

India UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) 2025 : A Landmark Deal in 10 Key Highlights

The India UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) marks a historic milestone in bilateral trade, providing 99% duty free access for Indian exports to the UK. Signed during PM Modi's UK visit, the deal is expected to boost trade, generate jobs, and enhance market access across sectors. Here are the 10 most impactful takeaways:

- 1. 99% Duty Free Access:** Indian goods including textiles, marine products, processed food, and engineering goods will now face zero tariffs—giving a significant boost to exports.
- 2. Agriculture Gains:** Over 95% of agricultural tariff lines are duty-free, benefiting fruits, spices, pulses, and organic exports, while safeguarding sensitive items like dairy and apples.
- 3. Marine Exports:** Shrimp, tuna, and fishmeal now enjoy zero tariffs, unlocking a \$5.4 billion export opportunity for India.
- 4. Textiles & Apparel:** Over 1,100 product categories now have duty-free access, making Indian garments and home textiles more competitive.
- 5. Engineering Products:** Tariff removal (up to 18%) could double exports to \$7.5 billion by 2030.
- 6. Pharma & Medical Devices:** Tariff-free access for generics and medical equipment enhances India's edge in the UK's \$30 billion pharma market.
- 7. Chemicals & Plastics:** Export potential could grow by 30–40%, with new opportunities in kitchenware, sheets, and industrial plastics.
- 8. Toys, Gems & Jewellery:** The FTA boosts India's presence in the UK's \$3 billion jewellery market and supports growth in toys and sports goods.
- 9. Leather & Footwear:** Tariff elimination could raise exports past \$900 million, helping MSME hubs like Agra and Kanpur.
- 10. Professional Mobility:** 75,000 Indian professionals will be exempt from UK social security for 3 years. The deal also enables easier access across 36 UK service sectors, benefiting IT, wellness, and creative professionals.

This CETA is expected to enhance annual bilateral trade by £25.5 billion in the long term, while also strengthening cultural and professional ties.