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EVALUATION OF INDO-UAE TRADE RELATIONS SINCE 2008 WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO COMMODITY TRADE INTENSITY

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ABSTRACT

The study attempted to evaluate the change in trends and commodity intensity between Indo-UAE trade relations since 2008. To analyse significant change in Indo-UAE trade since 2008, the concept of trade intensity and other statistical tests are used to examine changes between the two nations with the time horizon 2007 to 2016. Overall results show that the growth rate of India's trade with UAE has comparatively higher in early period. Secondly the composition of India's commodity basket reflects the dominance of manufacturing goods in exports, comparatively export of goods have more intense and balance of trade is also favourable for India. Thus, there is a need to take some more steps to enhance in trade which is beneficial for both.

KEYWORDS

balance of trade, commodity composition, commodity trade intensity growth rate and liberalisation.

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INTRODUCTION

The trade relations between India and UAE existed since long. Though, India and UAE trade relation accelerated when H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan came to power in UAE and federation was formed in 1971. Now there are good Trade Ties between both the countries. It contributes valuable stability and strength to bilateral relationship between the two countries. According to government of India, figures for the year 2008 shows India as their top trading partner in 2008. The bilateral trade between India – UAE in 2007 was US\$ 26149.85 million compared to US\$49282.67 million in the year 2016 which increased by 88 %. Indian exports to UAE mainly include gems and jewellery, primary products and chemicals. Indian imports from UAE mainly include crude & petroleum products, electronics goods and transport equipment etc.

The notable reason of strong Indo-UAE economic ties is huge expatriate Indian population in UAE. Almost 2 million Indian expatriates currently live and work in the UAE, comprising more than 30 per cent of the national population and constituting the Emirates' largest emigrant group. The expatriate community also contributes to Indian economy. The total remittances to India from the UAE in 2008-09 were about USD 10 -12 billion, which is around one third of all the total remittances from the GCC countries to India which is around USD 32-25 billion.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Economic integration in terms of a free trade agreement between India and GCC will be mutual welfare enhancing and a case of win–win situation (Alam and Ahmad 2017) both countries have high scope of trade cooperation and thus need to reinforce their trade diplomacy to make favourable environment for trade facilitation (Anand and Garg 2016). Trade intensity with PGCs reveal the highest volume of Indian Trade among PGCs is the United Arab Emirates and second place is occupied by Saudi Arabia and the maximum Indian Import from PGCs falls under product category of HS-27 (mineral fuels, mineral oil, bituminous substances etc) (Mohajeri 2015) India's export intensity is above one for UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kuwait, and Oman. For other Gulf countries e.g. Bahrain and Qatar the export intensity is fluctuating (Das and Pradhan 2014). The relationship between India and of the Gulf region is a relationship of increasing mutual symbiotic advantage, synergy and increasingly significant, strategically for both sides, a close interaction between the peoples of the two regions exists due to bilateral trade, gas and oil interdependency, remittances and the huge Indian passport holding Diaspora living and working in these countries (Gupta 2013) talking about Indo-Iranian Bilateral Economic and Trade relations, the major portion of trade between these two countries is petroleum products which India imports from Iran, but some areas like Banking, Aeronautics and Pharmacy where cooperation can be enhanced in future, the future of Indo-Iran relations will depend on both nation's foreign policy India has to manage relations. UAE and Saudi Arabia account or the major portion of it and significant potential exists for other GCC economics to expand their trade with India (Kumar and Ranjan 2012) India's foreign policy and economic relations with UAE and India's relationship with the United Arab Emirates has been driven by economics (Kemp 2010).

IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY

With the help of this study, we are able to identify the trend and commodity composition of trade between two nations (Indo- UAE) and search out the ways and policy to accelerate and integrate bilateral trade, which is beneficial to each other because both are emerging economy.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The above review of literature shows that there are many studies on Indo-UAE trade and economic relations. Different aspects of Indo-UAE have been analysed ranging from comparative study of India-UAE economic growth rate, trade relations, investment relations and political relations etc. But not many studies have been done purely on commodity intensity of trade relations between India-UAE after financial recession of 2008. Therefore, this study especially focuses evaluation of Indo-UAE trade relations since 2008 with special reference to commodity trade intensity.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- (1) To analyse the changes in India's trade with UAE after recession.
- (2) To study the commodity composition of India's trade with UAE.
- (3) To analyse the trend of commodity trade intensity with UAE during the period 2007–2016.

