

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS
(Data Source: National Trade Statistics of the reporting country)

I. Monthly- Trade in Goods, Tourism & Technologies

Name of the Mission : Embassy of India, Riyadh

I. MONTHLY REPORT: September, 2025

A. Trade in goods

a) Total trade in goods during:

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Trade	Export (US\$ million)	Import (US\$ million)	Status (P) Provisional/(F) Final
Country's trade with India	2,696.4	932.96	P
Country's total global trade	27037.87	20106	P

Source: General Authority for Statistics, Saudi Arabia

b) Top 10 items of import from India during:

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S. No.	Commodity	Value (US\$ Million) From India	Value (US\$ million) from World	% share in total import of the commodity
1	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	184.59	2713.79	6.8
2	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment, parts thereof	146.19	6139.68	2.38
3	Products of the chemical industries	137.47	1782.45	7.71
4	Base metals and their articles	112.27	1708.32	6.57

5	Plant Products	99.92	772.93	12.93
6	Textiles and their articles	58.64	546.19	10.74
7	Precious stones or metals and their articles, jewelry	43.87	805.36	5.45
8	Animals and their products	38.77	541.33	7.16
9	Plastics, rubber and their articles	31.25	616.11	5.07
10	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	23.76	755.15	3.15

Source: General Authority for Statistics, Saudi Arabia

c) Top 10 items of export to India during:

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S. No.	Commodity	Value (US\$ Million) to India	Value (US\$ million) to World	% share in total import of the commodity
1.	Mineral products (Oil)	1,778.72	18,488.67	9.62
2.	Products of the chemical industries	542.85	1882.61	28.84
3.	Plastics, rubber and their articles	138.05	1731.73	7.97
4.	Base metals and their articles	118.64	541.71	21.9
5.	Precious stones or metals and their articles, jewelry	98.37	370.4	26.56
6.	Mineral products	5.92	68.91	8.59
7.	Plant Products	4.75	93.68	5.07
8.	Paper, paperboard and their articles	3.33	63.33	5.26
9.	Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment, parts thereof	1.47	2197.63	0.07
10.	Animal and vegetable fats, oils, wax and their products	0.93	43.84	2.13

Source: General Authority for Statistics, Saudi Arabia

d) Significant trends in trade and investment:

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	Analysis (Max.200 words)
1.	Trade	<p>India-Saudi bilateral trade:</p> <p>(i) Exports- India's exports to Saudi Arabia during September 2025 are worth \$940.16 million.</p> <p><i>Source- DGCIS</i></p> <p>Note-1. As per GASTAT, Saudi imports from India for September 2025 are \$932 mn. Therefore discrepancy of approx \$8 mn is noticed in comparison to DGCIS data.</p> <p>(ii) Imports- India's imports from Saudi Arabia during September 2025 are worth \$2.82 billion.</p> <p><i>Source- DGCIS</i></p> <p>Note-2. As per GASTAT data, Saudi exports to India for September 2025 were \$2.69 bn. Therefore discrepancy of approx \$ 0.14 bn is noticed in comparison to DGCIS data.</p>	<p>1. Export from India to Saudi Arabia : As compared to September, 2024 exports have increased by \$114.44 million (i.e.13.88%) in September 2025. This increase is primarily due to following commodities :</p> <p>a) <u>Rice (Other than Basomati)</u> : In Sep, 2025 India exported \$8.19 Mn which is an increase of \$5.73 Mn (i.e. 232.90%) compared to Sep, 2024.</p> <p>b) <u>Spices</u> : In Sep, 2025 India exported \$19.54 Mn which is a decrease of \$9.34 million (i.e. 91.60%) compared to Sep, 2024.</p> <p>c) <u>Other Meat</u> : This commodity saw increase of \$4.80 Mn (i.e. 81303%) compared to Sep, 2024.</p> <p>d) <u>Alcoholic Beverages</u>: In September 2025, India exported this commodity worth \$1.01 million which was NIL in Sep. 2024.</p> <p>2. Imports from Saudi Arabia to India : Imports from Saudi to India have increased by approx. \$ 0.44 billion (i.e. +15.65%) in Sep. 2025 compared to Sep. 2024. The main commodities where import have increased are :</p> <p>a) <u>Fertilizers (HS Code Chapter-31)</u>: An increase of approximately \$301 million was observed in comparison with Sep 2024. This increase was anticipated, as long-term import contracts have been concluded between the two countries. The import of this commodity is also monitored at</p>

			<p>the government-to-government (G2G) level.</p> <p>b) <u>Mineral Fuels and Oils (HS code Chapter-27)</u> : This commodity has seen an increase of \$35.40 Mn compared to Sep,2024.</p> <p>c) <u>Gold, Pearl, Precious Stones etc.</u> : Total import of above commodities in September 2025 have been around \$90 million, data of which is not available for September 2024.</p> <p><i>Source:DGCIS</i></p>
2.	Investment	<p>(a) Saudi investments in India</p> <p>Total Investments from KSA to India including direct and indirect investments amount to approx USD\$10 billion.</p> <p>The investments are via PIF- backed Softbank Vision Fund and others in companies including Lenskart, Flipkart, OYO, Delhivery, FirstCry, Grofers, Ola, Paytm, Unacademy, and Policy Bazaar.</p> <p>FDI: By June 2025, Saudi FDI in India stands at US\$3.283 billion, positioning Saudi Arabia as India's 20th largest investor. (Source: DPIIT)</p> <p>Key investors and investments:</p> <p>(i) Reliance Retail Ventures Limited: PIF invested around US\$1.3 billion for a 2.04% equity stake.</p> <p>(ii) Jio Platforms: An investment of approximately US\$ 1.5 billion by PIF</p>	<p>Saudi Arabia's investments are in key areas such as agriculture, renewable energy, health, retail, technology, automotive, etc.</p>

