
ICAI Muscat hosts seminar on India-Oman CEPA opportunities

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India-Muscat Chapter, operating under the sponsorship of the College of Banking and Financial Studies (CBFS), organised a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) session titled "CEPA - An Opportunity for India & Oman" at Intercity Hotel, Al Khuwair.

The event brought together finance professionals, business leaders and stakeholders to discuss opportunities arising from the proposed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agree-

ment (CEPA) between India and Oman.

HE G V Srinivas, Ambassador of India to Oman, attended the event as chief guest and highlighted the longstanding bilateral ties between the two countries. He said CEPA is expected to strengthen economic collaboration, trade diversification and investment opportunities across sectors.

The seminar featured presentations by Dr Yousuf Hamed Al Balushi, managing director of Smart Investment Gateway, and



Dr James J Nedumpara, professor and head of the Centre for Trade and Investment Law at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

Dr Al Balushi outlined Oman's strategic position as a gateway to GCC, African and US markets, while highlighting opportunities in sectors including metals, petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, ICT, logistics and manufacturing. He also noted the agreement's alignment with Oman Vision 2040 objectives.

Dr Nedumpara discussed the legal and structural aspects of

CEPA, including tariff concessions, digital trade provisions and trade in services.

The newly-formed managing committee of the ICAI Muscat Chapter, led by chairperson CA Sargeetha Sureshkumar, said the chapter remains focused on delivering knowledge platforms that help members stay updated on global economic and regulatory developments.

CBFS said such initiatives support professional development and knowledge exchange within Oman's financial sector.
