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ACTIVITIES

UIBC AT AEROSPACE & DEFENCE MEETINGS (ADM) CHENNAI 2025



- UIBC Booth -

UIBC participated in the Aerospace & Defence Meetings (ADM) Chennai, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening bilateral collaboration and fostering industry partnerships within the aerospace and defence sectors.

ADM Chennai is a one-of-a-kind event in India, offering a unique platform for international and Indian OEMs, top-tier suppliers, and contract manufacturers to engage in pre-arranged business meetings. The event was held from October 7th– 9th, 2025, at the Chennai Trade Centre.

It provided participants with the opportunity to connect with a curated network of global professionals. The structured one-on-one meetings facilitated meaningful discussions aimed at promoting strategic collaborations, joint ventures, and technology partnerships.

The next edition is scheduled to be held from September 14th–16th, 2027.

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE EVENT



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS



EXPORT SURGE: INDIA STEPS UP ON GLOBAL STAGE

Exports surged by 5.19% in April-August 2025 vs. April-August 2024, boosting trade confidence

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- In August 2025, Indian exports registered a positive growth of 4.77% vs. August 2024.
 - Exports increased by 5.19% to USD 346.10 billion in April-August 2025 in comparison to April-August 2024.
 - Merchandise export rose by 2.31% and service export up surged by 8.65% in April-August 2025.
- India's exports to Hong Kong, China, USA, Germany, Korea, UAE, Nepal, Belgium, Bangladesh, and Brazil have climbed the ladder of growth in April-August 2025 vs. April-August 2024.

The journey of Indian exports is a result of innovation with global integration. Starting from the Silk Route to post-liberalisation boom, exports have been diversified from spices and textiles to technology, pharmaceutical, and engineering goods. According to World Bank Data, the world's export is growing at 2.5%, whereas India's export is growing at 7.1% (2024) outpacing global growth, and indicating the progress of the country on the international front. The share of exports in Indian GDP has increased from 19.8% in 2015 to 21.2% in 2024, which also indicates the growing relevance of exports in the Indian economy (World Bank). India's trade performance continued its trend of growth in the first five months of FY 2025–26 too. [READ MORE](#)



DUBAI ANNOUNCES NEW PERMIT FOR FREE ZONE COMPANIES TO OPERATE IN MAINLAND

Dubai has launched Free Zone Mainland Operating Permit to enable free zone companies to operate in Dubai's mainland through a structured permit system.

“This move eases cross-jurisdiction operations, opening cost-effective, low-risk pathways for businesses to engage in domestic trading and secure government contracts, and fostering growth

for small enterprises and multinationals alike,” Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism (DET) said on October 8, 2025. In its initial phase, the new permit covers non-regulated activities including technology, consultancy, design, professional services, and trading, with plans to extend to regulated sectors. [READ MORE](#)



ROCKBERG BEER DEBUTS IN UAE AND SINGAPORE: REDEFINING INDIA'S GLOBAL BEVERAGE AMBITION

The launch of *Rockberg Beer* in both the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Singapore signals a new chapter for India's beverage industry. More than a market entry, it is a statement of intent, showcasing how Indian brands are now competing head-to-head with global leaders through quality, innovation, and cultural resonance.

INDIA'S BEVERAGES GO GLOBAL

The Indian beverage industry has undergone a quiet but powerful transformation. Once viewed primarily as domestic players, Indian brands are today finding

shelf space and customer loyalty abroad. Modern packaging, consistent quality, and bold positioning have shifted perceptions. Rockberg Beer is part of this wave, representing an India that no longer sees borders as limitations but as opportunities to share its craft with the world.

