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Economy:

UN chief Antonio Guterres voices appreciation for India's leadership in fight against COVID-19, vaccine assistance



UN chief Antonio Guterres has voiced appreciation for India's leadership in the global fight against the coronavirus pandemic and its efforts to bring a much-needed supply of the COVID-19 vaccines to the world market. India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti tweeted that Guterres, extends his personal gratitude to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar for India's offer of 200,000 doses" of COVID-19 vaccines for UN peacekeepers.

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<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/un-chief-antonio-guterres-voices-appreciation-for-indias-leadership-in-fight-against-covid-19-vaccine-assistance-6549971.html>

Strong India-Australia partnership will play key role in shaping post-COVID world: PM Modi



The strong India-Australia partnership will play an important role in shaping the post-COVID world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed confidence that the two countries would take the lead in providing circular economy solutions. Addressing the valedictory function of the India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon, Modi said consumption-oriented economic models have put a great strain on the planet. PM Modi and Australian PM Scott Morrison also felicitated the participants of the India Australia Circular Economy Hackathon at a virtual award ceremony. "This hackathon has seen innovative solutions from Indian and Australian students, start-ups and entrepreneurs.

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<https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/feb/19/strong-india-australia-partnership-will-play-key-role-in-shaping-post-covid-world-pm-modi-2266202.html>

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3rd India-Australia-Japan-USA Quad Ministerial Meeting

Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs participated in the 3rd India-Australia-Japan-USA Quad Ministerial Meeting held on 18 February 2021 with his counterparts Foreign Minister Marise Payne, Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi, and Secretary of State Antony Blinken.



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https://mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/33540/3rd_IndiaAustraliaJapanUSA_Quad_Ministerial_Meeting

India Is Giving Topmost Importance to Develop Its Blue Economy: PM Modi

India is giving topmost importance to develop its blue economy, said Prime Minister Modi while inaugurating several projects in Kochi. "Our vision and work in this sector include improving infrastructure on current ports, offshore energy, sustainable coastal development and coastal connectivity.

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<http://www.businessworld.in/article/India-is-giving-topmost-importance-to-develop-its-blue-economy-PM-Modi/14-02-2021-377517/>

India cyclically best positioned in Asia, says Credit Suisse's Dan Fineman

India's risks are actually less compared with other markets in the region. It is heading into a very strong recovery from the Covid pandemic, says Dan Fineman, Co-Head of Equity Strategy, Asia Pacific, Credit Suisse. Credit Suisse has switched China and Thailand with India and Australia in their portfolio.

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<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/expert-view/india-cyclically-best-positioned-in-asia-says-credit-suisse-dan-fineman/articleshow/81091129.cms>

WHO Director praises PM Narendra Modi for promoting vaccine equity around the globe



India's vaccine distribution drive is expected to reach over 60 nations. Not just neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and others, Indian government has also sent vaccines to countries in the far west including West Asia, Africa and Latin America.

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<https://zeenews.india.com/india/who-director-praises-pm-narendra-modi-for-promoting-vaccine-equity-around-the-globe-2344404.html>

M&A deal activity in 2020 jumps 33 pc to US\$ 36.9 bn

Total merger and acquisition (M&A) operation in 2020 reached at US\$ 36.9 billion, increased by 33% YoY, due to deals cut by Reliance Industries according to a report by advisory firm Grant Thornton. It referred to Facebook and Google's joint US\$ 10.1 billion stake purchase in Reliance Jio as an illustrative example. 2020 witnessed nine other transactions, each worth more than US\$ 1 billion. Almost two-thirds of the total transaction accounted for the top deals. The deal values in 2020 soared to US\$ 21 billion two times over 2019.

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<https://www.ibef.org/news/ma-deal-activity-in-2020-jumps-33-pc-to-us-369-bn>

Exports rise 5.37 pc in January

India's exports increased by 5.37% YoY to reach US\$ 27.24 billion in January 2021, driven by positive growth in pharmaceuticals and engineering sectors, according to provisional data of the commerce ministry. Imports in January 2021 increased by 2% to reach US\$ 42 billion, leaving a trade deficit of US\$ 14.75 billion, the data showed. Exports of pharmaceuticals and engineering increased by 16.4% (US\$ 293 million), and ~ 19% (US\$ 1.16 billion), respectively.

