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Indian Economy:

Indian economy to double, touch USD 5 trillion by 2025: PM at WEF



India economy would more than double and touch USD 5 trillion by 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said while addressing the World Economic Forum in Davos. Pitching India as an attractive investment destination, Modi said the government is following the principle of reform, perform and transform. PM Modi also said new doors for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) are being opened and 1,400 archaic laws that hampering the country's progress have been scrapped. Narendra Modi is the first Indian Prime Minister to attend the WEF in Davos since Deve Gowda in 1997.

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<https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/current-affairs/230118/indian-economy-to-double-touch-usd-5-trillion-by-2025-pm-at-davos.html>

India has best growth prospects among 7 big economies: Report



The country has the best growth prospects among seven large economies of the world, including China and South Korea, a study done by a global logistics major said. This is due to "strong and sustained increases in both air and ocean freight in and out of the country", DHL and consultancy firm Accenture said in the maiden 'Global Trade Barometer' study. The country's GDP has doubled since 2008 to over USD 2.44 trillion now and will continue its upward trajectory for the foreseeable future on the back of infrastructure investments.

Read More:

<http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/india-has-best-growth-prospects-among-7-big-economies-report-2488599.html>

India fifth most attractive market for investments: CEOs survey



PwC India Chairman Shyamal Mukherjee said backed by definitive structural reforms, the India story has been looking better in the past one year.

India has emerged as the fifth most attractive market for investments and the optimism over global economic growth is at a record level, a survey of CEOs by global consultancy PwC said.

Read More:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/india-fifth-most-attractive-market-for-investments-pwc-survey/articleshow/62610539.cms>

The Government of India, the Government of Uttarakhand and the World Bank sign US\$ 120 million Loan Agreement to improve access to Water Supply Services in the Hilly State of Uttarakhand.

The Government of India, the Government of Uttarakhand and the World Bank Board signed here today in New Delhi, a \$120 million Loan Agreement which will help increase access to improved water supply services in peri-urban areas in the State of Uttarakhand.

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<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=175803>

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban Launches Smart Star-Rating for Garbage Free Cities



Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban launches Smart Star-Rating for garbage-free cities

The star-rating initiative has been developed by the Swachh Bharat Mission – urban and is one of its kind initiatives by the government just like Swachh Survekshan. The Star Rating System has one distinctive feature from Swachh Survekshan and that is that many cities can have higher stars as compared to only one city being the cleanest city under Swachh Survekshan. The cities would be rated 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 stars based on compliance condition specified by each rating.

Read More:

<https://www.jagranjosh.com/current-affairs/swachh-bharat-missionurban-launches-smart-starrating-for-garbagefree-cities-1516596138-1>

Gender parity can boost India's GDP by 27%: WEF co-chairs

Raising women's participation in the labour force to the same level as men can boost India's GDP by 27 per cent, IMF Chief Christine Lagarde and Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg have said in a joint paper.

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[http://www.ptinews.com/news/9420796_Gender-parity-can-boost-India-s-GDP-by-27---WEF-co-chairs\\$stories](http://www.ptinews.com/news/9420796_Gender-parity-can-boost-India-s-GDP-by-27---WEF-co-chairs$stories)

GST Council cuts rates of over 80 goods, services

Ahead of the February 1 Budget presentation, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley delivered a mini Budget in terms of tax cuts and revenue distribution. The GST Council headed by him decided to lower rates of over 30 goods including domestic cooking gas and packaged drinking water. It also reduced levies on 53 services that provide employment to a large number of people. The GST rates on about 40 handicraft items were slashed. The new rates will be effective from January 25.

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<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/654598/gst-29-items-54-services.html>

Eastern region to contribute 25 pc of India's GDP: KPMG

The eastern regional states of West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand and Assam were expected to contribute at least 25 per cent of the country's GDP by 2035, according to a report prepared by leading consultancy firm KPMG. The report said that the country's GDP would touch Rs 195 lakh crore by that period. The key industries which would drive the eastern India's economy were jute, leather, tea, locomotives, steel and mining.

