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India – Australia

UWA gets final approval for Mumbai campus

The University of Western Australia (UWA), one of Australia's leading Group of Eight universities, has received final approval from India's University Grants Commission (UGC) to establish its international branch campus in Mumbai, paving the way for its first cohort of students to begin studies in September 2026. The UGC Letter of Approval marks a significant step in the expansion of Australian higher education in India and will allow students to pursue a UWA education while remaining in India.

Read More:
https://www.theaustraliatoday.com.au/uwa-gets-final-approval-for-mumbai-campus-bringing-australian-university-education-closer-to-indian-students/

Indian Economy:

Prime Minister lauds India's 7.8% GDP growth



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has termed India's 7.8% GDP growth in first quarter of FY 2026-27 a "herculean feat". Shri Modi said that the achievement reflects the collective strength and resilience of the people of India, despite oil price shocks, supply chain disruptions and global uncertainties.

Read More:
https://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/news_updates/pm-lauds-indias-7-8-gdp-growth/

Exports:

India Turns FTAs into Export Growth



India's Free Trade Agreement (FTA) strategy is increasingly shifting from signing trade pacts to ensuring their effective utilisation by Indian businesses. In FY26, combined merchandise and services exports reached a record US$ 863.1 billion, including merchandise exports of US$ 441.8 billion while exports during April-June 2026 stood at US$ 232.73 billion up 11.37% year-on-year. India's exports to Australia rose to US$ 7.28 billion in FY26 from US$ 4 billion in FY21.

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https://www.ibef.org/news/india-turns-ftas-into-export-growth

India's engineering services exports surge nearly eightfold to US$ 13.8 billion in a decade: NITI Aayog

India's engineering services exports have expanded nearly eightfold over the past decade to US$ 13.8 billion, underscoring the country's growing role in global engineering, research and development and technology-enabled services. The expansion reflects India's established capabilities in engineering design, product development, research and development and other specialised technical services, supported by a large pool of skilled professionals and the wider growth of the country's services economy.

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https://www.ibef.org/news/india-s-engineering-services-exports-surge-nearly-eightfold-to-us-13-8-billion-in-a-decade-niti-aayog

Mining:

Hindustan Copper plans capital investment of over US$ 737 million over next 5-6 yrs

Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL), India's state-owned copper producer, plans to invest more than US$ 736.84 million over the next five to six years to strengthen its mining and copper operations. The planned investment will cover exploration, reopening of closed mines and expansion of copper and critical minerals activities, supporting efforts to increase domestic copper production and strengthen India's mineral security.
Read More:
https://www.ibef.org/news/hindustan-copper-plans-capital-investment-of-over-us-737-million-over-next-5-6-yrs

Agri:

Agriculture GVA rises to US$ 589.34 billion as India's farm economy expands



India's agriculture and allied sectors have witnessed significant expansion over the past decade, with higher agricultural production, increased farmer support, wider access to institutional credit and growing adoption of technology and sustainable farming practices.

Read More:
https://ddindia.co.in/2026/08/agriculture-gva-rises-to-rs-52-08-lakh-crore-as-indias-farm-economy-expands/

Auto:

India's EV Market to Reach US$ 209.55 billion by 2030

India's electric vehicle (EV) market is expected to grow to US$ 209.55 billion by 2030, with the potential to create five crore jobs, Union Minister Mr. Nitin Gadkari said, addressing a summit organised by the CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development. He noted that 57 lakh electric vehicles are currently registered in India, with 7% market penetration. Mr. Nitin Gadkari highlighted that India's two largest two-wheeler manufacturers, Bajaj Auto and Hero MotoCorp, export more than 50% of the vehicles they produce and pointed out that while there is annual demand for one lakh electric buses in India.

Read More:
https://www.fortuneindia.com/amp/story/economy/india-s-ev-market-to-reach-rs-20-lakh-cr-by-2030-will-create-5-cr-jobs-nitin-gadkari/156122

BharatBenz gets US$ 419.51 million boost as Daimler India expands in Tamil Nadu



The proposed investment will take DICV's total investments in India to more than Rs. 14,500 crore (US$ 1.52 billion).

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https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/auto/lcv-hcv/bharatbenz-gets-rs-4000-crore-boost-as-daimler-india-expands-in-tamil-nadu/articleshow/133208221.cms?from=mdr

Logistics:

JNPA rises seven spots to rank 21st among top global container ports



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https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/jnpa-rises-seven-spots-to-rank-21st-among-top-global-container-ports/

Aviation:

Air Cargo Operations Witness Nearly 40% Growth: Mr. K. Ram Mohan Naidu

Civil Aviation Minister Mr. K. Ram Mohan Naidu said that India's air cargo operations have witnessed consistent growth over the past few years, with cargo volumes increasing by nearly 40%. The Government's focus on developing modern air cargo hubs and dedicated facilities is aimed at strengthening India's logistics network and supporting the efficient movement of goods.