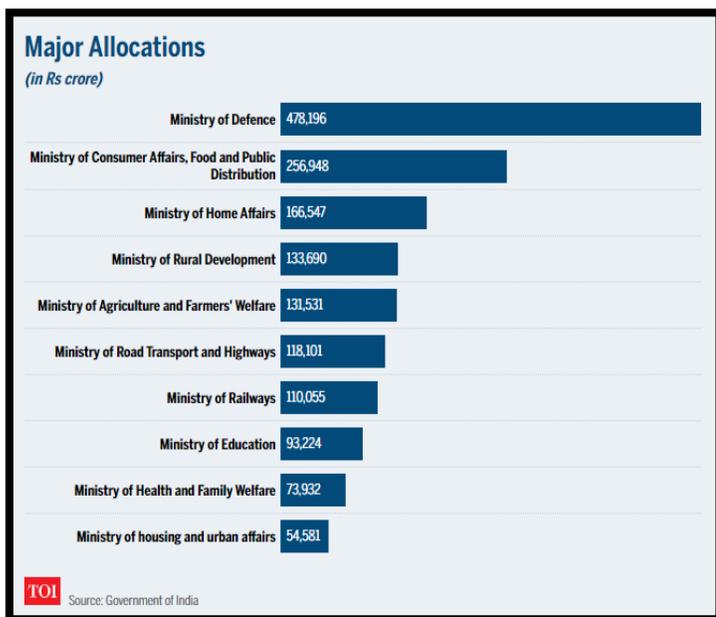
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<https://www.ibef.org/news/exports-rise-537-pc-in-january>



Union Budget 2021:

The 2021 Budget is growth-oriented and proposes to realign India's history of high development. The budget focuses on six major growth drivers: health & well-being, physical & financial capital & infrastructure, aspirational India inclusive growth, reinvigorating human capital, innovation & research & development, minimum government and maximum governance. For health and welfare, the budget allocation of Rs. 2,23,846 crore (US\$ 30.65 billion), a 137% increase from the previous year, focuses on preventive, curative and holistic healthcare. Bank recapitalization, R&D investments and the extension of FDI in insurance are commendable initiatives.



The Minister of Finance said that the manufacturing sector would expand in double digits on a sustainable manner for a US\$ 5 trillion economy. In order to achieve this, development schemes have been announced for 13 sectors to establish global manufacturing pioneers for the Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India). For this, in the next 5 years beginning FY 22, the government has allocated Rs. 1.97 lakh crore (US\$ 26.97 billion). The FY22 disinvestment goal is set at Rs. 1.75 lakh crore (US\$ 23.96 billion). Health spending increased by 135%

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<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/union-budget-2021-explained-in-15-charts/articleshow/80631848.cms>

India to witness a strong V-Shaped recovery of economic activity



The “V-shaped recovery is supported by COVID vaccination drive,” the survey said. The rollout of vaccines against COVID-19, which has killed nearly 1.54 lakh in the country, will re-energise the world’s fifth-largest economy with a growth rate that is strongest since the 1991 economic liberalization. The forecast for next year is in line with the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) estimate of 11.5 per cent expansion, which will once again make India the fastest-growing major economy in the world ahead of China’s 8.1 per cent pace. The rebound will follow an estimated 7.7 per cent contraction in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the current financial year ending March 31. This is the steepest annual contraction of the economy in the history of independent India. “The fundamentals of the economy remained strong as gradual scaling back of lockdowns, along with the support of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Mission has placed the economy firmly on the path of recovery,” the survey said.

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<https://english.janamtv.com/india-to-witness-a-strong-v-shaped-recovery-of-economic-activity-34520/>

FDI limit in Insurance sector increased from 49% to 74% and Foreign Ownership and control allowed with safeguards

Government will amend the Insurance Act, 1938 to increase the permissible FDI limit from 49% to 74% and allow foreign ownership and control with safeguards. Under the proposed new structure, the majority of Directors on the Board and key management persons would be resident Indians, with at least 50% of Directors being Independent Directors, and specified percentage of profits being retained as general reserve.

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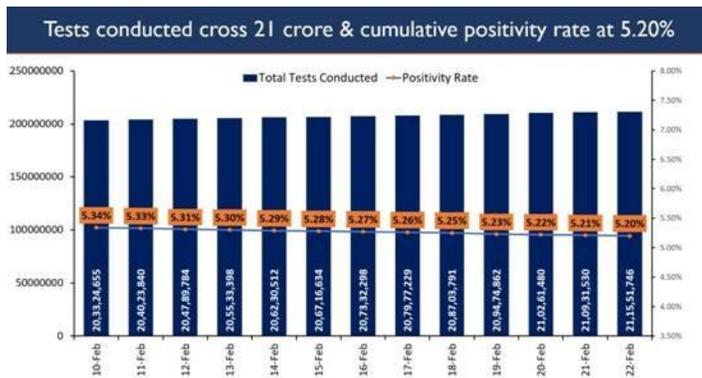
<https://www.ibef.org/news/fdi-limit-in-insurance-sector-increased-from-49-to-74-and-foreign-ownership-and-control-allowed-with-safeguards>



Health:

India's Cumulative Testing stand at 21.15 crore with nearly 2,400 testing labs across the country

India has registered a record in the number of COVID-19 cumulative tests. It has crossed the 21.15 crore tests. Progressive countrywide expansion in testing infrastructure has played a crucial role in the steep rise of testing numbers. With 2393 testing labs in the country including 1,220 Government laboratories and 1,173 Private laboratories, the daily testing capacity has got a substantial boost. India's cumulative national Positivity Rate is presently pegged at 5.20%.