Read More:

<http://businessworld.in/article/Eastern-region-to-contribute-25-pc-of-India-s-GDP-KPMG/23-01-2018-138100/>

Industry:

Exports up 12.36 per cent in December; trade deficit widens to 3-year high

India's trade deficit in December widened to \$14.88 billion, up 41 per cent year-on-year, according to the trade data released by the commerce ministry. Exports rose 12.36 per cent in December to \$27.03 billion year-on-year.

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<http://www.newindianexpress.com/business/2018/jan/15/exports-up-1236-per-cent-in-december-trade-deficit-widens-to-3-year-high-1754766.html>

Sugar output may rise 25% in 2017-18 season

Indian mills are expected to produce 25.1 million tonnes (mt) of sugar during the 2017-18 sugar season beginning October, nearly 25 per cent higher than last season's 20.3 mt

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http://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/sugar-output-may-rise-25-in-2017-18-season-117071100469_1.html

Domestic steel production crosses 100 MT in 2017: Steel Min

The country's annual steel production crossed 100 million tonne-mark last year. India's total steel production in the year 2016 was around 95 MT.

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<https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/domestic-steel-production-crosses-100-mt-in-2017-steel-min/1233097>

Industry commits ~2-trn biz deals

The two-day annual business event, Bengal Global Business Summit, showcasing West Bengal as a favourable investment destination, ended with investment proposals to the tune of ~2.19 trillion, with major conglomerates like Reliance Industries (RIL), JSW Group, Adani Group, RPSanjiv Goenka Group, and several others.

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<https://www.pressreader.com/india/business-standard/20180118/281681140289499>

India's fuel demand rose 7.5% in December

Consumption of fuel in India increased 7.5 per cent year-on-year to reach 17.39 million tonnes in December 2017, according to data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.

Read More:

<https://www.ibef.org/news/indias-fuel-demand-rose-75-in-december>

Investments:

FDI policy further liberalized in key sectors to attract more investment



The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister had given its approval to a number of amendments in the FDI Policy. These are intended to liberalize and simplify the FDI policy so as to provide ease of doing business in the country. In the financial year 2016-17, total FDI of US\$ 60.08 billion has been received, which is an all-time high.

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<http://www.indiasamvad.co.in/special-stories/fdi-policy-further-liberalized-in-key-sectors-to-investment-27288>

SEBI allows strategic players to invest up to 25% in REITs, InvITs

India financial markets regulator the Securities and Exchange Board of India has further relaxed norms for investment requirements into real estate and infrastructure investment trusts (REITs and InvITs) as public offerings by such trusts have failed to generate investor interest. SEBI allowed strategic investors such as international multilateral financial institutions and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to invest up to 25% of total offer size in such trusts.

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<https://www.vccircle.com/sebi-allows-strategic-players-to-invest-up-to-25-in-reits-invits/>

Maharashtra clears Rs5,000 crore investment in start-up sector

The Maharashtra state cabinet approved a Maharashtra State Innovation and Start-Up Policy, targeting an investment of Rs5,000 crore in the start-up space by 2022 and creating 500,000 direct and indirect jobs. The policy aims to help establish 10,000 start-ups in five years.

Read More:

<http://www.livemint.com/Politics/G51Sy2tfW5FOkfk1NBJQGN/Maharashtra-clears-Rs5000-crore-investment-in-startup-sec.html>

DP World, NIIF create platform to invest up to \$3 bn in ports



The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) announced its first investment, a partnership with UAE-based DP World for a platform to mobilize investment of \$3 billion (Rs 200 billion) into ports, terminals, transportation, and logistics businesses in this country. The first close of the NIIF Master Fund took place in mid-October, with contributions from a subsidiary of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and four domestic institutional investors - HDFC Group, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Life, and Axis Bank.

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http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/dp-world-niif-create-platform-to-invest-up-to-3-bn-in-ports-118012300053_1.html

Company:

TCS becomes India's second company after RIL to cross Rs6 trillion market cap

Software major Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) becomes India's second company to cross Rs6 trillion market capitalisation after its shares rallied over 14% so far this year.

