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KEY ENGAGEMENTS

HARYANA EMERGES AS A RISING POWER IN LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN: CM SHRI NAYAB SINGH SAINI



Haryana is set to become a major force in India's logistics and supply chain sector, Chief Minister (CM) Shri Nayab Singh Saini announced during the inauguration of the Inland Container Depot (ICD) and PM Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal at Dhirpur in Kurukshetra.

Describing the terminal as a transformative milestone, the CM emphasized its potential to drive prosperity among farmers, entrepreneurs, and traders while creating new employment opportunities for the youth.

Highlighting the state's growing appeal for global investors, Shri Saini lauded the Sharaf Group from Dubai for investing in the region.

"The investment reflects strong confidence in Haryana's pro-business environment and represents the deepening economic ties between India and the UAE," CM Shri Saini stated.

The state-of-the-art terminal, spread across 18 acres, offers integrated facilities such as customs clearance, warehousing, and cold storage under one roof – amenities once exclusive to metros like Delhi and Mumbai. The CM asserted that such infrastructure would significantly boost the ease of doing business and open up new avenues for investment in Haryana.

The project is a key part of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, aimed at building holistic infrastructure. CM Saini stressed that the terminal is not just a logistics hub for Haryana but also a strategic gateway benefiting neighbouring states such as Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

"This is a shining example of integrated infrastructure development and our commitment to making India a developed nation under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision," he said.

The Sharaf Group is also operating a Multimodal Logistics Park on 115 acres in Palwal, while developing a transshipment hub on 30 acres in Rewari, further reinforcing the state's growing logistics network.

CM Shri Saini attributed this progress to the vision of former CM Shri Manohar Lal, who endorsed the project during a visit to Dubai. “This ICD project is a seal of approval on our simple yet powerful economic and logistics policies,” he said. He also highlighted the role of Haryana’s Department of Foreign Cooperation, which is supporting businesses and facilitating skilled manpower for global markets.

The terminal is expected to reduce logistics costs by 20–30% and significantly cut down delivery time. This will increase the credibility and global demand for Haryana’s products. “As transportation, packaging, and logistics services grow, it will also generate thousands of job opportunities for our youth,” CM Saini remarked.



Calling the Dhirpur depot a “Gateway to Global Trade,” the CM urged young entrepreneurs to take full advantage of this facility and contribute to making Haryana India’s top export hub.

THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY SEVERAL DIGNITARIES INCLUDING –

Former Minister Shri Subhash Sudha;

Vice-Chairman of Sharaf Group, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Sharafuddin Sharaf;

Vice President of Sharaf Group, Mr. Salah Sharaf;

Kurukshetra Deputy Commissioner, Ms Neha Singh;

Superintendent of Police, Mr. Nitish Aggarwal;

and other prominent personalities and officials.

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AD PORTS GROUP'S FUJAIRAH TERMINALS AND FUJAIRAH FREE ZONE AUTHORITY SIGN MOU TO ENHANCE FUJAIRAH'S ROLE IN GLOBAL MARITIME INDUSTRY



Fujairah Terminals, a subsidiary of AD Ports Group (ADPORTS: ADX), an enabler of integrated trade, transport, and logistics solutions, has announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Fujairah Free Zone Authority (FFZA).

This collaboration could further bolster Fujairah's position as a key hub in the global maritime industry. By leveraging the unique strengths of both Fujairah Terminals and the FFZA, the MoU aims to attract further investment, streamline operations, and promote sustainable growth within Fujairah's maritime ecosystem.

Furthermore, the MoU aims to explore collaboration that would encompass the exchange of statistical data, business forecasts, and other information regarding container movement by road and sea, as well as joint participation in events and roadshows.



Captain Mohamed Al Yahyaei, CEO of Fujairah Terminals said "Fujairah Terminals is strategically located to serve as the premier gateway to the Indian Subcontinent, African trade lanes, and global markets. This MoU paves the way to further collaboration with the Fujairah Free Zone Authority, that will unlock new growth opportunities, enhance service offerings, and deliver greater value to our customers and stakeholders, solidifying Fujairah's position as a leading maritime hub."