FROM MAKE IN INDIA TO MADE FOR THE WORLD

Rockberg's international debut is deeply aligned with India's Make in India vision. By manufacturing domestically while expanding abroad, the brand strengthens both national pride and global credibility. Success stories like these encourage greater domestic confidence in Indian products while proving their mettle on the international stage. For Rockberg Beer, this is not just about exports but about rewriting what "Made in India" means in global conversations. [READ MORE](#)



RITES SIGNS PACT WITH ETIHAD RAIL TO ENHANCE INFRASTRUCTURE, MOBILITY TIES

RITES Ltd, a transport infrastructure consultancy and engineering firm announced on September 30, 2025, that it has signed a pact with UAE-based Etihad Rail for business collaboration with its subsidiary National Infrastructure Construction Company.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in this regard, which aims to enhance business collaboration in the mobility and infrastructure sectors across the UAE and other regions, according to a statement. This partnership aims at combining RITES' five decades of expertise in consultancy, transport infrastructure, and engineering solutions with the execution capabilities of National Infrastructure Construction Company, creating synergies for shaping infrastructure projects in the region, the statement said.

"The MoU was signed by H.E. Mr. Shadi Malak, CEO of Etihad Rail, and Mr. Rahul Mithal, Chairman and Managing Director of RITES Ltd., in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Theyab bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of Etihad Rail, and Ambassador of India to the UAE H.E. Sunjay Sudhir during the Global Rail Transport Infrastructure Exhibition & Conference held in Abu Dhabi," it said.

With this agreement, RITES will strengthen its international footprint under its strategic initiative 'RITES Videsh'.

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OUR MEMBERS



EMIRATES NBD TO ACQUIRE MAJORITY STAKE IN RBL BANK THROUGH PRIMARY INFUSION OF ~USD 3BN – THE LARGEST FDI AND EQUITY RAISE IN THE INDIAN BANKING SECTOR TILL DATE

The Board of Directors of Emirates NBD Bank (P.J.S.C.) (“**ENBD**”) and RBL Bank Limited (“**RBL Bank**”) at their respective meetings held on October 18, 2025, approved entering into definitive agreements for ENBD to acquire controlling stake in RBL Bank through a primary infusion of approximately USD 3bn (~ INR 26,850 crore).

The proposed transaction underscores ENBD’s long-term commitment to the Indian market and is a landmark transaction for the Indian financial services sector on account of:

- Largest ever foreign direct investment in the Indian financial services sector
- Largest ever equity fund raise in the Indian banking sector
- Largest funds raise via preferential issuance by a listed company in India
- First acquisition of majority interest in a profitable Indian bank by a foreign bank

The proposed investment will be made via a preferential issue of up to 60% and will be subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. As part of this transaction, ENBD will also make a mandatory open offer for the purchase of up to 26% stake from the public shareholders of RBL Bank, in accordance with SEBI’s Takeover Regulations.

The Board of Directors of ENBD and RBL Bank also approved the amalgamation of the India branches of ENBD with and into RBL Bank as required by RBI guidelines. This amalgamation is expected to be completed after the execution of the preferential issuance into RBL Bank.

This investment reflects ENBD’s confidence in India’s fast-growing financial sector, reinforcing India’s strategic importance within the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and marking an important chapter in the economic partnership between India and the UAE.

The transaction brings together ENBD’s strong capital base and regional franchise with RBL Bank’s established presence and extensive distribution across India. The infusion will significantly strengthen RBL Bank’s balance sheet, enhance its Tier-1 capital ratio, and provide long-term growth capital, further enabling the Bank to deepen its deposit franchise and expand its footprint through calibrated branch network expansion.

Mr. Shayne Nelson, Group CEO of Emirates NBD said “Our investment in RBL Bank is a testament to our confidence in India’s vibrant and expanding economy. This strategic alignment brings together RBL Bank’s growing domestic franchise with Emirates NBD’s regional reach and financial expertise, creating a unique platform for growth and innovation. An enhanced presence in India for ENBD, through a well-established business like RBL Bank, would further complement ENBD’s service to customers operating throughout the MENATSA region. We envisage to support Indian businesses, trade, projects, and other opportunities throughout the region leveraging our network.” [READ MORE](#)



NITI AAYOG'S WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PLATFORM AND DP WORLD LAUNCH 'WE RISE' INITIATIVE TO EMPOWER WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform and DP World announced on October 17, 2025, a joint initiative '**We Rise - Women Entrepreneurs Reimagining Inclusive and Sustainable Enterprises**'.

This programme under the aegis of WEP's Award to Reward (ATR) initiative, aims to help women entrepreneurs in India to scale their

businesses globally through trade facilitation, mentorship, and strategic partnerships. On behalf of WEP, **the Statement of Intent (Sol)** was signed by Ms. Anna Roy, Mission Director, WEP, in the presence of Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog.