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<http://www.livemint.com/Companies/pFVmvXbQZVKFkgmvgRjDtM/TCS-becomes-Indias-second-company-after-RIL-to-cross-Rs6-tr.html>

Indian technology start-ups record \$9.4 billion in investments in Jan-Sep 2017

Indian technology start-ups record \$9.4 billion in investments in Jan-Sept 2017

The Indian tech start-up ecosystem saw \$9.4 billion in investments across various sectors in the first three quarters of 2017, a growth of 1.35 times when compared to total investment in 2016 (January-December), according to Inc42 Datalabs. Until September 2017, there were 700 funding deals closed in various tech start-ups. Q3 2017 saw funding in tech start-ups rising by 28%, and the number of deals growing by 25% when compared to Q2 2017 (see chart 1). Seed stage funding in Q3 2017 witnessed an 80% rise to 185 from 103 in the preceding quarter (see chart 2). E-commerce continues to draw the most funding with \$2.66 billion; fintech firms stood a distant second with just \$151 million (see chart 3). Bengaluru continues to be the city which received the most funding in Q3, receiving around 82% of the investments in the period. Delhi/NCR got 10% of funding (see chart 4).

Chart 1: Indian tech start-up funding for 2017



Chart 2: Funding deals across all stages

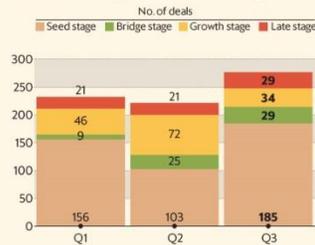


Chart 3: Total funding in top sectors

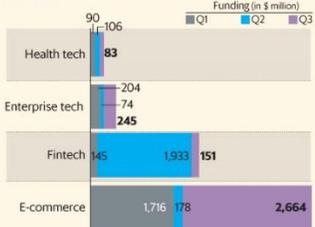


Chart 4: Tech start-up funding for Q3: city-wise breakup



Source: Inc42 Datalabs

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<http://www.livemint.com/Companies/im7DQ9VpmMlaO45ansFHhO/Indian-technology-startups-record-94-billion-in-investmen.html>

Automobile:

Ola to develop electric auto-rickshaws for India, looks at partnerships



Ride-hailing firm Ola has roped in a former executive of Bajaj Auto to lead a team that will design and develop electric vehicles (EVs), including cars and auto-rickshaws, as it pursues the dream of its largest investor Softbank's Masayoshi Son to have over one million EVs on Indian roads.

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http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/ola-to-develop-electric-auto-rickshaws-for-india-looks-at-partnerships-118012100851_1.html

Moody's says automakers to generate low returns on battery EVs, but sales to surge by 2025



Moody's expects battery EVs to represent approximately 7-8% of global new vehicle sales by the mid-2020s, up from less than 1% currently. Photo: Reuters

Moody's Investor Services says global automakers are going to generate low returns on battery electric vehicles (BEVs) in the coming years, although the sale of these vehicles is going to rise to 17-19% by the end of the decade.

Read More:

<http://www.livemint.com/Industry/Bqk2jwCXPji3pGchpTuXPL/Moodys-says-automakers-to-generate-low-returns-on-battery-E.html>

Health:

India's first-ever mobile food testing laboratory launched

Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar launched country's first-ever mobile food testing laboratory. The vehicle, is worth Rs 41 lakh. The laboratory mounted on a bus will be travelling across the state checking food samples on the spot and will help in on-the-spot testing of food items and curb adulteration. Besides this, it will also educate people about nutrition and importance of safe food.

Read More:

<http://www.indiasamvad.co.in/health/india-first-ever-mobile-food-testing-laboratory-launched-26784>

Education:

Australian varsities want visa norms relaxed for India for two-way flow of PhD scholars



In a report put together by Indian and Australian academics, the Group of Eight identified lack of finance and awareness and other logistical barriers as a few of the obstacles hampering the vice versa flow of PhD students. (Getty Images/Stockphoto)

The Group of Eight (Go8), Australia's research universities, has advocated relaxed visa norms between Australia and India for students seeking to do PhD in either country. In a report put together by academics of both the countries the body identified lack of finance and awareness and other logistical barriers as a few of the obstacles hampering the vice versa flow of PhD students. The report also recommended to the Australian government to establish a "special class of visa for researchers and Ph.D graduates".