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HYPOTHESIS

(1) There is no change in the trade intensity of India with UAE after 2008

(2) There is no change in the direction of trade of India with UAE after 2008

(3) There is no expansion in the trade of commodity composition since 2008

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study is analytical in nature and covers a period of 10 years (2007–2016). It deals with detail view of our trade with UAE through the statistical analysis on secondary data, which are collected from Handbook of Statistics on Indian economy, World Integrated Trade Solution of World Bank, Economic Survey of India, UNCOMTRADE of United Nations, International Trade Statistics, World Trade Organization (WTO), and so on. The analysis has been done with the help of various statistical tools. The formula used to calculate the statistics are:

(a) The commodity index intensity of India's exports to UAE is defined as:

$$I_{ic} = \frac{X + \frac{h}{ic} / X}{M + \frac{h}{c} / M}_{j}$$

 $X^{"}_{ic}$ where I_{ic} is the commodity intensity index of India's export of a particular commodity to UAE, denotes the India's export of particular commodity

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 $X_{\it ic}$ is the India's total exports to UAE, $M_{\it c}^{"}$ is the UAE's imports of particular commodity from all sources of supply and $M_{\it j}$ is the UAE's to UAE. total imports

(b) Commodity index intensity of India's imports from UAE is defined as follows:

$$I_{ic} = \frac{X_{ic}^{h}/X_{ic}}{M_{i}^{h}/M_{j}}$$

where I_{ic} is the commodity intensity index of India's import of particular commodity from UAE, X_{ic}^{h} is the India's imports of particular commodity from

UAE (UAE's exports of particular commodity to India), X_{ic} is the India's total imports from UAE (UAE's total exports to India), M_{h}^{i} is the India's imports of particular commodity from all sources of supply and M_i is the India's total imports.

MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

TREND IN INDIA'S TRADE TO UAE

Table No. 1 deals with trends and growth rate of India's trade to UAE. It also measures the percentage share of India's export to and import from UAE as compared with India's total exports and import.

TABLE NO. 1. TREND IN INDIA'S TRADE TO LIAE (US MILLION \$)

Year	India's ex-	Growth rate	India's To-	Growth rate	%	India's im-	Growth rate in	Total In-	Growth rate in	% share
	port to UAE	in India's ex-	tal Export	in India's ex-	share	port from	India's imports	dia's im-	India's import	in
		port to UAE		port to	in	UAE	from UAE	port	from the world	world
				world	world					
2007	14447.01		145898.05		10%	11702.84		218645.29		5%
2008	19096.53	32.18%	181860.90	24.65%	11%	19419.29	65.94%	315712.11	44.39%	6%
2009	25415.97	33.09%	176765.04	-2.80%	14%	19735.39	1.63%	266401.55	-15.62%	7%
2010	27412.25	7.85%	220408.50	24.69%	12%	30907.47	56.61%	350029.39	31.39%	9%
2011	37369.37	36.32%	301483.25	36.78%	12%	35471.58	14.77%	462402.79	32.10%	8%
2012	35781.39	-4.25%	289564.77	-3.95%	12%	37799.11	6.56%	488976.38	5.75%	8%
2013	33980.43	-5.03%	336611.39	16.25%	10%	32964.58	-12.79%	466045.57	-4.69%	7%
2014	32919.60	-3.12%	317544.64	-5.66%	10%	27287.87	-17.22%	459369.46	-1.43%	6%
2015	29989.56	-8.90%	264381.00	-16.74%	11%	20283.24	-25.67%	390744.73	-14.94%	5%
2016	30041.76	0.17%	260326.91	-1.53%	12%	19240.91	-5.14%	356704.79	-8.71%	5%
Averag	ge growth rate	9.61%		7.96			9.41		7.58	

Source: Trade Statistics, World Integrated Trade Solution: World Bank, various issues.

Note: Value is converted into US Million \$

Table No. 1 exhibits India's trade with UAE. It shows the amount of India's export to UAE was \$ 14447.01 million in 2007 which was reached to \$37369.37 million in 2011. In 2012, the figures of India's export to UAE were \$ 35781.39 million which declined to \$ 29989.56 million in 2015 and slightly increased to \$ 30041.76 million in 2016. Thus India's exports to UAE have two phases of increasing trend in early period and decreasing trend in later period. On the other hand, Table 1 reveals that the size of India's imports from UAE accounted \$ 11702.84 million in 2007 which gradually reached to \$ 37799.11 million in 2012. During 2013 it was \$ 32964.58 million and declined to \$ 356704.79 million in 2016. Thus India's imports from UAE during 2007 to 2012 have increasing trends and in later period during 2013–2016 have decreasing trends. Thus, overall picture of India's trade to UAE reveals that in early period India's trade with UAE has increasing trend and in later period it has decreasing trend.