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<https://www.ibef.org/news/indias-cumulative-testing-stand-at-2115-crore-today-with-nearly-2400-testing-labs-across-the-country>

India exports COVID-19 vaccines worth about Rs. 338 crores so far: Mr. Goyal

India's COVID-19 vaccine exports stood at about Rs. 338 crore (US\$ 46.43 million) until February 8, commerce and industry minister Mr. Piyush Goyal said. He stated that exports include the supply of doses of the vaccine to friendly countries and industrial consignments. India first takes care of the requirement for domestic vaccines and is focused on "giving vaccines to friendly countries". Mr. Goyal said.

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<https://www.ibef.org/news/india-exports-covid19-vaccines-worth-about-rs-338-crore-so-far-mr-goyal>

How India became the fastest country to vaccinate over 7 million people



India has become the fastest country in the world to achieve more than 7 million vaccinations against the coronavirus disease (Covid-19), taking only 26 days to accomplish this feat. The ministry of health and family welfare announced the significant achievement saying it took 27 and 48 days respectively for the United States and the United Kingdom to reach the same figures.

Read More:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/covid19-how-india-became-the-fastest-country-to-vaccinate-7-million-people-101613054526885.html>

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As on : 28 Feb 2021, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

Covid-19 Vaccination

1,43,01,266

TOTAL VACCINATED

58,719

VACCINATED DAY BEFORE



Manufacturing:

How PLI scheme is boosting Indian manufacturing



The scheme aims to make India self-reliant in manufacturing goods for local and export markets, positioning it as a global manufacturing hub. It also aims to make domestic manufacturing competitive and efficient, build capacity, and benefit from economies of scale, enhance exports, attract investment and create jobs. The production-linked incentive scheme gives eligible manufacturing companies a 4-6% incentive on incremental sales over the base year of 2019-20 for a five-year period. It is a kind of subsidy being provided by direct payment from the budget for domestically manufactured goods.

Read more:

<https://www.livemint.com/news/how-pli-scheme-is-boosting-indian-manufacturing-11614015099296.html>

Amazon India to commence Electronic Devices Manufacturing in India



E-commerce giant Amazon is set to launch its electronic device manufacturing in India soon. Amazon India has made an announcement to start manufacturing of electronics products from India. To begin with, Amazon is going to start manufacturing of Amazon Fire TV stick from India. "India is an attractive investment destination and is poised to become a major player in the global supply chain in the electronics and IT products industry. Government's decision to launch a Production Linked Incentive Scheme has received tremendous response globally.

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<https://thesamikhya.com/business/amazon-india-to-commence-electronic-devices-manufacturing-in-india>

Electronics:



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Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for IT Hardware Approved



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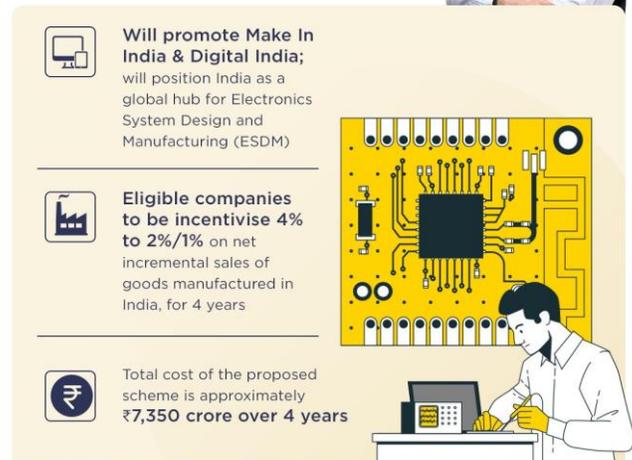


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Start Up:

Indian Startups Raises \$10.14 Billion in 2020, 4th Highest in the World: HexGn Report

Indian start-ups have garnered \$10.14 billion in funding in over 1,200 deals in 2020 despite the global pandemic

Seed-stage investment deals grew by 50% from over 420 deals in 2019 to over 672 deals in 2020

