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Indian Economy:

**India to be engine of world growth for next 3 decades:
PM Modi**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India will be the engine of growth for the world economy for the next three decades as the "sleeping elephant" has started to run on the back of structural reforms like GST. Addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the occasion of 72nd Independence Day, he listed out the pace of reforms in the last four years of his government that pulled out the country from being considered a "fragile and risky" economy to being the fastest in the world.

Read More:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/india-to-be-engine-of-world-growth-for-next-3-decades-pm-modi-on-independence-day/articleshow/65409811.cms>

Moody's puts India growth in 2018, 2019 at 7.5%



Indian economy grew by 7.7 per cent in the first quarter of 2018.

The Indian economy is largely resilient to external pressures and is expected to grow around 7.5% in 2018 and 2019, Moody's Investors Service said. In its Global Macro Outlook for 2018-19, Moody's said growth is supported by strong urban and rural demand and improved industrial activity, pointing to the strong PMI and the index of 8 core industries.

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<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/moodys-puts-india-growth-in-2018-2019-at-7-5/articleshow/65514550.cms>

House for every Indian by 2022: PM Narendra Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi told villagers in his native Gujarat that it is his dream to see every Indian having a house by 2022, the 75th year of Independence. More than 100,000 houses were handed over to beneficiaries across 26 districts of the state. He said, "It is my dream, it is our endeavour to ensure that every Indian has his own house by 2022."

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<https://www.livemint.com/Politics/S3e0CGuJlgY470f9m8mRMI/House-for-every-Indian-by-2022-PM-Modi.html>

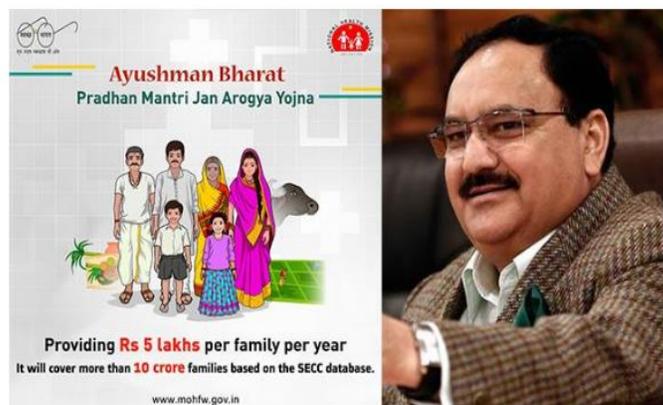
34.9 million New Entrepreneurs Benefited Through Mudra Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is a scheme to extend collateral free loans by Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) to Small/Micro business enterprises and individuals in the non-agricultural sector to enable them to setup or expand their business activities and to generate self-employment. Under PMMY, the number of accounts/number of loans sanctioned during 2015-16 to 2017-18 were 12.27 crore, out of which 3.49 crore were new entrepreneurs.

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<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=181303>

India's Ayushman Bharat scheme unveiled:



(Image Input: Twitter/Ministry of Health)

In a bid to provide comprehensive healthcare and reduce expenses for the same, central government launched its ambitious Ayushman Bharat scheme. It will not only pay up to Rs five lakh in hospitalization costs to poor and vulnerable families, but also cover drugs and diagnostic expenses. The scheme will cover 10.74 crore families. Cover all existing health conditions.

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<https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/gk-current-affairs/story/india-s-ayushman-bharat-scheme-unveiled-check-top-10-healthcare-systems-of-the-world-1325173-2018-08-28>

Bharatmala Project: Nine Of 44 Economic Corridors soon to be connected by Expressways

Nine of 44 economic corridors planned by the Central government across the country will soon be linked by expressways, Business Standard has reported. This will lead to seamless trade across these economic corridors, thereby saving cost, time and fuel. The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). Economic corridors which will be connected by expressways include Delhi-Vadodara, Chennai-Salem, Ambala-Kotputli, Amritsar-Jamnagar, and Raipur-Vizag.