Table 1 also analyses about India's trade performance with UAE. The percentage share of India's exports to UAE in India's total exports improved continuously at steady rate during 2007–2009. In 2007, it was only 10% of Indian world exports and reached at pick in 2009 with 14%. During 2010 Indian exports to UAE had declined to 12% and it was 10% for two consecutive periods for 2013 and 2014 was 11% and 12% in 2015 and 2016 respectively. This does not show a significant increase in Indian exports to UAE as a percentage of total Indian exports. On the other hand the percentage share of India's imports from UAE in India's total imports improved continuously at steady rate during 2007–2009. In 2007, it was only 5% which reached at pick with 9% in 2009. Since 2010, Indian imports share in world total import has continuously decreasing with steady rate. During 2010, it was 8% which declined to 5% in 2016. Thus, the above result shows that during the period of 2007 to 2009 India's trade to UAE has great importance as compared to the World. In later period since 2010 the importance of trade between Indo-UAE has less compared to the World.

Table No 1 also examines the average annual growth rate of India's trade to UAE. The annual average growth rate of Indian exports to UAE was 27.36% during 2007 to 2011 with some fluctuation. Whereas, annual average growth rate of India's export to the world was 20.83% for the same period. This shows that the growth rate of India's export to UAE is greater than India's export to the World. During the later period, the annual average growth rate of India's export to UAE (2012-2016) was -4.23% whereas India's total export to the world was -2.33%. This show that annual growth rate of India's export to UAE is less than annual growth rate of India's export to the world was -2.33%. This show that annual growth rate of India's export to UAE is less than annual growth rate of India's export to the world in later period. Thus, we found that drastically decline in annual average growth rate of India's export to UAE in the later period. Table No. 1 also examines the growth rate of India's imports from UAE. During the early period (2008-2011), the annual average growth rate of India's import from the world was 23.07%. The annual average growth rate during the later period (2012-2016) for India's import from the UAE and from the world was -10.85% and -4.81% respectively. Thus, from the above analyses show that in early period annual average growth rate of India's trade to UAE is comparatively high than India's trade to the world and comparatively low in later period.

On the basis of above analysis there are two phases of India' trade relations with UAE. During early periods India's trade relations with UAE has increasing trends and in later period India's trade relations with UAE has decreasing trends. The reasons might be subdued global demand and dip in global commodity prices in the last few years.

COMMODITY COMPOSITION OF INDIA'S TRADE WITH UAE

The usefulness of foreign trade depends upon the structure and pattern of trade, which is determined by the nature of commodities exported and imported by an economy. The structure of India- UAE trade also exhibited some changes over the period of time. Under this section, we took top 10 leading commodities of Indian exports and imports to analyse commodity composition of India's trade to UAE. We calculated the share of different commodities to find trends in commodity composition between both countries in Tables 2A and 2B respectively.