Bengaluru led with USD 4.3 billion in startup investments, followed by Delhi NCR (USD 3 billion) and Mumbai (USD 2 billion)

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Agriculture:

Initiatives of Government of India to Promote Farm Mechanization

To boost the farm mechanization in the country, a special dedicated scheme 'Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization' has been introduced by Gov in 2014-15. The scheme aims at 'reaching the unreached' by making farm machines accessible and affordable for the small and marginal farmers through establishment of Custom Hiring Centres, creating Hubs for hi-tech & high value farm equipment and Farm Machinery Banks. Distribution of various subsidized agricultural equipment and machines to individual farmers. Creating awareness among stakeholders through demonstration of machine operations and skill development of farmers and youth and others are also the components of SMAM.

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<https://www.ibef.org/news/initiatives-of-government-of-india-to-promote-farm-mechanization>

Telecom:

India launches PLI scheme to become hub of global telecom manufacturing

Cabinet Decisions
Telecom Manufacturing to Reach Global Scale in India

Cabinet Approved the PLI Scheme for Telecom and Networking Products

- The Scheme outlay is Rs 12,195 crores for five years
- Scheme will lead to incremental production of around ₹2.4 lakh crores with exports of around ₹2 lakh crores over 5 years.
- It is expected that scheme will bring investment of more than ₹3,000 crore & generate employment.
- For MSMEs, one percent (1%) higher incentive is proposed in year 1, year 2 and year 3.
- Minimum Investment threshold for MSME has been kept at Rs. 10 crores and for others at Rs. 100 crores.
- The Scheme will be operational from 1st April 2021.

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<https://www.ibef.org/news/india-launches-pli-scheme-to-become-hub-of-global-telecom-manufacturing>

E-Commerce:

E-commerce grows by 36% in last quarter in India: Report

In India, the volume of e-commerce orders increased by 36% in the last quarter of 2020, with the Personal Care, Beauty and Wellness (PCB&W) segment being the largest beneficiary, according to a report. The volumes of the PCB&W and FMCG & Healthcare (F&H) categories increased by 95% and 46% YoY respectively from October to December 2020, according to the Q4-2020 -E-commerce Trend Report, jointly released by Unicommerce and Kearney.

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<https://www.ibef.org/news/ecommerce-grows-by-36-in-last-quarter-in-india-report>



IT/ Digital India / Media:

India govt IT spending to grow 9.4% in 2021: Gartner

According to Gartner forecast government IT expenditure in India is estimated at US\$ 7.3 billion in 2021, an increase of 9.4% YoY. Digital census in 2021 is significant for the growth of government's IT spending in India. In 2021, the Atmanirbhar Bharat Initiative (self-reliant India), Make in India and Digital India initiatives of the Indian government will be the centre stage of development. As per Gartner, in 2021, the software segment, which includes application, technology, and vertical-specific software, will exhibit the fastest development.

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<https://www.ibef.org/news/india-govt-it-spending-to-grow-94-in-2021-gartner>

India emerges as Asia's biggest destination for fintech deals



India has emerged as Asia's biggest destination for financial technology (fintech) deals, leaving behind China in the quarter ended June 2020. With around 33 deals valued at USD 647.5 million, India has the highest investment in the fintech segment compared to China's USD 284.9 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2020, the report released by RBSA Advisors said. Total investments in India's fintech sector crossed the USD 10 billion mark over the last four and half years (calendar year 2016 to H1 of 2020).

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https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/india-emerges-as-asia-s-biggest-destination-for-fintech-deals-121021701242_1.html#:~:text=India%20has%20emerged%20as%20Asia's,research%20report%20said%20on%20Wednesday

Indian media, entertainment sector to see 27pc revenue growth in FY22: Crisil



Indian media and entertainment (M&E) sector is expected to witness a strong 27 per cent growth in revenue to around Rs 1.37 lakh crore in 2021-22, after contracting 26 per cent this fiscal, according to ratings agency Crisil.

Read More:

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/business/indian-media-entertainment-sector-to-see-27pc-revenue-growth-in-fy22-crisil>

India to have nine times more digitally skilled workers by 2025, says Amazon study

According to a survey by Amazon Web Services, this indicates a total of 3.9 billion digital skills training will be expected by 2025. As of 2021, digitally trained employees constitute 12% of the country's workforce.

