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INDIA today finds itself in a global economic sweet spot. Even amid geopolitical uncertainty, shifting trade lanes, volatile freight markets and tariff tensions, leading international institutions and analysts continue

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India-EU FTA covers nearly one-third of humanity and accounts for about 25% of global GDP: Goyal

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NEW DELHI, Feb. 1

COMMENTING on the India-European Union free trade agreement, Union Minister of Commerce

and Industry, Mr Piyush Goyal, said that it covers nearly one-third of humanity, accounts for about 25% of global GDP and

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CONCOR achieves multiple highs in Q3

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NEW DELHI, Feb. 1

THE Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) has announced its Q3 financial results for FY 2025-26:

Highlights:

★ **Highest-ever quarterly handling in any Q3: 1.42 million TEUs**

★ **Highest-ever quarterly operating income in any Q3: ₹2,301.72 crore**

★ **Highest-ever quarterly total income in any Q3: ₹2,396.97 crore**

A landmark quarter underscoring CONCOR's operational excellence and financial resilience, emphasised a communique.



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to affirm India's position as the fastest growing major economy in the world.

This confidence is echoed in the theme of *Exim India's* upcoming **CTL BHP 2026: "Growing Trade & Logistics Infrastructure – India Taking Rapid Strides."**

The 16th edition of South Asia's premier and mega cargo, transport and logistics exhibition and conference will be held on **March 17-18, 2026** at the **Jio World Convention Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai**. The event will once again bring comprehensive focus to the **Cargo, Transport and Logistics** ecosystem, with special emphasis on **Breakbulk, Heavylift and Project Cargo Handling**.

India's growth story gains pace

The momentum highlighted in the event theme is strongly reflected in the country's macroeconomic indicators. The **Economic Survey 2025-26** projects real GDP growth of **7.4% in FY26**, followed by **6.8-7.2% in FY27**, with India's potential growth rate now revised upward to **7%**.

Merchandise exports have demonstrated resilience, touching **USD 330.29 billion** between April and December 2025 — a **2.44% increase**. With strong contributions from engineering goods, electronics and petroleum products, total goods and services exports are expected to surpass **USD 850 billion** in FY 2025-26, up from **USD 825 billion** the previous year.

A series of Free Trade Agreements has further strengthened India's global trade architecture, the most recent being the landmark **India-EU FTA**, widely regarded as a transformative deal that

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will significantly expand market access for Indian exporters.

Meanwhile, India's logistics sector continues its robust expansion, projected to grow at a **10.7% CAGR through 2026**. Massive infrastructure investments — including Dedicated Freight Corridors, Multimodal Logistics Parks, port modernisation, road network upgrades, digitalisation and cold chain expansion — are reinforcing the country's march toward a **USD 5 trillion economy**.

The industry's most important gathering this March

Against this buoyant backdrop, **CTL BHP 2026** is set to convene:

★ **180+ global and Indian exhibitors** showcasing

cutting edge solutions

★ **15,300+ attendees and visitors** from across the logistics, shipping, ports, transport, technology and cargo value chain

The two day event will also feature a **Multi Session Conference** addressing the most pressing issues and emerging opportunities shaping the industry. Thought leaders from India and overseas — including policymakers, regulators, industry captains, analysts and innovators — will share insights on the future of trade and logistics.

Adding further value, the conference will also host **specialised side sessions** dedicated to knowledge sharing and skill development across niche domains.

Why CTL BHP 2026 matters

CTL BHP 2026 promises an unmatched platform to:

★ **Explore the latest products, technologies and services**

★ **Identify new business opportunities in a rapidly expanding global market**

★ **Gain strategic insights from industry leaders**

★ **Network with stakeholders from across the world**

★ **Enhance professional knowledge through focused learning sessions**

In a year marked by strong economic momentum and transformative infrastructure growth, **CTL BHP 2026 stands out as the definitive event for the cargo, transport and logistics community.**

India-EU FTA

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represents a significant share of global trade, while addressing the World Forum of Accountants organised by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in Greater Noida late last week. He added that it was for no small reason the President of the European Commission described the FTA as the "mother of all deals".

Highlighting the vast potential of the European market, Mr Goyal said that the European Union alone imports goods worth nearly \$7 trillion and services worth \$3 trillion, together representing a \$10 trillion market. He pointed out that India's current exports are only a small fraction of this potential and emphasised that the opportunities before India are unprecedented and must be seized.

The Minister highlighted that India signed eight free trade agreements in the last four years, reflecting a fundamental shift in the country's engagement with the global economy. These cover major economies across Europe and other regions, including the 27-nation European Union, the four-nation EFTA bloc comprising Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. He noted that the deals are opening up new and significant opportunities for Indian talent, skills

and young professionals, while strengthening India's integration with global value chains.

Mr Goyal further disclosed that India will soon conclude a free trade agreement with Chile, which will help secure access to critical minerals. Referring to the agreement with the EFTA countries, he said it includes a commitment of \$100 billion in foreign direct investment into India, aimed at supporting infrastructure development, innovation and precision manufacturing. He also highlighted New Zealand's commitment to invest \$20 billion in India over the next 15 years, compared to its total investment of only \$70 million over the past 25 years.

The Minister said that these commitments clearly reflect growing global confidence in India's economic growth trajectory, youthful demographic advantage, skill base and integrity.

He highlighted that India today has strong macroeconomic fundamentals and is the fastest-growing large economy in the world, with high growth rates and low inflation. He said India has a robust banking system and strong foreign exchange reserves. Despite turbulence in global trade markets, India's exports of goods and services continue to grow, even in the current year. Expressing confidence in the abilities of 1.4 billion Indians, he said the country will continue to grow relentlessly and **soon become the world's third largest economy**, as per an official communique.