		<p>translating to a 2.32% equity stake.</p> <p>(ii) Saudi Agricultural & Livestock Investment Company (SALIC): In 2020, the PIF - owned SALIC acquired 30% stake in Daawat Foods Ltd. for a value of \$17.23 million. In 2022, SALIC purchased a 9.2% stake in the India-based LT Foods Limited totaling \$44 million.</p> <p>(iii) Alfanar: Invested around US\$700 million in renewable energy projects, including a wind plants in Gujarat and a solar power plant in Rajasthan.</p> <p>(iv) SABIC: Established a Technology Centre in Bangalore with an investment of US\$100 million.</p> <p>(v) Abdul Latif Jameel : Saudi auto distributor Abdul Latif Jameel Co. has made an investment of \$150 million in India's Greaves Electric Mobility. They are also investing in Renewables and Automotive components sector.</p> <p>(vi) Petromin: In collaboration with HPCL, Petromin plans to set up 1000 service centers and EV charging stations in India.</p> <p>(vii) Al Jomaih: Invested in renewable energy projects, including developing a 120 MW solar plant in Gujarat.</p> <p>(viii) Elm: In July 2021, Elm, a PIF-owned company has invested \$75 million in India-</p>	
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		based health tech HealthifyMe .	
		<p>(b) Indian investments in KSA</p> <p>Investment Volume: As of August 2023, Indian investments in Saudi Arabia totaled approximately US\$3 billion, with 2,923 Indian companies registered in the Kingdom across various sectors including Construction, Telecom, IT, Pharma, Manufacturing, etc. Notable Indian enterprises in Saudi Arabia include Vedanta, L&T, TCS, Wipro, Tata Motors, MSN Laboratories etc. However, it is understood that the number of Indian Companies with licenses in KSA has now increased to approximately 5000.</p> <p>Sectors: Indian enterprises are present in the following sectors in KSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction • Telecommunications • Information Technology • Pharmaceuticals • Mining • Manufacturing • Pharmaceuticals 	<p>The growing presence of Indian companies in Saudi Arabia reflects the growing opportunities for Indian businesses in the Giga and other projects of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Kingdom is also encouraging localization in manufacturing and several Indian companies are exploring opportunities for setting up manufacturing plants in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, etc. Further, ARAMCO has a strong localization program called IKTIVA and supports companies which are contractors/vendors to set up localization programs.</p>

B. Market Access on Alerts

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a) Alerts on customs tariff changes: -

Sr. No	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any	Upload notification (pdf only)
1.	Ministry of Finance Resolution, Date not	Multiple: - 0409.00 (Natural honey	Filtered Manuka honey and other	Varies (often 0%)	2% or 5% (depending on product)	June 1, 2025	Update aligns tariffs with	Media sources (https://www.arigaam.com/en/article/article-det)

	available (effective June 1, 2025)	including Manuka) Chemicals including : 2914109 0 (Acetoph enone) 2914121 0 (Propiop henone) Other related ketones	natural honey types; Certain chemicals and compound s including acetophen one, propiophe none, methyl acetophen one, benzophen one, butyl dimethyl acetophen one, methyl naphthyl ketone, benzylide ne acetone				global trade and protects local industry; Includes new 5% duty on filtered Manuka honey and selected chemicals.	ail/id/1814453)
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b) Alerts on non-tariff measures (SPS/TBT/ import and export procedures/ restrictions/ prohibitions, licensing/ STEs etc.)

Sl. No	Notification no./ date	Measure	Classification / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any
1	Notification no./ date:- SFDA resolution No. 20576 dated 14 March, 2023 Measure:- Temporary ban on the import of Shrimps from India Remarks:- As per the recommendations of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), Article No. (8) and (9) of the constitution of the Health of Aquatic Animals, the SFDA issued a resolution No. (20576) dated 14th March 2023, imposing a temporary ban on the import of shrimp from India, until the Indian side provides the assurance that the White Spot Syndrome Virus will not be transmitted to the fisheries in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The issue has been raised with Saudi side several times including in meetings of Ambassador with CEO SFDA in June 2024. Further, the Embassy facilitated a meeting between SFDA and APEDA & MPEDA in August 2024 in which MPEDA highlighted safety measures and good aquaculture practices undertaken by farmers in India and requested SFDA to consider lifting the import ban. However, SFDA reiterated their earlier position that as per website of WOAH, WSSV is still prevalent in India and the ban will be removed once the WOAH declares India WSSV-free.				
2	Notification no./ date:- G/SPS/N/SAU/338 dated 01/02/2018				