His Excellency Mohamed Sharief Habib Al Awadhi, Director General Fujairah Free Zone Authority said: "The Fujairah Free Zone Authority plays a crucial role in attracting foreign investment and fostering a vibrant business community. This MoU with Fujairah Terminals, part of AD Ports Group, creates a powerful synergy, enabling us to offer a compelling value proposition to maritime businesses. Together, we can enhance competitiveness, drive economic diversification, and strengthen Fujairah's global maritime standing."

The MoU sets the ground for Fujairah Terminals and Fujairah Free Zone Authority to create a seamless and efficient environment that caters to the evolving needs of global shipping lines, logistics providers, and maritime service companies. [READ MORE](#)

BOROUGE AND ADNOC L&S ENTER USD531 MILLION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO ACCELERATE GROWTH OF UAE PETROCHEMICAL EXPORTS



Borouge Plc ("BOROUGE") and ADNOC Logistics & Services Plc ("ADNOC L&S") have entered a 15-year strategic partnership that will support a significant increase in the production and export of petrochemicals from the UAE. The mutually beneficial service agreement will deliver a minimum guaranteed value of USD 531M (AED1,950 million), supporting the next phase of Borouge's accelerated growth plans, driving operational cost savings over the full contract term, realising more than USD50 million in cost savings and efficiencies in the first five years alone, and enhancing the company's supply chain network.

The agreement covers port management, container handling, and feeder container ship services for the Borouge Container Terminal in Al Ruwais Industrial City, Abu Dhabi. ADNOC L&S will manage the transportation of up to 70% of Borouge's annual production, which will increase significantly following the completion of the Borouge 4 plant expansion. ADNOC L&S will deploy a minimum of two dedicated container feeder ships to transport Borouge's products from Al Ruwais to the deepwater ports of Jebel Ali in Dubai and Khalifa Port in Abu Dhabi.



Mr. Hazeem Sultan Al Suwaidi, CEO of Borouge, commented: "This agreement builds on our longstanding collaboration with ADNOC L&S, a partnership that has been instrumental in meeting the evolving needs of our customers in high-growth markets. It brings significant benefits to Borouge; driving substantial operational cost savings and enhancing our Logistics Variable Cost (LVC), as well as complementing our existing rail operations and expanding the flexibility of our supply chain network. With the rapid increase in our production capacity, we are advancing our capabilities in delivering differentiated products and solutions efficiently, while keeping pace with rising global demand." [READ MORE](#)

APPAREL GROUP AND BISLERI INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND BEVERAGE FOOTPRINT ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA



Apparel Group, the global retail and fashion lifestyle conglomerate headquartered in Dubai, is proud to announce a landmark strategic partnership with Bisleri International, India's leading premium beverage company. This transformative collaboration will see Apparel Group spearhead the manufacturing, marketing, and distribution of Bisleri's portfolio of iconic brands across the Middle East and Africa, beginning with the UAE launch in 2025.

Bisleri International, with a legacy of over 50 years, has a diverse product portfolio including Bisleri, the leading packaged drinking water brand in India; Bisleri Vedica, its premium Himalayan Spring water offering and a dynamic range of aerated beverages including Bisleri Limonata, Bisleri POP, Bisleri Spyci Jeera, Bisleri Rev and Bisleri Soda.

The company's operations span across 128 manufacturing centers with a robust distribution network catering to more than 500,000 outlets, alongside an established retail presence in the UAE Market with marquee sports sponsorships like the Dubai Marathon.

This partnership underscores Apparel Group's ongoing mission to diversify its portfolio and introduce best-in-class consumer brands to the region. Leveraging its extensive retail and F&B infrastructure—spanning over 2,300 stores and 85+ brands in 14 countries—Apparel Group is set to unlock new avenues of growth and elevate regional beverage experiences.



Mr. Neeraj Teckchandani, CEO of Apparel Group, commented: *"Our partnership with Bisleri International marks a strategic milestone in Apparel Group's journey to diversify and scale new verticals across high-growth markets. Bisleri's strong heritage, combined with our operational expertise and deep market understanding, presents a powerful opportunity to deliver exceptional beverage experiences to consumers in the Middle East and Africa. We look forward to building a long-term, value-driven collaboration that redefines beverage retail in the region."*

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PRACTO EXPANDS TO UAE, TARGETS MARKETS WITH LARGE INDIAN DIASPORA

Bengaluru-based integrated healthcare platform Practo has launched its services in the UAE (United Arab Emirates), beginning with Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Sharjah. The company stated in a media briefing that it is targeting markets with a large Indian diaspora as part of its next phase of expansion.