HS	Commodity	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Code											
71	Natural Or Cul-	4,056.28	10,997.14	12,524.64	19,805.17	18,392.75	18,890.	12,778.	12,280.	12,934.	13,884.
	tured Pearls, Pre-						69	80	37	45	06
	cious Or Semipre- cious Stones	2.49%	5.93%	7.01%	7.93%	6.01%	6.29%	4.06%	3.96%	4.93%	5.03%
27	Mineral Fuels, Oils	4,699.60	4,966.92	4,467.63	5,019.58	6,571.21	6,964.3	5,039.9	6,519.6	3,978.2	3,907.1
	And Products of						2	4	4	2	1
	Their	2.88%	2.68%	2.50%	2.01%	2.15%	2.32%	1.60%	2.10%	1.52%	1.42%
61	Articles Of Apparel And Clothing Ac-	259.01	367.04	378.56	539.5	626.33	642.64	789.86	1,142.7 0	1,661.2 2	2,114.9 2
	cessories,	0.16%	0.20%	0.21%	0.22%	0.20%	0.21%	0.25%	0.37%	0.63%	0.77%
62	Articles Of Apparel And Clothing Ac-	432.31	583.51	589.87	562.5	725.04	792.64	947.94	1,507.5 6	1,762.5 3	1,817.4 8
	cessories, Not	0.27%	0.31%	0.33%	0.23%	0.24%	0.26%	0.30%	0.49%	0.67%	0.66%
89	Ships, Boats And Floating Struc-	392.05	198.11	211.88	487.8	1,217.82	686.81	1,068.5 8	1,181.3 9	782.11	1,122.1 0
	tures.	0.24%	0.11%	0.12%	0.20%	0.40%	0.23%	0.34%	0.38%	0.30%	0.41%
85	Electrical Machin- ery And Equip-	419.86	636.14	524.83	805.73	974.56	903.61	1,035.7 3	615.73	742.81	662.67
	ment And Parts Thereof;.	0.26%	0.34%	0.29%	0.32%	0.32%	0.30%	0.33%	0.20%	0.28%	0.24%
84	Nuclear Reactors,	451.52	567.47	528.27	549.55	730.71	802.12	637.27	711.47	699.17	635.31
	Boilers, Machinery And Mechanical Appliances; Parts Thereof.	0.28%	0.31%	0.30%	0.22%	0.24%	0.27%	0.20%	0.23%	0.27%	0.23%
10	Cereals.	432.35	687.58	685.83	657.25	896.1	571.82	560.92	580.97	624.58	616.39
		0.27%	0.37%	0.38%	0.26%	0.29%	0.19%	0.18%	0.19%	0.24%	0.22%
73	Articles Of Iron Or	354.44	599.29	409.72	525.65	461.52	723.76	791.22	701.71	510.91	516.53
	Steel	0.22%	0.32%	0.23%	0.21%	0.15%	0.24%	0.25%	0.23%	0.19%	0.19%
72	Iron And Steel	426.62	636.2	250.75	348.28	524.84	562.33	528.18	641.6	288.86	516.04
		0.26%	0.34%	0.14%	0.14%	0.17%	0.19%	0.17%	0.21%	0.11%	0.19%
	Total	11,924.04	20,239.40	20,571.98	29,301.01	31,120.88	31,540.	24,178.	25,883.	23,984.	25,792.
							74	44	14	86	61
		7.31%	10.92%	11.51%	11.73%	10.17%	10.50%	7.69%	8.34%	9.14%	9.35%
	India's total ex- ports to UAE	1,63,132.18	1,85,295.36	1,78,751.43	2,49,815.55	3,05,963.9 2	3,00,40 0.58	3,14,40 5.30	3,10,33 8.48	2,62,29 0.13	2,75,85 1.71
	Source: Department					=					

TABLE NO. 2A: INDIA'S COMMODITY TRADE COMPOSITION TO UAE (US \$ Million)

Source: Department of Commerce: Export- Import Data bank, Indian Government, Export: country wise all commodities. Login on15.09.2017 Table 2A shows value of selected top ten commodities in India's exports to UAE. The value of selected commodities in India's overall exports to UAE increased from US \$ 163132.18 million in 2007-8 to US \$ 275851.71 million in 2016-17. The average share of top ten commodities in India's exports to UAE was 9.67% during ten years (2007-08 to 2016-17). Further, table 2 A shows that the two commodities namely (HS-71) and (HS-27) had played an important role in Indian export basket to UAE. The average share of these two commodities was 7.48%. The third leading commodity in India's export basket to UAE was (HS-62) with 0.38% and followed by (HS-61) with 0.32%. The average contribution of above four leading commodities was 7.87% out of 9.67%.

To analyse the composition and structure of India' export basket to UAE. We took only four highly concentrated goods and whole study period was bifurcated into early period (2007-08 to 2011-12) and later period (2012-13 to 2016-17). The top two leading commodity HS-71 and HS-27 has declining trends. The share of these two commodities was 5.87% and 2.44% in early period which decreased to 4.85% and 1.79% in later period of HS-71 and HS-27 respectively. The shares of next two leading commodities have increasing trend. The share of this commodity namely HS-61 and HS-62 were 0.27% and 0.20% in early period and increased to 0.48% and 0.45% in later period respectively. Thus, the above analysis shows that the share of manufacturing product dominated over primary product which is beneficial for Indian economy.