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https://www.ibef.org/news/air-cargo-operations-witness-nearly-40-growth-mr-k-ram-mohan-naidu

Renewables:

Tata Power Renewables Powers Tata Steel's Decarbonization Journey with 72.5 MW Captive Solar Project in Rajasthan

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) has commissioned a 72.5 MW captive solar project at Kalasar, Bikaner, Rajasthan, developed for Tata Steel Limited through TP Vardhman Surya Limited, a TPREL subsidiary. The project is expected to generate 166 MUs of green energy annually and offset around 1,18,856 tonnes of carbon emissions per annum, supporting Tata Steel's decarbonisation and sustainability goals. The project deploys 1,71,360 modules manufactured by TP Solar Limited, reinforcing large-scale solar integration with advanced technology solutions as part of India's clean energy journey.

Read More:

https://www.tatapower.com/news-and-media/media-releases/tata-power-renewables-powers-tata-steel-s-decarbonization-journey-with-72-5-mw-captive-solar-project-in-rajasthan

National Green Hydrogen Mission Advances Green Hydrogen Adoption in Petroleum and Refining Sector

India is advancing the adoption of green hydrogen in the petroleum and refining sector under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), which aims to establish India as a global hub for the production, use and export of green hydrogen and its derivatives. Under the Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Mode 2B scheme, a total green hydrogen production capacity of 30 Kilo Tonnes Per Annum (KTPA) has been awarded for refineries.

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https://www.ibef.org/news/national-green-hydrogen-mission-advances-green-hydrogen-adoption-in-petroleum-and-refining-sector

Manufacturing:

India eyes 14-fold jump in electronic component production by FY31



India is targeting a significant expansion in electronics manufacturing, with total electronics production projected to reach US$ 433.43 billion by FY31, according to a report by Kotak Mutual Fund. Electronic component production is expected to emerge as a major growth driver, increasing from US$ 10.5 billion in FY24 to US$ 129.90 billion by FY31, representing a more than 14-fold rise.

Read More:
https://electronics.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/components-hardware/india-eyes-14-fold-jump-in-electronic-component-production-by-fy31-report/133461727?utm_source=category_news&utm_medium=homepage

Uttar Pradesh to Strengthen Green Manufacturing with Large-Scale Biopolymer Plant

The government is set to strengthen its green manufacturing ecosystem with the development of its first large-scale biopolymer facility at the Kumbhi sugar unit of Balrampur Chini Mills Limited in Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh. The facility is expected to become operational by October 2026.

Read More:
https://chemindigest.com/uttar-pradesh-set-to-strengthen-green-manufacturing-with-biopolymer-facility/

Growth in Mobile Manufacturing Ecosystem.



India's renewable energy installed capacity has surged 400% since 2014, crossing the 300 GW milestone in 2026.



Defence:

India adds another milestone to its defence journey as the first fully indigenised AK-203 'Sher' is successfully test-fired, giving a fresh boost to indigenous manufacturing and self-reliance.



Space:

India's Space Story Is Soaring!

From a $9 billion space economy and ~440 startups to record private investment of $618.5 million, 399 foreign satellites launched, 300+ international space cooperation agreements and 4 indigenous launch vehicles, India's space journey is reaching new heights.



Incredible India

State of Gujarat

Vibrant Gujarat stretches out into the Arabian Sea, with a hint of the desert and a coastline of 1600 km. It is the home state of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation. It is renowned for its beaches, temple towns and historic capitals. Wildlife sanctuaries, hill resorts and natural grandeur are gifts of Gujarat. Sculpture, handicrafts, arts, festivals also make the state rich. Gujarat is also among the most technologically advanced, housing the largest petrochemical complex in the country.





State of Maharashtra

The spirit of Maharashtra is cosmopolitan and vibrant. A connoisseur of temples, forts, old monuments and art. Forts have played a vital role in the history of the state, given the rocky terrain of the Sahyadris. Bombay or Mumbai—the capital of Maharashtra is not only seen as the financial capital of India but is literally the Gateway of India. The experience of Maharashtra is diverse and rich with colorful cultures, woven into one gigantic quilt. The traveler will fall in love with miles of silver, white beaches, stretched throughout the Western coast.





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