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Saudi Arabia bans poultry, egg imports from India and others

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RIYADH, Feb. 26

SAUDI authorities have imposed one of their most extensive updates in years on poultry and table egg imports, introducing a full ban on shipments from 40 countries and targeted regional restrictions on 16 others. The decision, issued by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), is aimed at safeguarding public health amid ongoing global outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza. The authority said the restricted list will be periodically reviewed in line with international disease trends, noting that some bans date back to 2004, while others were added following updated risk assessments. Countries under a full ban include Germany, Indonesia, Iran, South Africa, China, Vietnam, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Mexico, **India**, Japan and several African and Asian nations. Partial bans apply to specific regions in Australia, the United States, Italy, Belgium, Poland, France, Canada, Malaysia and others, reflecting localised outbreak risks and continued epidemiological monitoring, as per a report.

Vinay Koka to conduct Masterclass

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Complex, Mumbai, turns the spotlight on one of the most relevant and widely discussed topics of our time: **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**.

AI is everywhere today. Though still in its early stages, it has sparked intense speculation and bold projections about its transformative impact on industries and individuals alike. The logistics and supply chain sector is no exception. AI is already streamlining processes, accelerating workflows and opening doors to innovations that promise to reshape the industry. There is growing consensus that AI will be a powerful driver of rapid growth and remarkable innovation.

This is precisely the focus of the Masterclass: **“Impact of AI in Logistics & Supply Chain: A Playbook for Scaling Growth”**, conducted by **Mr Vinay Koka, VP, Sales & Partnerships – Middle East & Indo Pacific, Sidecar.**

Mr Vinay Koka is a seasoned management professional with over a 14 years of experience spanning Business Operations, Business Development and Project & Program Management across Supply Chain, Logistics, E-commerce and Technology sectors. He has held leadership roles in multiple start-ups, successfully driving growth and operational excellence and with a strong track record of managing

and leading cross-functional teams, has demonstrated executional expertise in designing, planning and rolling out projects and new products for FMCG, FMCD and Retail clients. **The definitive cargo and logistics congegation**

Expanding in scale and scope every passing year, **CTL-BHP 2026** will have **180+ exhibitors and 15,300+ attendees/visitors from India and overseas**, representing the entire spectrum of the industry including shipping, ports, logistics service providers, technology enablers, shipyards, transporters,

analysts and consultants, shippers and consignees, and more.

Concurrent with the comprehensive exhibition will be a **Multi-Session Conference** spread over the two days that will deliberate on a range of topical themes and issues impacting the industry today, and the outlook for the future. Sectoral leaders from India and abroad, as well as regulators and policymakers, will be making their presence felt.

As a value addition, the conference also offers Masterclass and concurrent sessions

focused on knowledge-sharing and training pertaining to specific subjects.

CTL-BHP 2026 is thus a must-attend this March, for experiencing the best of products and services on display, exploring opportunities to grow one’s business on a global scale, listening to the pertinent insights of industry leaders and decision-makers, interacting and networking with stakeholders from around the world, and availing of the occasion to learn and expand one’s horizons.

India now enjoys preferential trade access to nearly two-thirds of global trade: Goyal

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NEW DELHI, Feb. 26

UNION Minister of Commerce and Industry Mr Piyush Goyal has said that at a time when the world is grappling with uncertainty, India is building “bridges of trade, trust and transformation,” and now enjoys preferential trade access to nearly two-thirds of global trade owing to a series of high-quality free trade agreements (FTAs) concluded under the leadership of the Prime Minister.

Virtually addressing the 5th CII National Exports Competitiveness Summit in Chennai, Mr Goyal underlined that all nine FTAs signed under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership have been with developed economies that complement, rather than compete with, India’s growth journey. The Minister emphasised that no nation can become developed without opening its doors to the global economy, reiterating the government’s commitment to reform, perform and transform the Indian economy.

He highlighted the rapid pace of trade engagement, noting that within a span of six hours he had engaged in three FTA-related discussions. India signed a joint statement launching FTA negotiations with the six-nation bloc of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in the Middle East. Shortly thereafter, he met the Israeli negotiating team to advance discussions on finalising an FTA. The Minister said that he will also hold discussions with his Chilean counterpart to conclude a new-age FTA that will provide India greater access to critical minerals.

Mr Goyal further informed that the Prime Minister of Canada is expected to visit India shortly, and both sides are hopeful of finalising the terms of reference and launching FTA negotiations with Canada later this week. The Minister described this strategic network of FTAs as part of India’s approach to de-risking through diversified trade partnerships, calling it unprecedented in scale and ambition.

The Minister stated that tangible results are already visible. Merchandise trade with Australia and the UAE has doubled since the signing of FTAs with these countries a few years ago, as per a release.