



Seminar on Leveraging the India - Oman CEPA: 26 February 2026 (Kochi)

India has entered a new era of trade diplomacy, marked by the signing of several trade agreements in recent times. This renewed momentum reflects both enthusiasm and confidence with which India is approaching global trade. The India-Oman CEPA (Comprehensive Economic and Partnership Agreement) signed on 18 December 2025 is a landmark achievement on multiple fronts and is expected to boost bilateral trade by USD 34 billion annually. The CEPA provides significant tariff reductions and enhances market access across key sectors. Cumulatively, India's investment in Oman stands at \$675 million, while Omani FDI equity inflows into India between April 2000 and March 2025 amount to \$610.08 million. The agreement is India's second free trade pact in the past six months.

The CEPA has immense strategic importance for India, as Oman is located along the Strait of Hormuz, an important corridor for global energy flows. In addition to the liberalisation of trade, the trade agreement highlights a convergence of economic and geopolitical interests, thereby reinforcing Oman's role as an important economic partner. Oman's strategic location and, therefore, the connectivity make it an important gateway to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), parts of Central Asia, and East Africa.

Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), a free trade agreement aims to reduce tariffs, boost trade in goods and services, and increase investment between the two countries. The CEPA is expected to open up new markets for Indian goods and services and is a part of India's strategy to strengthen its economic ties in the Gulf region. Key benefits of the CEPA will also include increased exports and imports between two countries on selected sectors. Boost to Services sector such as IT, Health, Medical and Education Services, Oil and Natural Gas etc. CEPA is expected to attract Indian Investment to Oman and vice versa to India to enhance connectivity through joint projects and fostering cooperation in key sectors.

A delegation comprising of leading business organizations Oman are also likely to be part of the event. BTBs meeting are also planned with Business delegation from Oman and Indian business community.

Proposed Event

FICCI Kerala State Council, in coordination with the Industries Department, Government of Kerala, India Gulf and Middle East Chamber of Commerce & CTIL propose to organize a Seminar on Leveraging the India Oman CEPA on 26 February 2026 at Vivanta by Taj, Kochi. The aim is to equip exporters and business community with the necessary knowledge and tools to expand their global footprint and for investors of both the country to identify key areas of Investment.

The event will draw participation from business community, investors, exporters, freight forwarders, exim community and other stakeholders connected with India Oman business and exim trade, in addition to representatives from various government departments.