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[India to have nine times more digitally skilled workers by 2025, says Amazon study | IBEF](https://www.ibef.org/news/india-to-have-nine-times-more-digitally-skilled-workers-by-2025-says-amazon-study-ibef)

Over 1 Lakh Women In India Trained On Digital Literacy Via "We Think Digital"

In 2020, in collaboration with the National Commission for Women (NCW), CyberPeace Foundation and Autobot Infosec, Facebook's 'We Think Digital', a global digital literacy initiative, was launched. It aimed to provide digital literacy training to 100,000 women across states like Gujarat, Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Assam.

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<https://www.ibef.org/news/over-1-lakh-women-in-india-trained-on-digital-literacy-via-we-think-digital>



India to be fastest-growing ad market in 2021: Pitch Madison Report

The Pitch Madison Advertising Report (PMAR), 2021 has been unveiled and it predicts a 26% growth for Advertising Expenditure (ADEX) in 2021, taking advertising expenditure to Rs. 68,325 crore (US\$ 9.41 billion), almost the same level as 2019. After a particularly dull year, commercial activities have returned with a vengeance and the report estimates that India will be the fastest-growing advertising market in the world followed by UK (14.7%) and Australia (13.2%) going by WARC estimate of growth of global markets.

Read More:

<https://www.ibef.org/news/india-to-be-fastestgrowing-ad-market-in-2021-pitch-madison-report>

Vedanta accelerates its digital footprint, aligned to Start up India, a key initiative of Digital India

Vedanta Group today announced that its latest initiative “Vedanta SPARK”; the global corporate and innovation and ventures program, has received more than 1190 entries from start-ups across the globe in a span of just around three months since its launch. “Vedanta Spark” was launched on October 30, 2020 (www.vedantaspark.com) with the objective of triggering a tech-revolution, by partnering with early-stage, growth stage, and venture stage Digital Tech start-ups to build and grow technology capabilities for achieving strategic goals in operational excellence, new product development and 360-degree sustainability, contributing to India’s journey of sustainable development and self-reliance.

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<https://orissadiary.com/vedanta-accelerates-its-digital-footprint-aligned-to-start-up-india-a-key-initiative-of-digital-india/>

Tata Communications partners with Google Cloud in India

Tata Communications announced a collaboration with Google Cloud in India to accelerate cloud adoption and transform businesses in India. Tata Communications has also extended their managed portfolio of public cloud services with this alliance to include Google Cloud capabilities.

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<https://www.ibef.org/news/tata-communications-partners-with-google-cloud-in-india>

Government notifies Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021

Amidst growing concerns around lack of transparency, accountability and rights of users related to digital media and after elaborate consultation with the public and stakeholders, the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021 has been framed in exercise of powers under section 87 (2) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and in supersession of the earlier Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines) Rules 2011. The Digital India programme has now become a movement which is empowering common Indians with the power of technology. User base of major social media platforms in India:

WhatsApp users: 53 Crore

YouTube users: 44.8 Crore

Facebook users: 41 Crore

Instagram users: 21 Crore

Twitter users: 1.75 Crore

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Indian tech sector grows 2.3%, adds 1.38 lakh jobs in FY21

Despite the impact of Covid-19, the Indian technology sector rallied round to grow at 2.3 per cent year on year in the financial year 2020-21 on the back of rapid acceleration in digital transformation and tech adoption, as per Nasscom report. The industry is expected to add over 138,000 net new hires in FY2020-21, taking total employee base to 4.47 million, according to the IT industry body’s Strategic Review 2021 titled, “New World: The Future is Virtual”.

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<https://www.expresscomputer.in/news/indian-tech-sector-grows-2-3-adds-1-38-lakh-jobs-in-fy21/73073/>



Defence:

India's defence sector is moving ahead with transparency, predictability & ease of doing business: PM

The Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the webinar on effective implementation of the Union Budget provisions in the defence sector. In his address, the Prime Minister said that the webinar assumes great significance as it is focusing on the important issue of making the country's defence sector self-reliant. The Prime Minister said that his government has relied on the capabilities of our engineers and scientists on developing the Tejas fighter aircraft and today Tejas is flying gracefully in the skies. A few weeks back, an order worth Rs. 48,000 crore (US\$ 6.62 billion) was placed for Tejas.

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<https://www.ibef.org/news/indias-defence-sector-is-moving-ahead-with-transparency-predictability-ease-of-doing-business-pm>

'Biggest Make in India deal': Govt formally seals US\$ 6.58 billion contract to procure 83 Tejas LCA from HAL



Government of India officially concluded the "Biggest Make-in-India" agreement to purchase 83 Tejas light combat aircraft from the state-run aerospace giant Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. According to officials, this contract is regarded to be the first ever indigenous defence procurement initiative. Mr. Rajnath Singh said, "I am very pleased that HAL has issued orders for the production of 83 new Indian Air Force indigenous LCA (light combat aircraft) