



India–Chile CEPA Negotiations Advance; Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal Meets Chilean Vice-Minister Paula Estévez Weinstein

India–Chile CEPA to Deepen Trade and Investment Ties; Negotiations Targeted for Conclusion by Year-End

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Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal met Ms. Paula Estévez Weinstein, Vice-Minister of International Economic Relations of the Republic of Chile, on 26 August 2026 in Santiago, Chile, to advance negotiations on the India–Chile Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

India reiterated its commitment to openness, sustained engagement and a balanced approach in strengthening the India–Chile economic partnership, with a focus on creating meaningful opportunities for businesses and people in both countries. The shared identity of India and Chile as members of the Global South, along with their common strategic vision, provides a strong foundation for deepening bilateral economic cooperation and advancing shared prosperity.

Both sides emphasised the importance of building on the strong and growing India–Chile relationship and ensuring that the CEPA translates shared objectives and aspirations into concrete and commercially meaningful opportunities for businesses on both sides.

The Commerce Secretary highlighted the immense potential for enhanced economic cooperation in sectors including healthcare, pharmaceuticals, energy, minerals, agriculture, machinery and engineering. The successful conclusion of the CEPA negotiations would provide further momentum to the growing bilateral trade and economic partnership between the two countries.

India remains committed to concluding the CEPA negotiations within this year, with the aim of delivering a balanced and mutually beneficial framework that provides equitable and commercially meaningful outcomes for businesses on both sides.

The CEPA is expected to open new avenues for greater trade and investment, while fostering cooperation in technology, talent and resilient supply chains, thereby creating stronger foundations for long-term economic cooperation between India and Chile.



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