Under this ATR programme, women-led Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across India with high growth potential will be identified and mentored to expand globally.

Using its global logistics network and trade expertise, DP World will collaborate with WEP to design interventions that enhance the export readiness of 100 women entrepreneurs, enabling them to meet global trade requirements and strengthen business capacity. Selected entrepreneurs will also have the opportunity to showcase their products at Bharat Mart in Dubai—a global B2B and B2C marketplace within the Jebel Ali Free Zone (Jafza), providing Indian businesses with access to international buyers.

As part of this effort, **WEP and DP World** have joined hands to empower product centric women entrepreneurs. With over **90,000 women entrepreneurs** already engaged on the WEP platform, this partnership represents a unique **public-private collaboration** focused on expanding trade access and unlock opportunities for women businesses to grow exponentially. It reflects DP World's commitment to inclusive trade by driving overall economic growth through a combination of expertise and ideas, enabled by strategic collaboration.

Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog said, "This partnership supports the Government of India's vision for women-led economic growth. Through 'We Rise', we aim to create an enabling environment where women entrepreneurs can grow, scale, and access global markets. By uniting efforts with DP World, a global leader in supply chain solutions, we are strengthening the foundation for long-term impact"

Ms. Anna Roy, Mission Director, WEP stated that for realizing the goal of women lead development through entrepreneurship, there is a need for curated interventions for which it is necessary for organization in public and private sector to work in collaboration. She complimented DP World for taking this important initiative that will help in promoting women exporters.

WEP, incubated in NITI Aayog in 2018 as an aggregator platform, transitioned into a public-private partnership in 2022. It serves as national aggregator to strengthen India's women entrepreneurship ecosystem and make women-led development a reality. With over 47 partners from the public and private sectors, WEP functions as an enabler, addressing six key ecosystem needs — access to finance, market linkages, training and skilling, mentoring and networking, compliance and legal assistance, and business development services.

Launched in 2023, the Award to Reward (ATR) initiative institutionalises WEP's partnership framework by bringing together ecosystem stakeholders to address specific needs of women entrepreneurs while celebrating their success stories. It serves as a plug-and-play model fostering scalable collaborations and measurable impact.

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STATE IN FOCUS

ANDHRA PRADESH SEEKS INVESTMENT COLLABORATION WITH THE UAE



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu with the Chairman of APEX Investment PSC, Mr. Khalifa Yousif Al Khouri, during a meeting in the UAE

A.P. CM WOOS UAE INVESTMENTS IN PETROCHEMICAL, ENERGY, FOOD PROCESSING SECTORS

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu on October 23, 2025, highlighted the State's vast investment potential in petrochemicals, energy, technology, and food processing sectors during the second day of his tour of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

At a meeting with representatives of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) at Al Maryah Island's ADGM Square, Shri Naidu emphasised Andhra Pradesh's strategic location near Southeast Asia and its extensive coastline, which make it ideal for petrochemical, LNG, gas processing, port logistics, and green energy projects. Both sides agreed to develop a clear roadmap for technological collaboration. [READ MORE](#)



Chief Minister Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu meeting with Sharaf Group Vice-Chairman Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Sharafuddin Sharaf in Dubai on October 22, 2025

CM CHANDRABABU NAIDU INVITES UAE INVESTORS TO EXPLORE ANDHRA PRADESH'S GROWTH POTENTIAL

The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh unveiled the State's vision for global partnerships across diverse sectors, from agriculture to advanced technology.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu called upon industrialists in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to examine the State's business-

friendly policies and vast investment opportunities before committing to projects. [READ MORE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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UAE



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Greater Noida
INDIA



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Mumbai
INDIA



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Bangalore
INDIA



[20-22 January 2026](#)
Tripura Vasini, Palace Ground
Bangalore
INDIA



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 Late Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs of India during 11th Session of the India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting on September 3, 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
- ❖ Providing a voice and visibility to the various stakeholders in UAE-India economic space
- ❖ To work towards promoting trade and investment, job creation, innovation, inclusion, and entrepreneurship between the UAE and India

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