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	TABLE NO. 2B: DEALS WITH COMMODITY COMPOSITION OF INDIA'S IMPORTS FROM UAE. (US \$ MILLION)										
HS Co de	Commodity	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-1
27	Mineral Fuels, Mineral Oils And Products Of Their Distillation; Bi-	7,806.25	10,317.90	6,443.36	9,398.2 3	15,102. 54	14,984.68	13,263. 35	13,509. 04	7,912.80	9,457.6 0
	tuminous Substances; Mineral Waxes.	3.10%	3.40%	2.23%	2.54%	3.09%	3.05%	2.95%	3.02%	2.08%	2.46%
71	Natural Or Cultured Pearls, Pre- cious Or Semiprecious stones,	3,687.18	11,331.81	11,211.41	20,896. 32	18,235. 49	20,376.74	11,899. 69	8,795.4 4	7,944.29	8,571.0 3
	Pre.Metals, Clad With Pre.Metal And Artcls Thereof; Imit.Jewlry;Coin.	1.47%	3.73%	3.89%	5.65%	3.73%	4.15%	2.64%	1.96%	2.09%	2.23%
39	Plastic And Articles Thereof.	132.52	182.34	203.52	240.97	286.56	371.28	341.23	479.16	667.42	665.23
		0.05%	0.06%	0.07%	0.07%	0.06%	0.08%	0.08%	0.11%	0.18%	0.17%
74	Copper And Articles Thereof.	109.95	82.18	134.45	263.2	396.45	450.81	681.13	638.7	545.19	495.52
		0.04%	0.03%	0.05%	0.07%	0.08%	0.09%	0.15%	0.14%	0.14%	0.13%
76	Aluminium And Articles Thereof.	164.65	151.92	153.26	281.86	294.06	371.22	427.76	502.26	360.08	352.85
		.07%	0.05%	0.05%	0.08%	0.06%	0.08%	0.10%	0.11%	0.09%	0.09%
25	Salt; Sulphur; Earths And Stone;	96.97	221.54	66.54	145.31	308.08	288.27	308.18	314.78	291.71	301.59
	Plastering Materials, Lime And Cement.	0.04%	0.07%	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%	0.06%	0.07%	0.07%	0.08%	0.08%
72	Iron And Steel	257.57	314.45	239.86	350.51	556.23	560.3	460.79	572.48	422.35	288.63
		0.10%	0.10%	0.08%	0.09%	0.11%	0.11%	0.10%	0.13%	0.11%	0.08%
85	Electrical Machinery And Equip-	453.21	502.58	235.85	127.78	170.9	87.34	75.03	105.74	174.66	181.17
	ment And Parts Thereof; Sound Recorders And Reproducers, Tel- evision Image And Sound Record- ers And Reproducers, And Parts.	0.18%	0.17%	0.08%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.05%	0.05%
89	Ships, Boats And Floating Struc-	87.61	99.83	115.3	199.48	133.79	488.06	569.55	243.35	134.55	159.3
	tures.	0.03%	0.03%	0.04%	0.05%	0.03%	0.10%	0.13%	0.05%	0.04%	0.04%
47	Pulp Of Wood Or Of Other Fibrous	29.41	33.62	31.4	42.14	56.34	46.94	62.34	75.82	72.38	68.38
	Cellulosic Material; Waste And Scrap Of Paper Or Paperboard.	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
	Total	12,825.32	23,238.17	18,834.95	31,945. 80	35,540. 44	38,025.64	28,089. 05	25,236. 77	18,525.4 3	20,541. 30
		5.10%	7.65%	6.53%	8.64%	7.26%	7.75%	6.24%	5.63%	4.86%	5.34%
	India's total import from UAE	2,51,654.0 0	3,03,696.3 0	2,88,372.8 7	3,69,76 9.12	4,89,31 9.49	4,90,736.6 5	4,50,19 9.79	4,48,03 3.41	3,81,006 .63	3,84,35 5.56

Source: Department of Commerce: Export- Import Data bank, Indian Government, import: country wise all commodities. Login on15.09.2017 Table 2B shows value of selected top ten commodities in India's import from UAE. The value of selected commodities in India's overall import to UAE increased from US\$ 251654.00 million in 2007-08 to US\$ 384355.56 million in 2016-17 with. The average share of top ten commodities in India's import basket from UAE was 6.50% during 2007-08 to 2016-17. Further, table 2B shows that the two commodities namely (HS-27) and (HS-71) had played an important role in India's import basket from UAE. The average share of these two commodities was 5.49%. The third and fourth leading commodity in India's import basket to UAE was (HS-39) and (HS-74) with 0.09%. The average contribution of above four leading commodities was 5.57% out of 6.50%. This shows that top four leading commodities were highly concentrated.