	<p>Measure:- Suspension on imports of cultured fish originating from India</p> <p>Remarks:- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia vide SPS notification G/SPS/N/SAU/338 dated 01/02/2018 has issued temporary suspension on import of cultured fish originating from India. The reason for the temporary suspension was unclear health situation of the cultured fish originating from India based on SFDA report.</p>
3	<p>Notification no./ date:- Decision No. (901) dated 16/2/2006</p> <p>Measure:- Temporary ban by SFDA on import of egg and egg products from India</p> <p>Remarks:- As per Decision No. (901) dated 16/2/2006, a temporary ban was imposed by SFDA on the import of egg and egg products from India due to presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus (HPAI) outbreak. The issue has been raised with Saudi side several times including by the Ambassador in his meeting with CEO SFDA in June 2024. In recent developments, the Embassy facilitated a meeting between SFDA and APEDA & MPEDA in August 2024 and September 2024 in which APEDA informed that India has 26 HPAI-free compartments approved by WOAHP and requested SFDA to consider importing poultry products from these compartments. However, SFDA has suggested to first update the country health status with WOAHP so that SFDA may consider lifting the ban.</p>

c) Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

Sl. No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	Classification / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	14.09.2025	Conformity Assessment Procedure		14.09.2025	<p>The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) has updated its list of Conformity Assessment Bodies for Product Certification Activity and Halal Certification Sector. The updated list can be accessed from :</p> <p>1. Product Certification : https://www.saso.gov.sa/en/sectors/product-safety/Documents/Product-certification-EN.pdf</p> <p>2. Halal Certification : https://www.saso.gov.sa/en/sectors/product-safety/Documents/Certification-activity-for-the-Halal-EN.pdf</p>
Source : SASO					

d) Any other alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:
(Safeguards including special safeguard, anti dumping, CVD or anti- subsidy)

S. No.	Details
1.	<p>Notification no. date or other references : GCC Notice on initiation of investigation published on 5.11.2018 in the Official Gazette of GCC</p> <p>Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review) : The duties have been imposed for a period of 5 years from June 6, 2020 till June 5, 2025. Definitive anti-dumping duty rate between 17.6% to 106% on imports from India.</p> <p>Details of products/ sectors affected : Ceramic tiles</p> <p>Description : Anti-dumping duties have been applied against import of ceramic tiles originating from India, China.</p> <p>GCC Technical Secretariat for Anti Injury Practices imposed definitive anti-dumping duty against imports of ceramic and porcelain tiles from India for a period of 5 years from June 6, 2020. However in February 2025, the GCC has initiated Sunset review in respect of the Anti dumping duties imposed by the Secretariat on imports of ceramic and porcelain tiles from India. The review is based on complaints from the Ceramic industries in Gulf countries in which they claim that imports of ceramic and porcelain tiles, originating or exported from India are coming to the Gulf market at dumped prices and expiry of imposed measures could lead to recurrence of dumping injuries. The same has been conveyed to DGTR for appropriate action.</p> <p>In this regard, a 4-member delegation from GCC visited India from 28 July to 15 August 2025 and had meetings with three Indian companies based in Gujarat- Comet Granito Private Limited, Aajveto Manufacturing Private Limited, Sunshine Tiles Company Private Limited; for undertaking investigation in the matter. On 18th August, the Mission participated in the oral hearing at the Technical Secretariat of GCC and presented comments of the Govt. of India in the matter as received from DGTR.</p>
2.	<p>Notification no. date or other references : GCC Notice on Initiation of Investigation published on 05/04/2021 and shared with the Mission through an NV</p> <p>Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review) : The duties have been imposed for a period of 5 years from October 1, 2022 till September 30, 2027. Definitive anti-dumping duty rate between 17.6% to 106% on imports from India.</p> <p>Details of products/ sectors affected : Automotive batteries of capacity from 32 to 225 Amp</p> <p>Description : The Ministerial Committee formed by the Ministers of Industry in the GCC Council adopted the recommendations of the Permanent Committee to Combat Harmful Practices in international Trade for the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, to impose final anti-dumping duties on export engine batteries with a capacity of 32 to 225 amps originating from India and Turkey.</p>

3.	<p>Notification no. date or other references : GCC Notice on Initiation of Investigation published on 13/08/2023</p> <p>Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review) : Initiation of Anti-dumping investigation by TSAIP, GCC Secretariat on import of product of Sanitary Ware made of Porcelain or Chinese Porcelain or others</p> <p>Details of products/ sectors affected : Ceramic Sinks-Wash Basins, Wash Basin Pedestals, Baths, Bidets, Water Closet Pans, Flushing Cisterns, Urinals and Similar Sanitary Fixtures</p> <p>Description : GCC-TSAIP had initiated ADD Investigation on Products of Sanitary Ware made of Porcelain or Chinese Porcelain or others from India on August 13, 2023.</p> <p>A 4-member delegation from GCC-TSAIP visited India in February 2024 for on-spot verification of three private establishments regarding anti-dumping investigation of Products of Sanitary Ware. In this regard, DGTR submitted its comments to the secretariat in October 2024 with request to consider correct calculation of margins for determining anti-dumping duties on Indian sanitary ware exports. The issue was further raised by Ambassador during his meetings with GCC Secretary General on 17th November and with GAFT Governor on 18th November 2024 and requested the Saudi authorities for a fair consideration of submission from India during the process of investigation. On 11 December 2024, the Embassy of India facilitated a virtual meeting between GCC and DGTR during which GCC Secretariat was requested to consider India's submission regarding quantum of dumping margin that have been determined against Indian exporters.</p> <p>Effective 1 June 2025, the GCC Secretariat has conveyed its <u>final decision regarding imposition of anti-dumping duties on imports of sanitary ware items from India and China</u>. The anti dumping duty imposed by the GCC on import of such products from India is in the range of 21.4% – 83.4%, whereas for China it is 33.8% – 51%. <u>The duty shall enter into force for a period not exceeding 5 years effective from 8th July 2025.</u></p>
4.	<p>Notification no. date or other references : General Authority for foreign Trade Notice published on 23/07/2025.</p> <p>Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review) : Initiation of Anti-dumping investigation by GAFT on import of products of hollow pipes and tubes made of cast iron (ductile)</p> <p>Details of products/ sectors affected : Products of hollow pipes and tubes of cast iron (ductile)</p> <p>Description : On 14 July 2025, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia conveyed that GAFT has initiated an anti-dumping investigation against imports of products of hollow pipes and tubes made of cast iron (ductile) originating in or exported from the Republic of India. The matter has been forwarded to DGTR on 20 July 2025. <u>In August 2025, the Mission registered with General Authority of Foreign Trade, Saudi Arabia on behalf of DGTR as an interested party in the ongoing investigation.</u></p>