"Practo's expansion strategy reflects our commitment to making Indian healthcare innovations accessible globally. Following our achievement of profitability in FY24 and sustained performance with positive cash flows in FY25, we are excited to extend Practo's reach in the UAE. This is just the beginning as we scale our efforts to improve healthcare outcomes worldwide," said Mr. Shashank N.D., Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Practo. [READ MORE](#)



UAE: NO MORE FREE REMITTANCES? EMIRATES NBD SAYS 6 COUNTRIES EXEMPTED FROM NEW RULE

Sending money from the UAE to India, Pakistan, the Philippines, and three other countries via Emirates NBD DirectRemit service would remain free of charge, the major bank confirmed to Khaleej Times on June 28, 2025. This comes following an email sent

by Emirates NBD to its clients on June 27, 2025 informing them that starting September 1, 2025, customers will be charged Dh26.25 (inclusive of VAT) for international transfers made via the app or online banking, including those done through DirectRemit. *In a statement sent to Khaleej Times*, the bank spokesperson noted, "Emirates NBD remains committed to offering seamless and cost-effective banking solutions for our valued customers. As part of this commitment, Emirates NBD DirectRemit Transfers to India, Pakistan, Egypt, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and the UK will continue to be offered free of charge to all Emirates NBD customers." [READ MORE](#)



DUBAI'S AL ANSARI FINANCIAL SERVICES SETS UP OPERATIONS IN INDIA

Dubai's Al Ansari Financial Services is launching a base in India. Based in southern Indian city of Hyderabad, Al Ansari will operate a business solutions center and one which will help raise better cost-effectiveness and productivity. Al

Ansari has the highest market share of the UAE's remittance market and has been expanding its way into other Gulf territories through a series of acquisitions, the latest was in Bahrain. The India operations will help with the back-end technological requirements. "By leveraging India's rich pool of talent and technological expertise, this office will play a pivotal role in accelerating the Group's digital transformation journey," said Mr. Mohammad Bitar, Deputy Group CEO of Al Ansari Financial Services. [READ MORE](#)

FEATURE ARTICLE

FORGING THE FUTURE: UAE AND INDIA'S SYNERGISTIC LEAP INTO THE AGE OF AI

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The global landscape is being rapidly reshaped by **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and its allied technologies, and at the forefront of this transformation are the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** and **India**. Both nations, recognizing the immense potential of AI to drive economic growth, enhance societal well-being, and foster innovation, are making significant strides in its development and deployment across various sectors. This newsletter delves into the collaborative and individual efforts of the UAE and India in the realm of AI, exploring key initiatives and their diverse applications.

UAE: A BOLD VISION FOR AN AI-POWERED FUTURE

The UAE has firmly positioned itself as a global leader in AI adoption, driven by ambitious national strategies and substantial investments. The **UAE Strategy for Artificial Intelligence**, launched in 2017, outlines a clear roadmap for leveraging AI to enhance government performance, create new economic opportunities, and improve the quality of life for its citizens.

Key initiatives and focus areas in the UAE include:

- **Government Innovation:** The UAE government is actively integrating AI across various departments to streamline processes, enhance decision-making, and deliver more efficient public services. Examples include AI-powered traffic management systems, predictive policing, and smart city initiatives like **Smart Dubai**.
- **Economic Diversification:** Recognizing the limitations of a hydrocarbon-dependent economy, the UAE is betting big on AI to diversify its economic base. Investments in AI research and development hubs, such as the **Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI)**, the world's first graduate-level AI university, underscore this commitment.
- **Industry Transformation:** AI is being deployed across key industries, including healthcare (AI-powered diagnostics and personalized medicine), finance (fraud detection and algorithmic trading),

logistics (autonomous vehicles and supply chain optimization), and energy (predictive maintenance and smart grid management).