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<https://swarajyamag.com/insta/bharatmala-project-nine-of-44-economic-corridors-soon-to-be-connected-by-expressways>

Exports / Imports:

India to double exports by 2025: Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu



The government is working on a comprehensive strategy to double the country's exports by 2025, Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu said. Issues related to exporters were discussed during a stakeholders' meeting to discuss a strategy for revitalising India's exports and doubling the exports by 2025. In 2017-18, the country's merchandise exports grew by 10 per cent to USD 303 billion, while services exports rose by 18.8 per cent to USD 195 billion in the same period.

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<http://www.newindianexpress.com/business/2018/aug/28/india-to-double-exports-by-2025-commerce-minister-suresh-prabhu-1863688.html>

Export of India-made cars to US goes up, America becomes 2nd-biggest market

The ride of India-made cars to the United States continues to pick up speed. In FY19, after it became the third-biggest export destination for Indian cars, the US has emerged the second-biggest market. South Africa, which used to be the second-biggest market in the past, now stands third. India has exported passenger vehicles (that includes cars, utility vehicles and vans as sub-segments) worth \$268 million (Rs 18.76 billion approximately) to the US in three months ended June, data with the Union commerce ministry showed.

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https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/export-of-india-made-cars-to-us-goes-up-america-becomes-2nd-biggest-market-118081900726_1.html

Investments:

Haier to Invest Around Rs 3k Crore in New Manufacturing Units



The consumer electronics and home appliances company Haier has reportedly planned to invest Rs 3,069 crore for setting up fresh manufacturing units at an industrial township in Greater Noida, UP. The company also stated that is expected to generate direct employment for around 3,950 people with this programme as stated by the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC). They have been given 123.7 acres of land for this purpose in the DMIC Integrated Industrial Township Greater Noida (IITGN).

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<https://pixr8.com/business/haier-to-invest-around-rs-3k-crore-in-new-manufacturing-units/>

VIVO PUMPS IN RS 200 CR TO EXPAND GR NOIDA FACILITY

Chinese handset maker Vivo said it had ramped up the manufacturing capacity of its Greater Noida facility and had invested about Rs 200 crore. The company, which has already invested about Rs 300 crore in the plant, has also added surface-mount technology (SMT) lines to the unit. "The facility has increased production to more than 2 million units per month, reiterating Vivo's commitment to 'Make in India'. With more than 5,000 employees, the plant has an annual capacity of manufacturing 25 million products.

Read More:

<https://www.dailypioneer.com/business/vivo-pumps-in-rs-200-cr-to-expand-gr-noida-facility.html>

Oil and Gas:

IOC plans to invest Rs 20,000 cr in city gas projects in next 5-8 years



Indian Oil Corp (IOC), the nation's largest oil company, plans to invest Rs 20,000 crore in city gas distribution projects in next 5-8 years as it bets big on gas business to complement its traditional oil refining and marketing business, its chairman Sanjiv Singh said today. The firm, which owns a third of India's oil refining capacity and has 44 per cent market share of fuel business, sees compressed natural gas (CNG) replacing a some of the petrol and diesel consumed in vehicles today and LPG getting replaced by piped cooking gas in households.

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<https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/indian-oil-corporation-to-invest-rs-20000-crore-in-city-gas-projects-in-5-8-years/1279232/>

EIL to invest Rs 700 crore for LPG terminal at Okha

Energy Infrastructure (India) Ltd (EIL), a 100% subsidiary of the Netherlands-based Energy Infrastructure Butano (Asia) BV has been recently selected by Gujarat government to set up a Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) terminal project at Okha for an investment of Rs700 crore. EIL in its bid has proposed to set up permanently moored LPG Floating Storage & Off-loading (FSO), Single Point Mooring (SPM) and necessary pipeline infrastructure.