Read More:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/australian-varsities-want-visa-norms-relaxed-for-india-for-two-way-flow-of-phd-scholars/story-py3ciFQObKJWedsRWPxuwO.html>

Oil and Gas:

Govt puts up 55 oil, gas blocks on auction for exploration

India put on auction a record exploration acreage for prospecting of oil and gas, from 55 blocks, in the first bid round in eight years. Each block on offer has been carved out by prospective bidders under the open acreage licensing (OAL) of the new Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP).

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http://www.livemint.com/Industry/KxWzVEpbceHPJ8qgPjc_oXP/Govt-puts-up-55-oil-gas-blocks-on-auction-for-exploration.html

Retail:

India a favourable market for fashion retailers, says report



Growth in the middle-income segment will be a key contributor to the success and expansion of fast fashion majors. Photo: Mint

The foreign direct investment (FDI) norms relaxation for single brand retail in the country will be a major boost for fast fashion majors that are aiming for expansion in their consumer base, says a BMI Research report.

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<http://www.livemint.com/Industry/W6SVj0sEEZvNxJqP2ohaJ/India-a-favourable-market-for-fashion-retailers-says-report.html>

Technology:

Paytm Mall eyes USD 4 bn GMV run-rate this fiscal

Alibaba-backed Paytm Mall said it expects to clock a gross merchandise value (GMV) run rate of USD 4 billion by the end of March next year on the back of strong growth in transactions on its platform. Paytm Mall, which was spun off as a separate app in April this year, expects the growth to be driven by strong demand in categories like electronics, appliances, FMCG and fashion.

Read More:

<https://retail.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/e-commerce/e-tailing/paytm-mall-eyes-usd-4-bn-gmv-run-rate-this-fiscal/60277354>

Digital ad industry to grow 32% to touch Rs18,986 crore by 2020: report



The Indian ad industry stands at Rs55,960 crore and is expected to touch Rs77,623 crore by 2020 growing at a CAGR of 12.5%. Photo: iStockphoto

The digital advertising industry is estimated to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 32% to reach Rs18,986 crore by 2020, on the back of affordable data and increased smartphone penetration, says a report from Dentsu Aegis Network (DAN).

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<http://www.livemint.com/Consumer/Q4SsRrOP5lpleFsDTsXkmK/Digital-ad-industry-to-grow-32-to-touch-Rs18986-crore-by-2.html>

Infosys, TCS join global tech reskilling drive for 1 million workers



TCS and Infosys have joined a global drive for tech reskilling of 1 million workers in the first-ever such IT industry initiative. Photo: Aniruddha Chowdhury/Mint

Indian IT companies TCS and Infosys have joined a global drive for tech reskilling of 1 million workers in the first ever such IT industry initiative. The initiative, whose founding partners also include Accenture, CA Technologies, Cisco, Cognizant, Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE), Pegasystems, PwC, Salesforce and SAP, aims to bring competitive training content together on one platform to serve the greater good.

Read More:

<http://www.livemint.com/Industry/nSgsbQqThL5kdAseKvCwdL/Infosys-TCS-join-global-tech-reskilling-drive-for-1-million.html>

Mobile user base grows to 975.40 million in November, says COAI

The number of mobile subscribers has grown to 975.40 million in November, industry body Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) said.

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http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/mobile-user-base-grows-to-975-40-million-in-november-says-coai-118010500050_1.html

Infrastructure:

India needs \$4.5 trillion by 2040 to develop Infra: Economic Survey



India will need about USD 4.5 trillion in the next 25 years for infrastructure development, of which it will be able to garner about USD 3.9 trillion, the Economic Survey said. "The Global Infrastructure Outlook reflects that rising income levels and economic prosperity is likely to further drive demand for infrastructure investment in India over the next 25 years. Terming road transport as a dominant mode of transport in India which contributes significantly to the national economy, the Survey said measures to boost it resulted augmenting of the road length to 57.17 million km from 33.73 million km in 2001 while the vehicles grew by four times to 229 million during the period. The Survey said all-India installed power generation capacity has increased substantially over the years and reached 330860.6 MW as on November 30, 2017. About logistics sector, the Survey highlighted that "the Indian logistics market is expected to reach about USD 215 billion in 2020, growing at a CAGR of 10.5 per cent". For the telecom sector, it said under phase II of Bharat Net to connect 1.5 lakh gram panchayats with high speed broadband is likely to be completed by March 2019.