e) **Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.**

Sl. No.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any

Visa Regime - From March-April 2025, Saudi Arabia imposed restrictions on issuance of new visas for selected nationalities including for India due to Hajj season. This has been adversely affecting the Indian companies who are seeking to participate in various exhibitions in KSA. It is further understood that Saudi Arabia is now issuing only single-entry visas across all categories including Business visas.

f) **Representation of trade issues**

Sr. No.	Select Issue Field*	Issues Details	HS Code	Products Description	Reporting Agency (India)	Company/ Exporter Name if any	Status of the Issue #	Importing Country Authority Name and Remarks
1.	Honey/ Honey Farm	Indian exporters have reported delay in registering their product in SFDA			APEDA	1. M/s Salt Range, 2. M/s MB Exim Private Limited , 3. M/s Himsattva Harvest Pvt. Ltd.	Pending with SFDA for approval	Saudi Food and Drug Authority

Importing honey into Saudi Arabia requires compliance with specific regulations set by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA). Indian exporters have reported challenges in meeting these requirements, often encountering new stipulations during the registration process, leading to delays.

1. Evolving Registration Requirements:

- Exporters have experienced instances where, after submitting the necessary documentation, additional requirements are introduced by the SFDA, necessitating further submissions and prolonging the registration timeline.

Note

* Issue Selection Fields – Tariff / Non-Tariff Barriers / Trade Remedies / Customs Clearance / Others

Status of Issue Selection Fields – Three fields (forwarded to concerned authority / under discussion / resolved)

C. Stakeholders' Feedback and Action Taken

a) Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country

Sr. No.	Name of the Firm/Company	Sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1	Mission actively engages with various Indian EPCs to support Indian businesses participating in trade exhibitions in Riyadh. Mission also facilitates their interaction with local chambers as well as companies to explore potential collaboration with Indian companies. The efforts have generated a number of business leads for the visiting Indian companies which further lead to signing of agreements and trade deals.			
2	Mission has been receiving trade complaints from Indian companies with regard to their export related transactions with Saudi importers. However, there has been a notable increase recently in the number of complaints from Indian exporters regarding non-payment by the Saudi importers.			

b) Feedback on major trade promotion activities/events

Sr. No.	Activity/Events (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name of EPC/Trade Body coordinating participants	Mission's Feedback (Max.200 words)
Visits / Events /Exhibitions					
1.	Visit of TRAI Chairman to attend ITU Global Symposium of Regulators	1-3 Sep.			An Indian delegation led by Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Mr. Anil Kumar Lahoti and Ambassador of India H.E.Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan, attended the opening ceremony of the ITU Global Symposium of Regulators organised by Communications, Space & Technology Commission (CST) in Riyadh. TRAI Chairman along with Ambassador also had a bilateral meeting with Governor of CST, H.E. Eng. Haitham Al-Ohali, on the sidelines of the GSR. They discussed

					enhancing bilateral cooperation across various domains.
2.	Address by Hon'ble Minister of Communications in the ITU Global Symposium of Regulators (GSR)	1 Sep.			Hon'ble Minister of Communications, Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia addressed (virtually) the ITU Global Symposium of Regulators on the theme " <i>What does it take for regulators to become digital ecosystem builders?</i> " and positioned India as a global model of regulatory transformation anchored in vision, trust, and inclusive innovation.
3.	Visit of DEA Delegation for BIT discussions	1-3 Sep.			A delegation of Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Commerce led by Ms. Reetu Jain, Economic Advisor (Investment) visited Riyadh for Bilateral Investment Treaty negotiations with Ministry of Investment, Saudi Arabia.
4.	Global Water Expo	03/09/2025	17		Ambassador Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan visited the Global Water Expo in Riyadh, along with Counsellor, Ms. Manusmriti. They interacted with Indian companies participating in the Expo, showcasing expertise in water treatment plants, pumps, valves & other engineering solutions.
5.	Visit of Secretary (CPV&OIA)	07/09/2025			H.E. Mr. Arun Kumar Chatterjee, Secretary

					<p>(CPV&OIA) held the India-GCC political dialogue with H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Aluwaisheg, Assistant Secretary General, GCC. They discussed implementation of the India-GCC Joint Action Plan including cooperation in areas of security, trade, investment, energy, agriculture, education, health, culture and people-to-people interaction. They also discussed regional and international issues of mutual interests.</p> <p>Secretary (CPV&OIA), also had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Dr. Raja Al Marzouqi, the General Coordinator for Negotiations & Head of the negotiating team of the GCC, in Riyadh. They discussed various issues of mutual interests, including the progress on India-GCC FTA and promoting trade and investments. Secretary (CPV&OIA) was accompanied by Ambassador H.E. Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan & Additional Secretary (Gulf) Mr. Aseem R Mahajan.</p>
6.	INDEX Saudi Arabia Expo	09/09/2025	11 (6 companies + 5 national awardee artisans)	EPCH Ministry of Textiles	A delegation of National awardee Handicraft artisans and several companies led by EPCH participated and set up Indian pavillion at Index

