ADIPEC 2026 – Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference opens (2–5 Nov); India among country pavilions

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News

ADIPEC 2026 – the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference, one of the world's largest energy events – opened at the ADNEC Centre, Abu Dhabi, on 2 Nov 2026 and runs till 5 Nov. It is hosted by the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) under the patronage of UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. A record 2,260 exhibiting companies, 16 halls, 30 country pavilions (including India), 40+ ministers and 1,800+ speakers are taking part, with over 2.39 lakh attendees expected from 170+ countries. Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and ADNOC CEO, gave the opening address. Energy security is the main focus. It is the first ADIPEC since the UAE left OPEC and OPEC+ (1 May 2026).

Key facts

Dates / venue	2–5 Nov 2026 – ADNEC Centre, Abu Dhabi (UAE)
Host	ADNOC (organiser – dmg events); patronage of the UAE President
Scale	2,260 companies, 30 country pavilions, 40+ ministers, 13 conference programmes

India	One of six Asian country pavilions; among the top 5 countries for technical paper submissions
Origin	First ADIPEC – 1984, Abu Dhabi
Context	UAE exit from OPEC/OPEC+: announced 28 Apr 2026, effective 1 May 2026 (after 59 years)

Background

- OPEC: founded at the Baghdad Conference (10–14 Sep 1960) by five countries – Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela; HQ first Geneva, Vienna since 1965. OPEC+ – the group formed with non-OPEC producers led by Russia through the 2016 'Declaration of Cooperation'. Recent exits: Qatar (2019), Ecuador (2020), Angola (2024), UAE (2026).
- UAE and OPEC: the Emirate of Abu Dhabi joined OPEC in 1967, and membership continued after the UAE was formed in 1971. Free of quota limits, it aims to raise capacity to 5 million barrels a day.
- Indian economy: India is the world's third-largest consumer of crude oil and imports over 85% of its needs. For emergencies, Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRL – Petroleum Ministry) has built underground caverns in Phase I at Visakhapatnam (1.33), Mangaluru (1.5) and Padur (2.5) – 5.33 million tonnes in all; Phase II – Chandikhol (Odisha) and a Padur expansion. ADNOC stores crude in the Mangaluru cavern (2018 deal).
- Science: crude oil (petroleum – 'rock oil') is a fossil fuel formed over millions of years from the remains of marine micro-organisms. Refineries separate it into LPG, petrol, kerosene, diesel, bitumen and more by fractional distillation.

Tamil Nadu link: oil and gas are produced in the Cauvery basin; CPCL's Cauvery Basin Refinery at Panangudi, Nagapattinam, began in 1993, and a new 9-million-tonne-a-year refinery is planned there. The 'Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020' (Feb 2020, CM Edappadi K. Palaniswami) bans new hydrocarbon, methane and natural-gas exploration projects in the Cauvery delta – all of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam districts and parts of Cuddalore and Pudukkottai.

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