Read More:

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/nation/india-needs-4-5-trillion-by-2040-to-develop-infra-economic-survey/535526.html>

Space / Aviation:

ISRO launches its 100th satellite into space



PSLV C-40 with Cartosat 2 series lifting off from the Satish Dhawan Space centre at Sriharikota on Friday. Photo: K. Pichumani

India successfully launched weather observation satellite Cartosat 2 Series and 29 other spacecraft onboard its dependable Polar rocket.

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<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/science/isro-launches-its-100th-satellite-into-space/article10027585.ece>

Boeing to set up P-8I training facility in India

Boeing Co. will set up its third global P-8I reconnaissance plane training facility at INS Rajali, an Indian naval air base in Tamil Nadu. "This will be only the second facility anywhere globally after Australia," a Boeing spokesperson said. US already has a similar facility. The P-8I Training Solution, along with a 10-year comprehensive maintenance service, will be bought from Boeing for Rs1,949.32 crore, says defense ministry.

Read More:

<http://www.livemint.com/Companies/oRxcmaed7XoEtB0HGhM3YP/Boeing-to-setup-P8I-training-facility-in-India.html>

Tourism:

With Over 10 Million Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India in 2017, Indian Tourism Is On The Rise



Kanika Saxena

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India is fast gaining popularity as a tourism destination amidst inbound travelers with top markets. In fact, even China is showing interest in visiting here, according to a study. In its '2017 Inbound Travel Study', TripAdvisor disclosed that international travel interest into India is on the rise. According to the findings, travelers from China were the largest group indicating an year-over-year interest where Indian destinations were concerned.

Read More:

<http://traveltriangle.com/blog/india-gaining-global-interest-as-tourism-destination/>

Govt eyes 20 m foreign tourists by '20, to double Fx earnings

Government has set a target of doubling the number of foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) at 20 million as well as earnings from the sector by 2020, Union tourism minister KJ Alphons said. In 2017, for the first time, foreign tourist arrivals touched 10 million, up from 8.8 million in 2016, when it had grown by 9.7 per cent over the previous year.

Read More:

<http://mydigitalfc.com/plan-and-policy/govt-eyes-20-m-foreign-tourists-20-double-fx-earnings>

India emerges as fastest growing market for Australian tourism

India has emerged as the fastest growing market for Australian tourism, clocking double-digit growth in arrivals and spend, according to Tourism Australia. Arrivals from India to Australia grew by 15 per cent for the year ended October 2017, with an influx of 294,000 visitors, compared to the same period last year, making it the ninth largest inbound market for Australia.

Read More:

[http://www.ptinews.com/news/9384618_India-emerges-as-fastest-growing-market-for-Australian-tourism\\$stories](http://www.ptinews.com/news/9384618_India-emerges-as-fastest-growing-market-for-Australian-tourism$stories)

Namami Gange projects worth Rs. 295 crore approved by NMCG



NMCG approves Namami Gange projects worth Rs 295 crore

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved five projects worth Rs. 295.01 crore. Three projects pertain to sewage management in West Bengal at an estimated cost of Rs 278.6 crore, one relates to sewage management in Uttarakhand at an estimated cost of Rs 4.68 crore and one project worth Rs 11.73 crore is related to Ghat improvement works in Varanasi.