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<https://www.livemint.com/Companies/magtyN63iLHFjEOap7XPuL/EIL-to-invest-Rs-700-crore-for-LPG-terminal-at-Okha.html>

Renewable Energy:

India commissions first wind project connected to inter-state transmission system



The government announced the country's first wind power project connected to the Inter-State Transmission System was commissioned today by Kutch Wind Private Ltd in Gujarat. State-owned Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) had conducted the first auction of wind power projects in February last year in which tariff of Rs 3.46 was discovered, much lower than the feed-in tariffs in vogue at the time. Companies placed bids for 1,000 MW capacity of projects to be connected on ISTS where power generated in one resource-rich state could be transmitted to other renewable deficient states. A part capacity of 126 Mw located in Bhuj (Gujarat) was commissioned by Ostro on 24 August 2018 ahead of schedule. The energy generated from this project is being purchased by Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand and UP.

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<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/renewable/india-commissions-first-wind-project-connected-to-inter-state-transmission-system/65532465>

India to comfortably achieve 100 GW solar energy target by 2022: Government

India is all set to comfortably achieve 100 GW of solar energy capacity by 2022 and has already installed solar capacity of 23.12 GW till July this year. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has planned a detailed trajectory so as to meet the target of 100 GW by 2022. A capacity of 23.12 GW was already installed up to July 2018. Projects of around 10 GW are under implementation and

tenders for additional 24.4 GW have been issued," Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh said. Karnataka topped the installed solar energy capacity chart at 5.16 GW followed by Telangana at 3.4GW and Andhra Pradesh at 2.56 GW as on July 31, 2017. Solar energy output in the country was 25.87 billion units in 2017-18, which was higher than 13.49 billion units in 2016-17, 7.44 billion units in 2015-16 and 4.59 billion units in 2014-15.

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[http://www.ptinews.com/news/9942906_India-to-comfortably-achieve-100-GW-solar-energy-target-by-2022--Govt\\$stories](http://www.ptinews.com/news/9942906_India-to-comfortably-achieve-100-GW-solar-energy-target-by-2022--Govt$stories)

Automobile:

Italy's Benelli to roll out 12 bikes in India by 2019



Italian motorcycle manufacturer Benelli, which plans to reposition itself in the 300cc to 500cc superbike segment, will be rolling out at least 12 models in India by 2019. The Italian firm, which parted ways with Pune-based dealer DSK Motowheels in July 2018, recently announced its tie-up with Hyderabad-based Adishwar Auto Ride India (AARI), a subsidiary of Mahavir Group, to assemble and market its motorcycles in India and is in the process of setting up a manufacturing plant in Telangana.

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<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/italys-benelli-to-roll-out-12-bikes-in-india-by-2019/article24666965.ece>

Retail:

Alibaba explores joint venture with Reliance Retail



Alibaba's executive chairman Jack Ma met Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani in July-end in Mumbai to discuss a joint venture. Photo: Reuters

China's Alibaba Group Holding Ltd has initiated talks with Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Retail Ltd to form a mega Indian retail joint venture (JV), with an investment of at least \$5 billion to challenge the dominance of Flipkart and Amazon in the world's fastest-growing economy.

Read More:

<https://www.livemint.com/Companies/1mvbhDUjZd9khrS-UroW5MM/Alibaba-may-invest-5-billion-in-JV-with-Reliance-Retail.html>

India fastest growing market for Uber Eats globally

US-based Uber said India is the fastest growing market for its food delivery platform Uber Eats and the service is being rapidly expanded to cover more Indian cities. Uber had launched Uber Eats in India in May last year and recently expanded the service to five more Indian cities: Tiruchirappalli, Surat, Nashik, Ludhiana and Mysore to now cover 28 cities. "India continues to be the fastest growing market for Uber Eats in the Asia Pacific region and globally.