					<p>Saudi. Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, along with officials from the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH India), DC Handicrafts, and Counsellor, Ms. Manusmriti, inaugurated the India Pavilion at INDEX Saudi Arabia Expo.</p> <p>Organized by EPCH, the pavilion showcases the richness of India's craftsmanship through leading participating companies. Adding to the vibrancy, National Awardee artisans- specializing in fibre, metal, terracotta, coconut art, embroidery, and more-presented India's unique blend of heritage, creativity, and sustainability. The pavilion also features a range of ODOP items.</p> <p>An interactive session on "India: The Ideal Destination for Handicraft Sourcing" was also organized alongside the Expo. Ambassador H.E.Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan addressed the session, highlighting India's rich handicraft heritage, strong artisan base, and its position as a trusted global sourcing hub. Renowned Saudi interior designer Ms. Iman Abuljadayel, Vice President, In Detail</p>
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					Design Center, shared insights on the growing demand for handcrafted and sustainable products in Saudi Arabia. Officials and experts from EPCH India and DC Handicrafts also contributed, underlining India's ability to combine authenticity with scalable production.
7.	SAJEX 2025	11-13 Sep.	130	GJEPC	<p>The Saudi Arabia Jewellery Exposition 2025 (SAJEX 2025) was inaugurated on 11th September at the Jeddah Superdome. Organised by GJEPC, in collaboration with the Consulate General of India in Jeddah and the Embassy of India in Riyadh and supported by Invest Saudi and the Chambers of Commerce of Jeddah and Makkah, the exposition brought together over 200 exhibitors from India and other countries, showcasing a wide spectrum of fine jewellery, gemstones, and design innovations. The inaugural session featured the “World Jewellery Investment Forum”, which brought together senior officials, business leaders, and experts for panel discussions on critical industry themes, professionally moderated by Ms. Manisha Gupta, CNBC News 18.</p> <p>The event also featured a</p>

					<p>pecially curated show, an exclusive exhibition of apparel & jewellery celebrating artistry, innovation & collaboration. Curated by Indian designer Mr. Ashfaque & his team, supported by local partners, and elevated with an original background score by Vihara, a musical band from India.</p> <p>The event saw participation of Ambassador, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, Consul General Shri Fahad Ahmed Khan Suri and Counsellor (Commerce) Ms. Manusmriti.</p>
8.	Money 20/20	16/09/2025	14		<p>Ambassador H.E.Dr. Suhel Khan visited the Money20/20 Middle East Exhibition, supported by Saudi Central Bank – SAMA, Capital Market Authority & the Financial Sector Development Programme. Ambassador engaged with Indian fintech firms showcasing innovative products and technologies, highlighting immense scope for India–Saudi collaboration.</p>
9.	Stationery & Paper Expo Saudi Arabia	17/09/2025	16		<p>Ms. Manusmriti, Counsellor (Economic & Commerce) interacted with the Indian companies participating in the 1st Edition of Stationery & Paper Expo Saudi Arabia at Riyadh Exhibition Center from</p>

					16-18 September 2025. The exhibition also features Indian toy manufacturers.
10.	Visit of NTPC Delegation	18/09/2025		NTPC	<p>Ambassador H.E.Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, accompanied by an NTPC Limited delegation, met with Assistant Minister for Electricity Affairs, Ministry of Energy, H.E. Eng. Nasser Al-Qahtani. They reviewed various ongoing collaborations between India and Saudi Arabia.</p> <p>Ambassador H.E.Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan and Assistant Minister also witnessed signing of an MOU between NTPC Limited and Saudi Electricity Company. The MOU will enhance collaboration between the two entities.</p>
11.	Visit to Kalpataru projects international limited	24/09/2025			<p>Ambassador H.E.Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan, along with Counsellor, Ms. Manusmriti, visited the work site and office of Kalpataru projects international limited, in Al Kharaj & interacted with the management, staff and workers of the Company.</p> <p>The Company is executing work under the Saudi Aramco's Master Gas System Expansion Phase 3 project. Ambassador appreciated the work being done by the company in strengthening India –</p>

					Saudi Arabia economic ties.
12.	Saudi Textiles and Fashion Expo, Jeddah	25/09/2025	50	AEPC	<p>Consul General Shri Fahad Ahmed Khan Suri attended the inauguration of the Saudi Textile and Fashion Exposition being held in Jeddah from 25–28 September 2025.</p> <p>On this occasion, the Consul General, along with Board Member of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Saad Mosahl Alotaiby, and senior officials of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), inaugurated the Indian Pavilion at the Expo. The Consul General also visited the booths and interacted with Indian exhibitors, encouraging them to leverage the opportunities presented by the Saudi market. This year, more than 50 Indian companies from the textile and apparel sector have showcased their products and capabilities, highlighting India's strengths in quality, design, and sustainability.</p>
Meetings/Virtual Meetings					
1.	VC between APEDA and Saudi Halal Center	02/09/2025		APEDA	The Commercial Wing facilitated a virtual technical meeting between APEDA and NABCB with Saudi Halal Center to discuss mutual recognition of