- **Ethical AI and Governance:** The UAE is also proactively addressing the ethical considerations surrounding AI. Initiatives are underway to develop frameworks and guidelines that ensure responsible and transparent AI deployment.
- **International Collaborations:** The UAE actively seeks international partnerships to accelerate AI development and knowledge sharing one such partnership is of IFZA (Dubai Freezone Authority) and Microbyte Innovations. Collaborations with leading global institutions and nations, including India, are crucial to UAE's AI strategy.

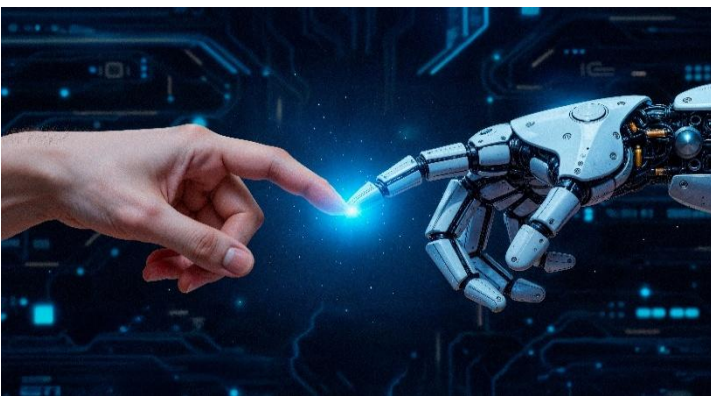
INDIA: A POWERHOUSE OF TALENT AND INNOVATION IN AI

India, with its vast pool of skilled talent and burgeoning tech ecosystem, is emerging as a significant force in the global AI landscape. The **National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence**, released by NITI Aayog, outlines India's vision to leverage AI for inclusive growth and sustainable development.

Key initiatives and focus areas in India include:

- **AI for Social Good:** India is focusing on leveraging AI to address pressing societal challenges in areas like agriculture (precision farming and crop yield prediction), healthcare (telemedicine and affordable diagnostics), education (personalized learning platforms), and governance (citizen engagement and service delivery).
- **Developing a Robust AI Ecosystem:** The Indian government is actively promoting the development of a strong AI ecosystem through initiatives like the establishment of **Centres of Excellence in AI**, funding for AI startups, and the creation of a skilled AI workforce through educational programs and training initiatives.
- **Industry Adoption:** Indian industries, particularly in sectors like IT services, e-commerce, manufacturing, and finance, are rapidly adopting AI to enhance efficiency, personalize customer experiences, and drive innovation.
- **Data Empowerment:** India's focus on digital transformation and the increasing availability of data provide a strong foundation for AI development. Initiatives like the **Digital India** campaign are crucial in creating the necessary digital infrastructure.
- **International Partnerships:** India is also actively engaging in international collaborations to foster AI research, development, and deployment. Partnerships with countries like the UAE are becoming increasingly important.

UAE-INDIA COLLABORATION: A SYNERGISTIC PARTNERSHIP IN AI



The complementary strengths of the UAE and India create a powerful synergy in the field of AI. The UAE's ambitious vision, strategic investments, and focus on adoption, combined with India's vast talent pool, innovative spirit, and focus on AI for social good, present significant opportunities for collaboration.

Potential areas of collaboration include:

- **Joint Research and Development:** Partnering on cutting-edge AI research projects, leveraging the expertise of institutions like MBZUAI and India's premier technology institutes.
- **Talent Exchange and Skill Development:** Facilitating the exchange of AI professionals and collaborating on programs to build a skilled AI workforce in both nations.
- **Cross-Border AI Applications:** Developing and deploying AI solutions that address shared challenges and opportunities in areas like food security, climate change, and healthcare.

- **Investment and Funding:** Encouraging joint investments in AI startups and research initiatives in both countries.
- **Ethical AI Frameworks:** Collaborating on the development of ethical guidelines and standards for the responsible deployment of AI.

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CONCLUSION:

The UAE and India are both making remarkable progress in their AI journeys, driven by strong national visions and a commitment to innovation. Their potential for collaboration is immense, promising to unlock new frontiers in AI research, development, and application.

As AI continues to permeate every aspect of our lives, the synergistic efforts of these two nations, coupled with innovative solutions will undoubtedly shape a more intelligent and prosperous future.



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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
- ❖ Providing a voice and visibility to the various stakeholders in UAE-India economic space
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