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<https://www.retailnews.asia/india-fastest-growing-market-for-uber-eats-globally/>

Technology:

5G launch in India likely by 2020, economic impact of US\$1 trillion by 2035



Fifth-generation (5G) telecommunication services, which can create an economic impact of \$1 trillion in India by 2035, are expected to be launched in the country by 2020. To make 5G a success in India, a steering committee on 5G has suggested increasing the quantum of spectrum with lower pricing.

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https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/5g-launch-in-india-likely-by-2020-economic-impact-of-1-trillion-by-2035-118082301296_1.html

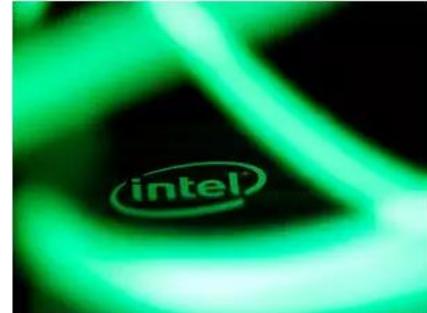
Digital payment transactions rose to over 2,070 crores in 2017-18: Ahluwalia

The digital payment transactions have increased considerably, the total number of transactions have increased from 220 crore in 2013-2014 to more than 2070.98 crore in 2017-2018," Minister of State for Electronics and IT (MeitY) S S Ahluwalia said.

Read More:

<http://www.asianage.com/business/in-other-news/080818/digital-payment-transactions-rose-to-over-2070-cr-in-2017-18-ahluwalia.html>

Intel India trains 99,000 people in artificial intelligence



Intel powers as much as 97 per cent of data centre servers running AI workloads at present in the world.

US chipmaker Intel has trained as many as 99,000 developers, students and professors in artificial intelligence (AI) in India since April 2017, against a target of 15,000 for the first year of its programme, according to the tech major. It has also tied up with premier educational institutes like the IITs in Delhi, Mumbai, Kharagpur, Kanpur, Chennai, and IIITs in Bengaluru, Hyderabad, BITS Pilani, ISI Kolkata, IISc Bangalore, CDAC and companies like Shell and TCS among others for training under its AI developer education.

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<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/software/intel-india-trains-99000-people-in-artificial-intelligence/articleshow/65459395.cms>

Geo spatial technology aids in rescue work

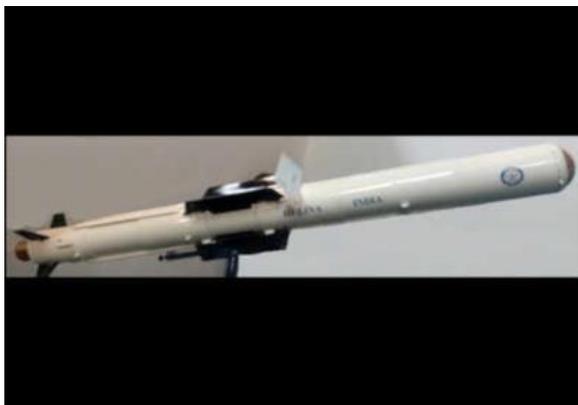
To help with the rescue mission a Kerala-based startup Strava Technologies came up with a geo spatial technology solution with built-in drone mapping and location intelligence system. The IT solution developed by the firm provided the crucial intelligence data necessary for the rescue operations. The data was shared to the Army, Navy, Air Force, National Disaster Response Force and Coast Guard which aided in the rescue operations at the major flood-hit areas in the state. The firm was mentored by the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) in this.

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<http://www.newindianexpress.com/lifestyle/tech/2018/aug/24/geo-spatial-technology-aids-in-rescue-work-1861836.html>

Defence / Aviation:

Anti-tank missile 'Helina' a success in Pokhran test



Helina is one of the most advanced anti-tank weapons in the world.

Indigenously developed helicopter launched anti-tank guided missile "Helina" was successfully tested by Indian army in Pokhran. The weapon system has been tested for its full range. The 'Helina' weapon system, released smoothly from the launch platform, tracked the target through its course and hit the target with high precision according to a press release of the ministry of defence.