To analyse the composition and structure of India' import basket to UAE. We took only four highly concentrated goods and whole study period was bifurcated into early period (2007-08 to 2011-12) and later period (2012-13 to 2016-17). The analysis shows that first top two commodities has decreasing trend and next two top commodity has increasing trend in India's import basket from UAE. The average share of HS-27 was 2.87% in early period which declined to 2.71% in later period. The average share of HS-71 was 3.69% in early period which sharply declined to 2.61% in later period. The next two leading commodity has increasing trend. The average share of HS-39 was 0.06% in early period which reached to double in later period with 12.00% and for the HS-74 the average share increased from 0.05% to 13.00%. Thus, the overall picture of Indian import basket from UAE reveals that the dominancy of primary products.

COMMODITY TRADE INTENSITY OF INDIA'S TRADE WITH UAE

To analyse the commodity trade intensity, we have taken such commodities that are mentioned in composition of trade between Indo- UAE trade relations. Under this section, we took top 10 leading commodities of Indian exports and imports to analyse commodity intensity of India's trade to UAE.

TABLE NO. 3: INDIA'S COMMODITY TRADE INTENSITY TO UAE

India's export commodity intensity with UAE			India's import commodity intensity with UAE			
Commodity	2007-	2012-	Commodity	2007-	2012-	
	2011	2016		2011	2016	
NATURAL OR CULTURED PEARLS, PRECIOUS OR SEMIPRECIOUS	2.09	2.18	NATURAL OR CULTURED PEARLS, PRECIOUS OR SEMIPRECIOUS	2.98	2.83	
STONES, PRE.METALS, CLAD WITH PRE.METAL AND ARTCLS			STONES, PRE. METALS, CLAD WITH PRE. METAL AND ARTCLS			
THEREOF;IMIT.JEWLRY;COIN.			THEREOF;IMIT.JEWLRY;COIN			
MINERAL FUELS, MINERAL OILS AND PRODUCTS OF THEIR	19.84	9.95	MINERAL FUELS, MINERAL OILS AND PRODUCTS OF THEIR	0.92	1.36	
DISTILLATION; BITUMINOUS SUBSTANCES; MINERAL WAXES.			DISTILLATION; BITUMINOUS SUBSTANCES; MINERAL WAXES.			
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES, KNITTED OR	2.38	4.74	PLASTIC AND ARTICLES THEREOF.	0.50	0.75	
CORCHETED.						
ARTICLES OF APPAREL AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES, NOT KNITTED	2.71	5.41	PULP OF WOOD OR OF OTHER FIBROUS CELLULOSIC MATERIAL;	0.56	0.70	
OR CROCHETED.			WASTE AND SCRAP OF PAPER OR PAPERBOARD.			
SHIPS, BOATS AND FLOATING STRUCTURES.	7.76	19.41	SHIPS, BOATS AND FLOATING STRUCTURES	0.46	0.90	
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF;	0.36	0.27	ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF;	0.22	0.06	
SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, TELEVISION IMAGE AND			SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, TELEVISION IMAGE AND			
SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, AND PARTS.			SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, AND PART			
NUCLEAR REACTORS, BOILERS, MACHINERY AND MECHANICAL	0.23	0.23	COPPER AND ARTICLES THEREOF.	1.54	2.94	
APPLIANCES; PARTS THEREOF.						
CEREALS.	2.72	3.66	ALUMINIUM AND ARTICLES THEREOF.	1.52	1.91	
ARTICLES OF IRON OR STEEL	0.70	1.07	SALT; SULPHUR; EARTHS AND STONE; PLASTERING MATERIALS,	1.10	1.72	
			LIME AND CEMENT			
IRON AND STEEL	0.55	0.96	IRON AND STEEL	0.43	0.69	

Source: calculated the value from UNCOMTRADE database and WITS

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To analyse commodity intensity of India with UAE, the whole period is bifurcated into early (2007–2011) and later period (2012–2016). The Table 3, the index intensity of India's commodity exports to UAE shows that the average index value of almost all commodities have more than one especially in later period except two commodities namely *electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts (0.27)* and *nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof (0.23)*. The above analysis also show that the average index value *Mineral product* has declined in later period instead of this it is the most intense commodity in India's export basket to UAE.

