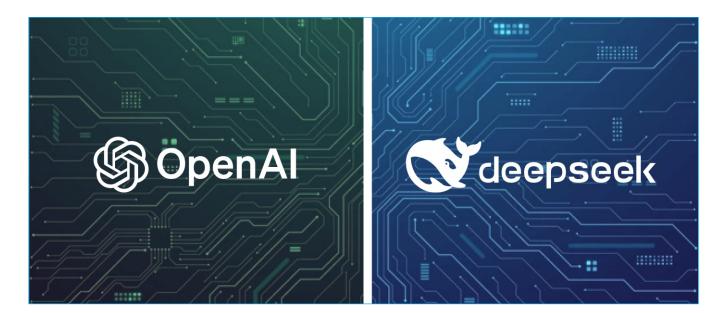


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OpenAl has introduced ChatGPT Gov, a specialized version of its AI platform designed to support the USA government agencies. Built on Microsoft's Azure and **Azure Government** clouds, it ensures strict security and compliance with federal standards, allowing agencies to handle sensitive data securely. The tool offers enhanced privacy controls and allows tailoring AI capabilities for specific needs. ChatGPT Gov

incorporates features from ChatGPT Enterprise, enabling agencies to analyze data, automate processes, and improve decision-making. **The platform allows customization, ensuring agencies align Al functionality with their unique requirements while maintaining data control**. OpenAl's launch comes amid growing Al competition, particularly from China's DeepSeek. This move highlights OpenAl's strategic push to strengthen Al adoption in the public sector and improve governance through advanced tools. This technology adoption aims to enhance efficiency, transparency, and decision-making within government operations.



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EUROPE

MULTINATIONAL EURODRONE PROGRAM WELCOMES INDIA AS OBSERVER TO STRENGTHEN DEFENCE COOPERATION







India has been granted observer status in the Eurodrone Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) program managed by the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (OCCAR). It marks a step in strengthening defence cooperation with European nations. It was highlighted in the India-France Joint Statement during a visit to France. The program involves countries like Germany, France, Italy, and Spain, and aims to enhance Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities. India's observer status reflects the deepening strategic partnership between India and France, particularly in defence equipment programs. Both nations have committed to continuing cooperation in air and maritime assets, aligning with the ambitious Defence Industrial Roadmap agreed upon in 2024. This also underscores India's commitment to collaborating on advanced defence technologies and signifies its growing role in international defence collaborations.

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SOUTH AFRICA'S G20 PRESIDENCY IN 2025 KEEPING EYE TO PRIORITIZE CLIMATE FINANCE



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In 2025, South Africa will assume the G20 presidency, marking the first time an African nation leads this influential group. Under the theme "Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability," South Africa aims to prioritize climate finance to support developing countries in their transition to lowcarbon economies. The presidency will focus on increasing the quality and quantity of climate finance, strengthening multilateral development banks, and leveraging private capital. South Africa also seeks to ensure debt sustainability for low-income countries, addressing high deficits and extending debt relief to enable investments in infrastructure and education. Additionally, South Africa aims to harness critical minerals for inclusive growth, ensuring that resource-rich countries benefit directly. By elevating these issues, South Africa aims to foster a resilient,

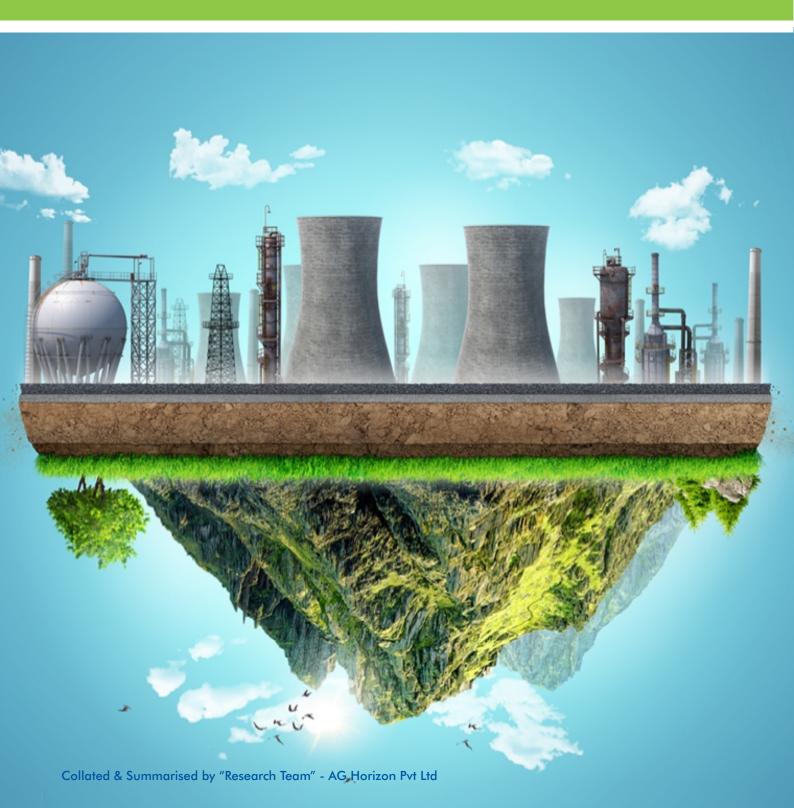


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WEF

TRANSITIONING INDUSTRIAL CLUSTER INITIATIVE OF WEF PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH ENERGY SECURITY





The World Economic Forum (WEF) Transitioning Industrial Clusters Initiative was launched at COP26 in 2021 to accelerate industrial decarbonization while promoting economic growth and energy security. Across the five continents, the initiative currently includes 33 clusters across 16 countries including India. It aims to cut emissions by 832 million tonnes annually—equivalent to Saudi Arabia's total emissions—while adding \$492 billion to global GDP and supporting 4.3 million jobs. India's clusters play a key role in this initiative and focus on green energy areas like green ammonia and aviation fuel, green hydrogen, etc. These geographically concentrated areas are advancing clean energy infrastructure deployment globally. By encouraging such collaboration, the initiative aims to drive growth, create jobs, and strengthen security.



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