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<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/anti-tank-missile-helina-a-success-in-pokhran-test/articleshow/65467952.cms>

Defence ministry clears Rs 46,000 cr purchase of military equipment

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, cleared the acquisition of military hardware for the Indian Army and Navy worth around Rs 46,000 crore, a government statement said. Among its key decisions, the council approved the procurement of 111 utility helicopters for the Indian Navy at a cost of over Rs 21,000 crore. The DAC also granted approval for the procurement of 24 anti-submarine capable Multi Role Helicopters (MRH) and 14 vertically launched Short Range Missile Systems.

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<https://www.livemint.com/Politics/OVAP7eWn6AKxPfHhIHVSnM/Defence-ministry-clears-acquisitions-worth-Rs-46000-crore.html>

India to spend \$1 billion on advanced air defence system from US

India has approved a plan to the National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System-II through a government-to-government deal with United States. The new system will replace India's aging Russian Pechora air defense systems that protect strategic assets and locations, said an Indian air force official.

Read More:

<https://www.defensenews.com/global/asia-pacific/2018/07/31/india-to-spend-1-billion-on-advanced-air-defense-system-from-us/>

Indian aviation market posts highest growth in May in Asia Pacific region: ACI



The domestic carrier, put together, are expected to add about 1,100 aircraft in the Indian skies in the next 10 years.

India led the Asia Pacific region in posting the highest growth in air passenger traffic in May at 13.3 per cent, said a global body representing airports worldwide. The growth in China in comparison stood at 8.3 per cent and South Korea at 8.1 per cent, said the Airports Council International in its latest study released this month. It said the impressive growth showed by the Asian giants has led a situation of "disparity" in the region if compared with passenger traffic growth of Japan and Australia.

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<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/transportation/airlines/-aviation/indian-aviation-market-posts-highest-growth-in-may-in-asia-pacific-region-aci/articleshow/65459812.cms>

India makes history by testing its first biofuel-powered aircraft

India tested its first biofuel-powered flight which took off from Dehradun and landed at the Delhi airport. Powered partially by bio-jet fuel, the 72-seater SpiceJet aircraft's aviation turbine fuel was replaced with a more reasonable alternative. In fact, the biofuel used to power the aircraft was developed from a number of renewable resources including non-edible oils, agricultural residues and biodegradable fractions of waste generated by industrial and municipal sources.

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<https://www.timesnownews.com/mirror-now/in-focus/article/india-first-biofuel-powered-aircraft-spicejet/276298>

Flying drones will be legal from December 1, ban on use for delivery



Individuals and companies will be able to fly drones from December 1, 2018, in areas other than those barred for security reasons, according to the regulations for use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) released by the civil aviation ministry. Operators will be able to apply for permissions and get instant approvals through a portal (Digital Sky Platform) for the use of drones for photography and recreational purposes. The commercial use of drones as taxis, delivery vehicles, or other services will not be allowed as of now.

Read More:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/flying-drones-will-be-legal-from-december-1-with-riders/story-Y3YE6rhZiA8rfbGGxbT2FJ.html>

Space / Science:

Gaganyaan to send 3 Persons into Space for 7 Days



Photo Credit: ISRO

India's first manned space flight, Gaganyaan, is expected to send three persons into space for seven days and the spacecraft will be placed in a low Earth orbit of 300-400 km. Giving details of the programme at a press conference, Minister of State for Atomic Energy and Space, Jitendra Singh said GSLV Mk III, the three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle, will be used to launch Gaganyaan as it has the necessary payload capability. The total programme is expected to be completed before 2022 with the first unmanned flight within 30 months. The mission will aim to send a three-person crew to space for a period of seven days. The programme is expected to cost less than Rs 10,000 crore.