					Halal certification.
2.	Coordination meeting on SAJEX	02/09/2025		GJEPC	Counsellor (Commerce) virtually attended a coordination meeting with MISA on SAJEX. The meeting was also attended by CGI Jeddah and GJEPC.
3.	Meeting with EEPC – Embassy of India, Riyadh	16/09/2025 Virtual			The Commercial Wing of the Embassy led by Ms. Manusmriti, Counsellor (Commerce) met with EEPC INDIA, India team led by Dr. Rajat Srivastava, Addl. Executive Director and had discussions on EEPCs forthcoming participation in SAUDI ELENEX and further strengthening India-Saudi Arabia trade in engineering goods.
4.	Meeting with Chairman, SIBC	17/09/2025			Ambassador H.E. Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan held a productive meeting with Mr. AbdulAziz AlQahtani, Chairman of the India-Saudi Business Council. The discussions focused on recent developments in India–Saudi business engagements, exploring ways to further strengthen bilateral trade and investment ties and to advancing economic partnership in line with the growing strategic relationship between India and Saudi Arabia.
5.	Meeting with NTPC Delegation	17/09/2025		NTPC	Ambassador H.E. Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan met with a team of NTPC Limited, including Mr. Jaikumar Srinivasan, Director (Finance), Dr.

					Jatinder Singh Chandok, Head International Business & General Manager, and Mr. S M Ibrahim Razi, DGM, International Business, today in Riyadh. They discussed various business and investment opportunities between India and Saudi Arabia
6.	Meeting with Adani Defence and Aerospace	17/09/2025			Ambassador H.E. Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, along with Defence Attaché Col Sarabjeet Singh, met with Mr. Ashok Wadhawan, President & Mr. Ajay Soni (Col. Retd), Sr. Vice President, Adani Defence and Aerospace. They discussed various opportunities in Saudi market.
7.	Meeting with Public Investment Fund (PIF)	17/9/2025			Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Abu Mathen George and Counsellor (Commerce) Ms. Manusmriti had meeting Mr. Mulham AlBakree, Head of India Desk at PIF and held discussions on progress under the India-Saudi HLTF.
8.	Meeting with Indraprastha Gas Limited	22/09/2025			A team from Indraprastha Gas Limited, led by Mr. Bhudev Singh, Executive Director, along with a team from Masah Construction Company led by Chairman Mr. Mohd Nayeem & Mr. Zafar Sareshwala, Founder, Hilal ESG Holdings met Ambassador H.E.Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan and

					Counsellor, Ms. Manusmriti and discussed various business opportunities in KSA.
9.	Virtual Meeting with Trescon	25/09/2025			The Commerce Wing had a VC with an Indian company Trescon seeking Mission's support for DATE – Digital Acceleration & Transformation Expo, taking place in Riyadh in November 2025. DATE KSA is designed as the region's definitive forum for shaping the digital transformation agenda, enabling cross-sector dialogue between governments, enterprises, solution providers, Investors and tech start-ups. It will highlight critical areas such as AI, cloud, cybersecurity, data economy, enterprise innovation, and citizen-centric digital services.
10.	Meeting with M/s Sulb Aljazeera	28/09/2025			The Commercial Wing of the Mission had a meeting with M/s Sulb Aljazeera, a leading precast concrete manufacturer in the Kingdom. The company has plans to establish their Global Capability Center in India on which the Mission provided necessary support and information.
11.	Meeting with Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority	29/09/2025			Ms. Manusmriti, Counsellor (Commerce & Economic) met with Mr. Wassal Almalki,

					<p>General Manager, Treaties, International & Strategic Partnerships, Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority & had productive discussions on advancing India-Saudi Arabia cooperation in trade facilitation, customs, and other areas of mutual interest.</p> <p>The Counsellor also briefed the Saudi side about the implementation of a revamped electronic Certificate of Origin (eCoO) system launched by DGFT in order to further facilitate Ease of Exports from India and provide enable real-time authentication of Certificates of Origin issued by authorised agencies in India.</p>
12.	Meeting with SAUDI EXPORTS Development Authority	29/09/2025			<p>Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan had a meeting with CEO of SAUDI EXPORTS Development Authority (SEDA), Eng. Abdulrahman Althukair today. Ambassador thanked SEDA for being part of Saudi Arabia's Partner Country participation in the World Food India.</p> <p>They also explored new avenues of enhancing business interactions between India and KSA.</p>
13.	Meeting of Ambassador with PIF	29/09/2025			<p>Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan accompanied by Ms. Manusmriti, Counsellor (Commerce) had a meeting with PIF</p>

					today to discuss matters related to India-Saudi High Level Task Force.
14.	Meeting with Scimplify	30/09/2025			<p>Ms. Manusmriti, Counsellor (Commerce), held a VC with Scimplify, a start-up and a specialty chemicals company deploying technical solutions for contract manufacturing. During the interaction, the company shared its vision and interest in exploring opportunities in the Saudi market.</p> <p>Scimplify is a global, asset-light specialty chemicals company serving customers in 25+ countries across pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, personal care, fragrances, and oil & gas. By integrating R&D, manufacturing, and strategic sourcing, it delivers faster, cost-effective, and sustainable chemistry solutions with a strong focus on quality and transparency.</p>
15.	Meeting with AEPC – CGI Jeddah	02/09/2025		AEPC	<p>Consul (Commerce) along with the Commerce team had a virtual meeting with the officials of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) and discussed regarding the participation of AEPC in the 3rd Saudi Fashion & Tex Expo- Saudi International Fashion, Textiles and Leather Exhibition held from September 25-28, 2025,</p>

