

## India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement

### Multifaceted Cooperation for Bilateral Trade & Investment

**Context:** India-EFTA TEPA comes into force on 01 October 2025, marking the country's first-ever trade pact with a European grouping. The TEPA is unique in India's trade diplomacy for several reasons. It is the first trade agreement that New Delhi has signed with a European bloc and the first where market access commitments are directly linked to investment pledges. India has agreed to reduce tariffs to zero on 80–85 per cent of goods imported from EFTA countries. In return Indian exporters will enjoy duty-free access on 99 per cent of goods in EFTA markets. Sensitive sectors, particularly agriculture and dairy, have been excluded from the tariff concessions to protect domestic farmers. A notable feature of this agreement is the scale of investment promised by the EFTA bloc. The four countries have committed to channel \$50 billion into India within the first 10 years of the agreement's implementation followed by another \$50 billion in the subsequent five years. The government estimates this could generate one million direct jobs in India over a 15-year period.

**01 October 2025 | 12:00 IST**  
**NAFED House, New Delhi**

1.	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	<b>Mr. Samarth Nayar</b> (Young Professional, CTIL) 5 minutes, 12:00 PM
2.	<b>Special Address</b>	<b>Mr. Pranav Kumar</b> (Vice-President, International Trade Policy, Reliance Industries) 10 Minutes, 12:05 PM
3.	<b>Address on the Investment Promotion and Cooperation Chapter under the India - EFTA TEPA</b>	<b>Dr. James J. Nedumpara</b> (Prof. and Head, CTIL) 10 Minutes, 12:15 PM
4.	<b>Address on the IPR Chapter under the India - EFTA TEPA</b>	<b>Ms. Sunanda Tewari</b> (Consultant, CTIL) (10 minutes, 12:25 PM)
5.	<b>Discussion on Utilisation of India - EFTA TEPA</b>	15 Minutes, 12:35 PM
6.	<b>Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks</b>	<b>Mr. Anmol Singh</b> (Young Professional, CTIL) 05 Minutes, 12:50 PM
<b>LUNCH</b> (1 Hour, 1:00 PM)		

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