Read More:

<https://gadgets.ndtv.com/science/news/gaganyaan-to-send-3-persons-into-space-for-7-days-1907506>

Reaching for stars: India is betting big on mega, multi-country science projects



India is increasingly moving to the nucleus of these important and expensive ventures that push the boundaries of human knowledge.

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<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/science/reaching-for-stars-india-is-betting-big-on-mega-multi-country-science-projects/articleshow/65545547.cms>

Pharma:

Pharma exports to cross USD 19 bn in FY19: Pharmexcil

Pharmaceutical exports from the country are expected to cross USD 19 billion in worth during the current fiscal despite muted growth in the North American markets, according to Pharmexcil, a body under Union Commerce Ministry. Pharma exports fetched USD 17.27 billion in the previous fiscal and this year it was expected to be between USD 19 billion and USD 20 billion.

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Education:

J.P. Morgan, IIM-A to set up \$9.5 mn financial inclusion lab



Image: Pexels

J.P. Morgan and the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) announced that they were collaborating to set up a \$9.5 million financial inclusion lab. The global banking giant and the centre for entrepreneurship of India's premier management institute are set to collaborate to boost start-ups looking to help under-served communities.

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<https://www.fortuneindia.com/venture/jp-morgan-iim-a-to-set-up-95-mn-financial-inclusion-lab/102256>

Tourism:

Australia welcomes 19% more Indians between June 2017-May 2018

Australia witnessed 19 per cent growth in tourist arrivals between June 2017-May 2018, with 3,30,700 Indians visiting the country. Around 2,77,100 Indians travelled to the Down Under during June 2016 and May 2017, according to Australian Tourism data. This has made India the eighth largest inbound market, after China, New Zealand, the US, Britain, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia, according to the data.

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<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/services/travel/australia-welcomes-19-more-indians-between-june-2017-may-2018/articleshow/65415148.cms>

India among top 10 destinations for Chinese travellers



India ranks among the top 10 popular destinations for Chinese travellers in Asia, especially for social media-influenced millennials, according to a report. As per the India Tourism Statistics 2017, the country had welcomed over 0.1 million Chinese tourists in 2017. In India, Mumbai (69 per cent) and Delhi (51 per cent) emerged as the top visited cities, as per the Hotels.com Chinese International Travel Monitor 2018.

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<http://www.thehansindia.com/posts/index/Sunday-Hans/2018-08-26/India-among-top-10-destinations-for-Chinese-travellers-/407768>

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Investment Opportunities in West Bengal

West Bengal A Snapshot

Kolkata-Capital of West Bengal

- Located on the east bank of the Hooghly River.
- Known as the 'Cultural Capital' and 'City of Joy'.
- Principal commercial, cultural and educational centre of East India.
- 3rd most populous metropolitan area in India with skilled manpower.
- The Port of Kolkata, is India's oldest.
- Kolkata Airport is the largest hub for air traffic in the eastern part & 5th most busiest of the country.
- City of Nobel laureate *Rabindranath Tagore*, *Mother Teresa*, *Swami Vivekananda*, *Satyajit Ray* and other luminaries
- Significant presence of embassies and high commissions
- Kolkata hosts Head Offices of many large industry units.

Area-88,752 km²
Population-90 million
Literacy-77.08%
Language Spoken-
 Bengali, English, Hindi, Urdu & Nepali
23 Districts, with Capital city Kolkata
International Border with Bangladesh, Nepal & Bhutan

Why West Bengal?