However in the case of commodity import from UAE have low intensity as compare to exports of the goods. Only there are five commodities namely natural or cultured pearls and its product; mineral fuels, mineral oils and its product; copper and articles thereof; aluminium and articles thereof; salt, sulphur, earths and stone, plastering materials, lime and cement whose average index values are more than one in later period. Among these five commodities, except natural or cultured pearls and its product have increasing trend. This shows that trade relations between India and UAE became more favourable recently.

Thus from the above analysis shows that export of the commodities have more intense in comparison to import of the commodities. Thus in the case of imports of goods are not fulfil. Therefore, there is required to take some necessary action to fulfil the expectation. It might be solving to identify those commodities which have comparative advantages.

INDIA'S BALANCE OF TRADE POSITION WITH UAE

This section looks into India's balance of trade position with UAE. Table 4 shows that the balance of trade has been favourable to India of study period except few years like 2008, 2010 and 2012. The deficit was US \$ 332.76 million in 2008. It was US \$ 3495.58 million in 2010 and US \$ 2017.72 million in 2012. Thus, the largest trade deficit was during 2010. Thus, the overall picture of India's balance of trade with UAE has well.

	TABLE NO. 4: INDIA'S BALANCE OF TRADE POSITION WITH UAE								
Year	India's export to UAE	India's import from UAE	Balance of Trade						
2007	14447.01	11702.84	2744.17						
2008	19096.53	19419.29	-322.76						
2009	25415.97	19735.39	5680.58						
2010	27412.25	30907.47	-3495.22						
2011	37369.37	35471.58	1897.79						
2012	35781.39	37799.11	-2017.72						
2013	33980.43	32964.58	1015.85						
2014	32919.6	27287.87	5631.73						
2015	29989.56	20283.24	9706.32						
2016	30041.76	19240.91	10800.85						

Source: UNCOMTRADE and WITS

CONCLUSION

The study reveals that both India and UAE have huge potential to strengthen their trade ties further. Both the nations enjoyed a broad and comprehensive economic relationship with each other, based on their mutual interests.

(i) The current bilateral trade value shows that this is exciting time in the history of UAE-Indian economic relations. UAE emerged as the top destination for Indian exports. Further, it has also been found that India and UAE in each other's international trade grew continuously especially after FTA between the two nations and it has provided many opportunities to India and UAE for enhancing their trade relations.

(ii) In recent years, both are developing closer economic relations with each other.

(iii) During early period (2007–2011), India's annual average export to UAE was 27.36%, which decreased to -4.23% in later period (2012–2016), whereas during the same periods, the annual growth rate of India's import from UAE was 34.74% and -10.85%. It shows that in later period both India's exports to and imports from UAE have been declined. In the early period the growing rate of import was greater than export whereas in later period declining rate of import was greater than export.

(iv) From the discussion of commodity composition as HS-2 level of India's exports and imports from UAE, natural or cultured pearls product, mineral product, articles of apparel and clothing accessories product were the leading commodities in the basket of Indian export to UAE. On the other hand, mineral product, natural or cultured pearls product, plastic and articles thereof and copper and articles thereof were the leading commodities in the basket of Indian imports from UAE.

(v) The analysis of trade intensity of India during 2007–2016 indicates that India's exports and imports are more intense with UAE as compared to the rest of the world especially in case of India's export of the commodities.

(vi) Balance of trade position shows favourable to India during 2007 to 2016 except some few years like 2008, 2010 and 2012.

SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

- Though UAE has emerged as India's top trading partner, yet India's exports and imports basket with UAE is very limited. Basket is mainly dominated by pearls, precious stones, metals, coins etc. Thus, it can be said that though India's exports to and import from UAE is increasing by leaps and bounds but still it is limited in the sense that their trade basket is very narrow and limited to few commodity groups. Therefore, it can be suggested that to enhance and sustain the growth of mutual trade, both the countries should find out the existing potential and immediately start working to that side.
- These two nations should focus on expanding the trade baskets. Hence, India and UAE are only beginning to discover the full scope and opportunities for expanding trade and economic cooperation. If coordinated well, they can provide significant leverages to both countries in regional and global trade across a range of product categories.

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