					at the Jeddah International Exhibition and Convention Center.
16.	Meeting for SAJEX – CGI Jeddah	02, 04 & 10 September, 2025			Consul (Commerce) and the Commerce team had several virtual meetings with Ministry of Investment Saudi Arabia (MISA), officials of GJEPC including Shri Kirit Bhansali, Chairman of GJEPC along with Costume Designer and cultural team regarding the upcoming Saudi Arabia Jewellery Exposition (SAJEX) held during 11-13 September, 2025 at the Jeddah Superdome.
17.	Meeting with LuLu Group – CGI Jeddah	03/09/2025			Consul (Commerce) and the Commerce team had a virtual meeting with officials of Lulu Group regarding organizing an ODOP corner launch at Lulu Hypermarket.
18.	Meeting with members of IBPN– CGI Jeddah	04/09/2025			An interaction with members of Indian Business Professionals Network (IBPN) was held at the Consulate. Consul General interacted with the members and discussed the roadmap of the upcoming events that are being planned by the Consulate.

c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under RBSM:

Sr. No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Mission's Feedback
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1.	World Food India	25-28 September Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi	Saudi Arabia is partner country for WFI 2025 The delegation includes leading Saudi food companies alongside several government entities. A delegation of Ministry of Investment, Saudi Arabia also visited India during the event. Apart from participating in the event, they also visited several Indian companies in food sector including AWL agri business.	The Saudi Export Development Authority (Saudi Exports).	10+	The Saudi Export Development Authority (Saudi Exports) participated under the “Saudi Made” identity at World Food India 2025, held from September 25 to 28 in Delhi, with the Kingdom serving as Partner Country.
2.	Site Visit by MISA			MISA and SEDA	-	The Mission facilitated a site visit of the MISA/SEDA delegation to the processing unit of AWL Agri Business, at Gohana, Haryana.

**d) Trade Queries for Imports/Exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal)
(Source: Mission)**

S. No.	Enquiry Originator & Company Name	Product	Nature (Import/ Export)	Action Taken
EoI Riyadh received 195 trade queries in September 2025. Details of trade queries in r/o Embassy are attached in Annexure 1 .				

CGI Jeddah received 52 trade queries in September 2025. Details of trade queries in r/o CGI, Jeddah are attached in **Annexure 2**. No trade query from Saudi Arabia was received during the month of August, 2025.

D. Tourism:

a) Tourist / Business Visa Issued by Mission in September 2025:

Sr. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued	No. of Business Visa issued
1.	EOI, Riyadh :1487	EOI, Riyadh :143
2.	CGI, Jeddah :74	CGI, Jeddah :36
Total	1561	179

b) Indian Tourism Promotion Events/Interactions held / organised:

Sr. No.	Details of Event/ Interaction	Theme/Topic	Description / No. of Participants and type of participation (tour operators/ tourism companies/ social influencers etc.)
1.	Ibero-American Film Festival	ODOP and Tourism Promotion	<p>Embassy of India in collaboration with Saudi Cinema Association hosted 4th edition of the Ibero-American Film Festival in Riyadh from late September to early October 2025 with India as the guest country, featuring films from Ibero-American nations and Saudi Arabia, focusing on cultural exchange and showcasing diverse storytelling.</p> <p>As part of the week-long event, the Commerce Wing of the Embassy curated a dedicated booth featuring a wide array of ODOP items from across India. Beyond showcasing India's unique artisanal and district-specific products, the booth placed strong emphasis on promoting tourism by highlighting the</p>

			historical, cultural, and natural attractions associated with each ODOP-producing region.
2.	Index Saudi 2025	ODOP and Tourism Promotion	<p>The Commerce Wing of the Embassy set up an ODOP Corner at the Indian Pavilion set up by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) during Index Saudi 2025. The corner showcased a selection of unique One District One Product items, highlighting India's craftsmanship and the distinct cultural identity of various districts. The display served as an effective platform for connecting with buyers, designers, and industry stakeholders seeking authentic products from India.</p> <p>In addition to product promotion, the Embassy placed strong emphasis on tourism promotion by organizing the thematic event "India: An Ideal Destination for Handicrafts." The event highlighted the deep cultural roots of Indian handicrafts, the vibrant craft clusters across the country, and the immersive travel experiences associated with these artisan hubs.</p>

c) Any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India:

Sr. No.	Date	Advisory	Reason	Action Taken
<i>NIL during the period</i>				

E. Opportunities in Technology/Investment/Procurement:

Opportunities in Technology:

Sr. No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Potential opportunity for ToT/ collaboration	B2B partnership possible/ identified companies
1.	Public Investment fund (PIF), sovereign wealth fund of Saudi Arabia publishes sector wise opportunities for collaboration with PIF and its portfolio companies. The sector includes automotive, transport, construction, Healthcare, Telecom etc. For more information:- https://www.pif.gov.sa/en/private-sector-hub/			

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a) Outborne opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

