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RAJYA SABHA
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INDIA-UAE COOPERATION

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the President of the United Arab Emirates undertook an official visit to India recently;
- (b) if so, the details of bilateral meetings held and the major issues discussed during the visit;
- (c) the number and nature of agreements, Memoranda of Understanding or joint statements signed between the two countries, sector-wise;
- (d) the steps taken to enhance cooperation between India and the UAE in the areas of trade and investment, energy security, infrastructure, defence, technology and cultural exchanges; and
- (e) the expected impact of visit on India-UAE strategic partnership and on the welfare of the Indian diaspora in the UAE?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) Yes. The President of United Arab Emirates, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan paid an Official visit to India on 19 January 2026.
- (b) The President of the United Arab Emirates had a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister. Both leaders reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations, including connectivity, culture, education, energy, trade, technology, investments, defence, space and other issues of regional and global interests.
- (c) A Joint Statement was issued. The agreements/ MoUs signed are enclosed at Annex-A.
- (d) During the visit, the MoUs/ Agreements were signed and announcements have been made to enhance cooperation in the areas of trade and investment, energy security, infrastructure, defence, technology and cultural exchanges. Details are enclosed at Annex-A and Annex-B.
- (e) The visit was significant in deepening and broadening the India-UAE comprehensive strategic partnership and will provide direct and indirect benefits to the Indian diaspora in the UAE as listed in the outcomes of the visit.

List of Agreements/ MoUs/ LoIs signed during the visit

No	Agreements/ MoUs/ LoIs	Sector/ Objectives
1	Letter of Intent on Investment Cooperation between the Government of Gujarat, Republic of India and the Ministry of Investment of the United Arab Emirates for Development of Dholera Special Investment region	To pursue investment cooperation for UAE partnership in development of the Special Investment Region in Dholera, Gujarat. The envisioned partnership would include the development of key strategic infrastructure, including an international airport, a pilot training school, a maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility, a greenfield port, a smart urban township, railway connectivity, and energy infrastructure.
2	Letter of Intent between the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) of India and the Space Agency of the United Arab Emirates for a Joint Initiative to Enable Space Industry Development and Commercial Collaboration	To pursue India-UAE partnership in developing joint infrastructure for space and commercialization, including launch complexes, manufacturing and technology zones, incubation centre and accelerator for space start-ups, training institute and exchange programmes.
3	Letter of Intent between the Republic of India and the United Arab Emirates on the Strategic Defence Partnership	Work together to establish Strategic Defence Partnership Framework Agreement and expand defence cooperation across a number of areas, including defence industrial collaboration, defence innovation and advanced technology, training, education and doctrine, special operations and interoperability, cyber space, counter terrorism.

4	<p>Sales & Purchase Agreement (SPA) between Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, (HPCL) and the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company Gas (ADNOC Gas)</p>	<p>The long-term Agreement provides for purchase of 0.5 MMPTA LNG by HPCL from ADNOC Gas over a period of 10 years starting from 2028.</p>
5	<p>MoU on Food Safety and Technical requirements between Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India, and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates.</p>	<p>The MoU provides for sanitary and quality parameters to facilitate the trade, exchange, promotion of cooperation in the food sector, and to encourage rice, food products and other agricultural products exports from India to UAE. It will benefit the farmers from India and contribute to food security of the UAE.</p>

List of announcements made during the visit

- A) Establishing a supercomputer cluster in India
- B) Doubling bilateral trade by 2032
- C) Promoting civil nuclear cooperation
- D) Exploring establishment of Digital Embassies
- E) Developing a cultural 'House of India' in UAE
- F) Promoting youth exchanges
- G) Integrating India's Digilocker with UAE's platforms for seamless authentication of Indian educational degrees/documents.