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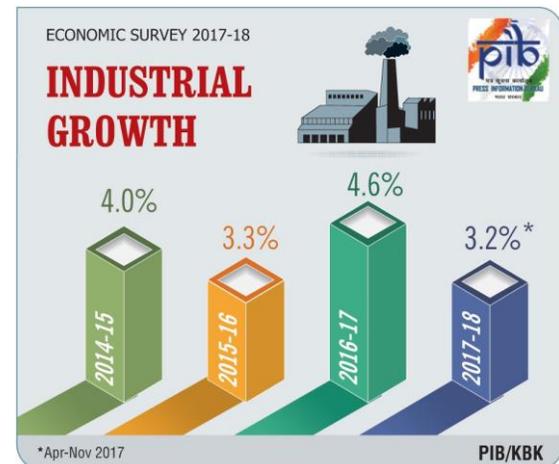
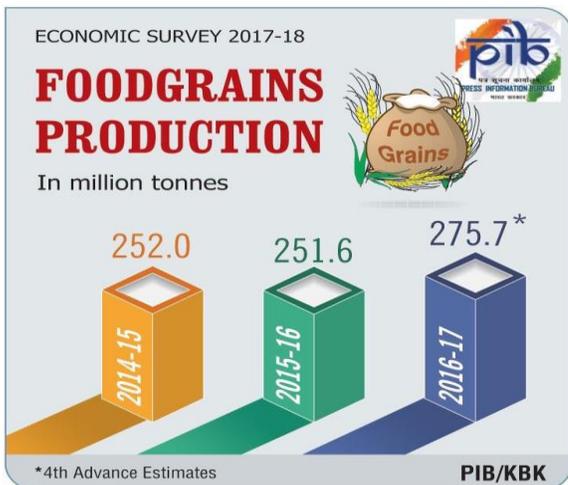
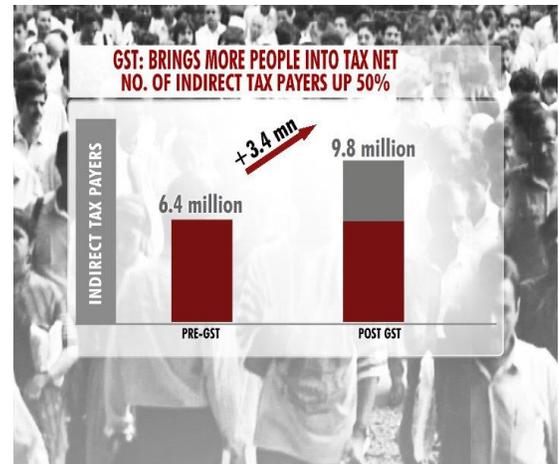
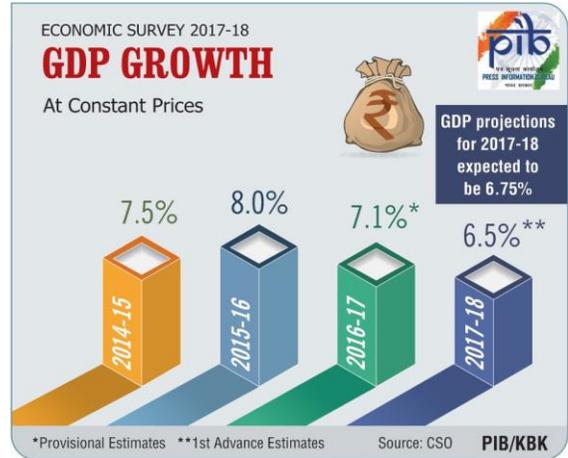
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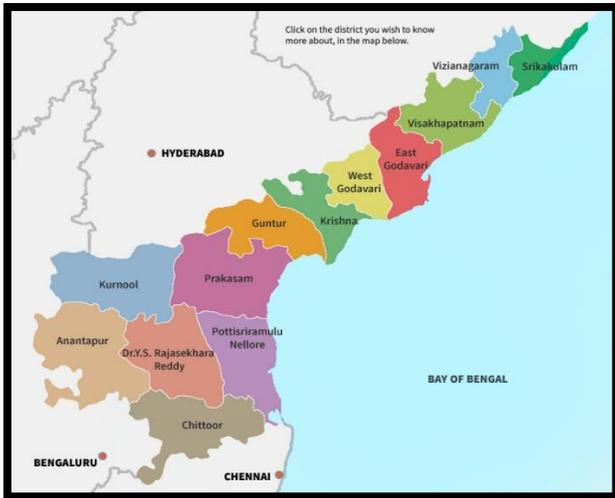
TEN NEW FACTS ON THE INDIAN ECONOMY

- Large increase in registered indirect and direct taxpayers
- Formal non-agricultural payroll much greater than believed
- States' prosperity is positively correlated with their international and inter-state trade
- India's firm export structure is substantially more egalitarian than in other large countries
- Clothing incentive package boosted exports of readymade garments
- Indian parents continue to have children until they get the desired number of sons
- Substantial avoidable litigation in tax arena which government action could reduce
- To re-ignite growth, raising investment is more important than raising saving
- Extreme weather adversely impacts agriculture yields
- Direct tax collections by Indian states and local governments are significantly lower than those of their counterparts in other federal countries

SOURCE: Press Information Bureau Government of India



State Report: Andhra Pradesh



Andhra Pradesh, the eighth largest state in India, is endowed with agrarian, natural, and mineral resources, and has the second longest coastline (974 km) in the country.

The opportunities for investment are plenty in the state. Amravati, a futuristic capital city is being built from ground up in association with Japan and Singapore. Furthermore, the upcoming three industrial corridors across the state are set to provide a great economic boost to the region. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has undertaken multiple forward looking initiatives to facilitate investments. A strong leadership, transparent governance, and best-in-class policies, Andhra Pradesh boasts of providing a conducive environment for businesses and investors to flourish. Tremendous opportunities exist for businesses to venture in Andhra Pradesh in various sectors, infrastructure & development.

The state has well-developed social, physical and industrial infrastructure and virtual connectivity. It also has good power, airport, IT and port infrastructure. Andhra Pradesh's gross state domestic product (GSDP) was estimated at US\$ 108.5 billion over 2016-17. Between 2011-12 and 2016-17, the average annual GSDP growth rate was 13.01 per cent. The state has attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflows worth US\$ 14.13 billion during the period April 2000 to June 2017, according to data released by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP). The Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed a budget of US\$ 23.4 billion for FY 2017-18. Special emphasis has been laid in the expenditure budget on education (US\$ 3.04 billion), rural development (US\$ 2.92 billion), irrigation (US\$ 1.90 billion), agriculture and allied industries (US\$ 1.36 billion) and energy sector (US\$ 637.17 million). It is the first state in the country to have enacted the Industrial Single Window Clearance.

As of September 2017, the state had 20 operational SEZs in the state across diversified sectors which include textiles and apparel, food processing, footwear and leather products, multi-product, pharma, IT SEZs etc. Seemandhra, comprising Rayalaseema and coastal Andhra, has most of the power projects of undivided Andhra Pradesh. Coal-based power plants are mostly located in the state due to proximity to the ports. As of September 2017, Andhra Pradesh had a total installed power generation capacity of 22,069.36 MW.

Western Australia and Andhra Pradesh signed a Sister State Agreement in December 2016. The Sister State Agreement identified four priority areas for economic engagement: Mining and mining services; Agriculture and fisheries, Energy production and distribution, Higher and vocational education and training.



- Ranked No 1 in India in Ease of Doing Business ranking by World Bank in 2016
- Amongst top 3 states in attracting private sector investments
- Amongst top 3 states in Business Investment Potential, NCEAR State Investment Potential Index, 2017
- AP Single Desk Portal (for granting industrial clearances in 21 working days) designated as a best practice by World Bank
- National Energy Conservation Award 2017 for the best State Designated Agency

- AMARAVATI : PEOPLE'S CAPITAL**
- Planned to be developed as a "futuristic" world-class city with expected population of 13 million by 2050.
 - 217 sq. km of capital city area and 7420 sq. km of capital region area
 - City based on 'Walk to Work' concept.
 - USD 6 billion planned investment over 10 years.
 - 8 industrial & economic anchor sectors identified as growth drivers

- GATEWAY TO THE EAST**
- Target to set up 14 ports by 2029 & 12 airports by 2020
 - Deep draft ports with cumulative capacity of 250MMTPA; plans to increase to 750MMTPA
 - Set to emerge as a 'logistics hub' of global repute
 - Development of 888 km of Inland Waterways
 - Potential to develop Coastal Employment Zone

- POWER SURPLUS STATE**
- 24X7 power to all Domestic, Industrial & Commercial consumers.
 - 9.81 % T&D losses in AP-one of the lowest in the country.
 - 18 GW Renewable Energy Capacity by FY 21-22 - 10 GW Solar and 8 GW Wind
 - Four large solar parks in AP with 4,000 MW capacity: Anantapur – I & II, Kurnool, and Kadapa;
 - World's largest solar park at a single location in commissioned in Kurnool(1000 MW)

AGRO & FOOD PROCESSING

- India's largest producer of Mango, Papaya, Lemon, Tomato, Chili, and Turmeric; largest producer of eggs, fish, prawns and shrimp
- 4,000 food processing units in the state
- Ultra-mega food park coming up in Kurnool
- Egg and Poultry food park coming up in Prakasam
- Multi-product food park at Chittoor ; Spices park at Guntur
- Upcoming aqua mega food park at Bhimavaram, West Godavari and Nellore

AUTOMOBILE

- Emerging as Automobile and Auto Component hub of India with presence of large auto component manufacturers at Sri City and Vijayawada
- Kia Motors investing \$ 2 billion on a greenfield plant in Anantapur
- Isuzu Motors rolling out pick-up trucks from Sri City, Chittoor
- Tyres manufacturing unit being set up by Apollo Tyre in Chittoor
- Bus manufacturing plants being set up by Ashok Leyland and Veera Vahana
- Bharat Forge, India's largest exporter of auto components, is setting up auto components park in Nellore

PHARMACEUTICALS

- Home to 200+ pharmaceutical units
- Amongst the top 3 states in pharmaceutical exports
- Pharmaceutical industry worth US\$ 1 billion in North Andhra Region
- Andhra Med Tech Zone – Asia's 1st medical devices park set up at Visakhapatnam
- JN Pharma City in Visakhapatnam
- 128 pharmaceutical colleges producing over 11,000 highly-skilled personnel annually

PETROLEUM & PETROCHEMICALS

- LNG hub of the country – terminals coming up in Kakinada, Gangavaram, and Krishnapatnam; Expansion of natural gas pipeline from Kakinada to Srikakulam
- First-of-its-kind off-shore LNG Floating Storage Regasification Unit (FSRU) at Kakinada
- City gas distribution system in Kakinada, Vijayawada, and Kovvuru; more towns planned; LPG bottling plants at Krishna and Kurnool
- HPCL brownfield refinery expansion proposed at Visakhapatnam
- Proposed petrochemical plant (cracker complex) by HPCL and GAIL at Kakinada

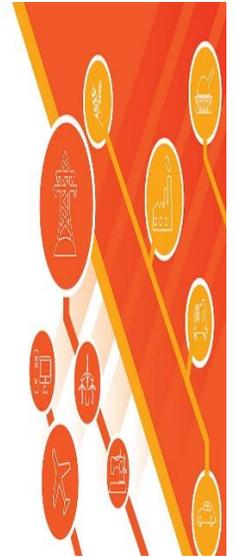
AEROSPACE & DEFENCE

- Hindustan Shipyard at Visakhapatnam
- ISRO Main Satellite Launch Station at Sriharikota
- World class MRO facility, air cargo complex at proposed Bhogapuram Mega Aerotropolis
- Bharat Electronics Ltd.'s Advanced Night Vision products unit coming up in Krishna
- Upcoming Bharat Electronics Ltd.'s Defence Systems Integration Complex at Palasamudram, Anantapur
- Upcoming DRDO Missile Testing Project near Orvakal, Kurnool

ELECTRONICS

- Hub for Electronics manufacturing and Fintech investments
- Foxconn unit for manufacturing phones of Xiaomi and Gionee, Asus, Oppo, Micromax, Lava at Sri City, Chittoor
- Celkon's facility inaugurated at Sri Venkateswara mobile and electronics manufacturing cluster at Tirupati.
- HCL Technologies investing Rs. 500 Cr. for development centre, training facility and other ancillary facilities at Gannavaram, Krishna
- Fintech Valley at Visakhapatnam with investments from companies like VISA, Paytm, Transaction Analysts & Knolskape

Upcoming Trade Fairs in India



IPHEX

8-10 May
New Delhi
Pragati Maidan | 2018



15-18 May 2018
Mumbai - India

Republic Day celebrations at the Consulate – 26 January 2018



Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations at the Consulate – 09 January 2018



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