Sr. No.	Sector Name	Particulars of the asset /company
1	Special Economic Zones	<p>Saudi Arabia has established several Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to attract foreign investment and promote economic diversification in line with its Vision 2030 initiative. These zones offer unique regulatory frameworks and incentives tailored to specific industries.</p> <p>Notable SEZs :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) SEZ 2. Ras Al Khair SEZ 3. Jazan SEZ 4. Cloud Computing SEZ <p>To read more:- https://misa.gov.sa/app/uploads/2024/03/invest-saudi-investment-highlights-fall-2020-english-digital.pdf</p>
2	Private Sector	<p>Public Investment fund (PIF), sovereign wealth fund of Saudi Arabia publishes sector wise opportunities for collaboration with PIF and its portfolio companies. The sector includes automotive, transport, construction, Healthcare, Telecom etc.</p> <p>for more information:- https://www.pif.gov.sa/en/private-sector-hub/</p>
3	Multiple Sectors	<p>Invest Saudi, Saudi Arabia's Investment promotion board, under the Ministry of Investment (MISA) publishes sector wise opportunities for investment in KSA. The sectors include Agriculture and food processing, Energy, Pharma & biotech etc.</p> <p>for more information:- https://investsaudi.sa/en/sectors-opportunities</p>

b) Export Opportunities - Information on tender Notices for projects and procurement which are open to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD 5 million & above) – Government Procurement (GP) as well as non-GP.

Sr. No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	GP/Non-GP	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1.	metenders.com	Both GP/Non-GP	24 sectors	
20 tenders from various sectors were downloaded from metenders.com and uploaded on Trade Portal managed by FIEO.				

Source: - www.metenders.com

c) Any press coverage/notification on new technology/ IPR Regulations:

Sr. No.	Sector	Details	Remarks	Upload Documents
01.	AI	Social Insurance Launches 'GOSI Brain' Generative AI Platform	<p>The General Organization for Social Insurance (GOSI) launched its internal generative AI platform, "GOSI Brain," developed and implemented by its specialized in-house teams.</p> <p>The platform is powered by large language models (LLMs) fully hosted within the Kingdom and integrated into GOSI's technical environment, operating independently from public models or external service providers.</p>	https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2389775
02.		KAUST Sets Record, Raises Solar Cell Efficiency to Unprecedented Levels	<p>King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), through its international team of scientists in collaboration with the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (ISE) and the University of Freiburg, has developed an innovative method that significantly improves the efficiency and stability of solar cells.</p> <p>The achievement is based on treating the surface of perovskite in perovskite-silicon tandem solar cells with a single molecule. Using the technique, the tested</p>	https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2393333

			<p>solar cells achieved a conversion efficiency of 33.1% and a record open-circuit voltage of 2.01 volts, both key indicators of solar cell performance.</p> <p>The treated devices also maintained their enhanced output during operation on the Saudi coast at temperatures above 40°C for more than 1,500 hours. This efficiency underscores the industry’s strong investment in perovskite–silicon tandem solar cells compared with conventional silicon cells, whose physical efficiency limit does not exceed 30%. Combining a perovskite cell with a silicon cell in a tandem design enables the optimal utilization of the solar spectrum, allowing for greater energy capture from sunlight.</p>	
03.	AI	Northern Border University Unveils Smart Arabic Sign Language Translation Model	<p>Researchers at Northern Border University have developed a cutting-edge AI-driven model that translates Arabic Sign Language (ArSL) communication and accessibility.</p> <p>The research team explained that the new model, whose results were published in “Mathematics Magazine,” is built on an adaptive transformer architecture that integrates several innovative technologies,</p>	https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2403789

			including adaptive signal scanning, segment-directed attention, and adaptive feature fusion. Tested on the ArabSign dataset for ArSL, the model achieved remarkable performance outcomes, qualifying it for effective implementation in assistive systems for individuals with hearing impairments.	
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E. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the Commercial Wing

Sr. No.	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminar/webinar etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ webinar conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max. 200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1	Information Dissemination	Publishing of Tender	<p>Following tenders have been published on Mission's Website in the month of September, 2025:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Global Tender Notice for Supply of 30,000 Mt +/- 2% Fertilizer Grade Urea in 50 Kgs (Net) Bags to KSCL Warehouses in Nepal 2. Global Tender Notice for Supply Of Mono-Ammonium Phosphate (MAP) / Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) in bulk.
2		Reverse-Buyer Seller Meet/ Buyer-Seller Meet/ Trade fair Events/ Exhibition	<p>Information of the undermentioned trade events has been disseminated to various chambers of Commerce including Asharqia, Riyadh and Federation of Saudi Chambers and it has also been published on the Mission's website :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CII International Energy Conference and Exhibition 2. Urban Mobility Indian Conference cum Exhibition

			3. INDIASOFT 2026
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F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year	RE for current financial year	Amount utilized	Details of Activity (Max. 200 words)
Rs. 1,700,000/- EoI Riyadh	NA	Rs. 5,76,570.59/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscription of Meed Digital • Hiring of venue for Indian Mango Promotion Event • Annual subscription of Webex • Printing of Mango boxes • GCC statement translation in r/o anti-dumping case • Rollup standee for handloom day • Printing of ODOP bags • Hiring of Professional Interpreter
Rs. 1,200,000/- CGI Jeddah	NA	Rs. 7,54,680.04/-	Expenditure toward hiring of services and items such as setting up of ramp, led screen for SAJEX 2025

G. Action taken on Complaints from foreign/ Indian Buyer/Supplier:

No. of Trade complaints received	From Local companies	From Indian Companies	Description/ No. of complaints on which Action is Taken
E/I Riyadh 08 trade complaints	01	07	Complaints received from Indian companies have been forwarded to General Authority of Foreign Trade and also taken up with the concerned Saudi companies for solution.
CGI Jeddah 05 trade complaints	00	05	Action taken on the complaints received by the Consulate General of India, Jeddah