	Strategically located on the East coast making it the 'Gateway to SE Asia and NE India' to 300 million people		Proposed AKIC , linking Amritsar, Delhi & Kolkata, spanning 2,000 Kms in seven States
	Largest in number of MSMEs and third largest in number of people employed in MSMEs		Leading State in terms of power distribution, quality & availability
	Workforce close to 4 Cr , third largest in the country		Two large container and bulk handling ports at Kolkata and Haldia
	Enhanced Ease of Doing Business through radical regulatory reforms & competitive incentives		Two international Airports at Kolkata & Bagdogra
	Third largest in terms of mineral production with more than 20 percent of country's production		Leading in the country in terms of spread, density & reach of Inland Waterways
	Third largest in terms of road coverage with 16 National Highways & two Asian Highways		Among leading exporters with 12% of country's leather & 10% of iron & steel exports

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Source: Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Railways, Airports Authority of India, Government of India

West Bengal – Industrial Infrastructure

<p>Ready Industrial Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200+ Industrial Parks/Estates 20,000 acres land Scheme to promote Greenfield parks 10 upcoming parks on 670 acres land Upcoming Industrial Parks <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Howrah</td> <td>Haldia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Haringhata</td> <td>Raghu Nathpur</td> </tr> </table> Textile Park 6 Existing and 7 Upcoming Gems & Jewelry Parks 2 Existing and 1 Upcoming Upcoming State Design Centre in association with Dessault Systemes 	Howrah	Haldia	Haringhata	Raghu Nathpur	<p>Existing Industrial Parks</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Chemical</td> <td>Integrated Chemical Park, Howrah</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Poly Park, Howrah</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food Processing</td> <td>Food Park, Howrah</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Food Park, Malda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Textiles</td> <td>Pandhan-Garment Park, Kolkata</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information Technology</td> <td>IT Park, Howrah</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>IT Park, Siliguri</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gems & Jewelry</td> <td>Manikanchan, Salt Lake, Kolkata</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Gems & Jewelry Park, Howrah</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mega Seafood Park, Kharagpur – INR 4 Bn The Kolkata Financial & Legal Hub – INR 3500 Cr 	Chemical	Integrated Chemical Park, Howrah		Poly Park, Howrah	Food Processing	Food Park, Howrah		Food Park, Malda	Textiles	Pandhan-Garment Park, Kolkata	Information Technology	IT Park, Howrah		IT Park, Siliguri	Gems & Jewelry	Manikanchan, Salt Lake, Kolkata		Gems & Jewelry Park, Howrah	<p>Strengthened Common Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clusters Development Strategy 390 clusters (350 added in the last 5 years) 11% State growth in industrial sector as against National growth of 7.3% in 2015-16
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Make in Bengal – Doing Business Made Easy

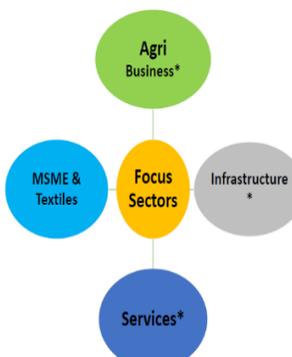
Bengal means Business

-  Ease of Doing Business ranked West Bengal 10th with 94.7% compliance.
-  Simplified procedures and reduced documentation
-  Right to Public Services Act enacted to ensure time bound service delivery
-  e-Services and web-supported systems
-  State-of-the-art Single Window System developed for online application

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Investment Opportunities – Focus Sectors of West Bengal

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Focus Sectors

- Agri Business*
- MSME & Textiles
- Infrastructure*
- Services*

*Infrastructure [Transport, Logistics, Power, Urban Development, Manufacturing]

*Services (IT & ITeS, Tourism, Health, Education & Skill Development)

*Agri-Business(Agriculture, Food Processing, Fisheries, ARD & Agri-Marketing)

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Exports

Bengal means Business

Position of Exports:

- West Bengal's merchandise exports - US\$ 9.14 billion during 2017-18 with annual growth rate 11.05%.
- It serves as the gateway to North-East India and South-East Asia, gives port access to landlocked states of central India and to independent Himalayan countries of Nepal and Bhutan.

Focus Sectors:
Leather and Leather products , Gems and Jewellery, Tea, Agri-Business (including Food Processing, Horticulture, Fruits & Vegetables etc.), Fisheries and Marine Products, Chemicals and Petrochemicals
Textiles, Engineering Goods, IT/ITES, Financial Services, FinTech

Export Promotion Policy:
The Government of West Bengal launched released 'Export Promotion Policy for Government of West Bengal' in 2018.

Export Promotion Cell:
West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation created this Cell to facilitate for export promotion and regular review of progress of various export infrastructure works and export promotion schemes, target based Performance monitoring of state export councils and overall export performance.

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Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS)

Bengal means Business

- The Government of West Bengal organizes its flagship **Bengal Global Business Summit** to promote the opportunities in West Bengal.
- The 4 chapters of the Summit have proven to be milestones in terms of establishing Bengal as an ideal investment destination with business proposals worth USD 145.93 billion and many MOUs were signed across varied sectors



BGBS 2015-20 countries BGBS 2016-26 countries BGBS 2017-29 countries BGBS 2018-32 countries	INR 2.19 Lakh Crores in BGBS 2018 & INR 7.28 Lakh Crores investment proposals in BGBS 2015, 2016 & 2017	Participation of 350 International Delegates from 32 Countries of Europe, America, Middle-East and Asia in BGBS 2018	5 th Bengal Global Business Summit 7 th and 8 th February, 2019 in Kolkata
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Upcoming Event

East Marries West

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A duet of SITAR
&
Indian CELLO
by
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RAO
&
SASKIA
RAO-DE HAAS

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and joined by ISHAAN RAO on Piano

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EAST *marries* WEST

'East Marries West' is a world-renowned collaboration between two musical giants accomplished in their own right.

Pandit Shubhendra Rao is "a musical bridge to many cultures." A protégé of Pandit Ravi Shankar, his playing reminds us of the masters of yore re-incarnated into the modern era. Described as "a thinking musician, constantly searching to carry his instrument beyond conventional boundaries", his music is "an experience for the audience that is not aimed at (simply) titillating the senses, but to seize the soul".

Saskia de Haas is a pioneer in the world of music for introducing to it her instrument, the Indian Cello. Speaking about Saskia, her Guru, Flute Maestro Hariprasad Chaurasia, says Saskia is "someone who has been taught by God." According to him, "everybody should listen to her music". She is a recipient of the Pandit Jasraj-Rotary Club Award for Cross-Cultural Understanding.

Together, Shubhendra and Saskia carry Indian music towards new horizons with their strong belief in the unifying power of music. The couple's music is hailed as a new musical language that is both avant-garde and traditional at once with an effect that conjures a symphony orchestra. On stage, their effortless musical communication and improvisation is a joyful experience. Listeners are spellbound by the virtuosity of the duo as well as the energy and freshness that they bring to their performance.

They are accompanied by Ishaan on the piano, and Zuheb Ahmed Khan on the tabla.

Their program 'East Marries West' has been performed at prestigious concert halls, jazz festivals and open-air festivals overseas, including at The John F. Kennedy Centre for Performing Arts in Washington DC, Edinburgh Festivals in Scotland, The National Arts Festival in South Africa, and Musee Guimet in Paris; in India at the Doverlane Music Conference in Kolkata, Baba Harivallabh Sangeet Mahasabha in Jalandhar, Saptak Festival in Ahmedabad, and the Mysore Dusshera Festival; and of course in Australia, at the Sydney Opera House, as the headline act of the Desert Song Festival in Alice Springs, and for the Confluence Festival in 2016.

The New York Times has described their composition "Yathra" as "movingly meditative", while The Edinburgh Press writes, "Together, they form an intriguing duo. A work of outstanding originality... Being and becoming meet in sound and gesture".

Shubhendra was born in Mysore, India, and Saskia in Abcoude, The Netherlands. They married in 2001. They now live in Delhi with Ishaan, their son.

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- Winners of further rounds to win exciting prizes, including 15-day Trip to India and awards at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2019
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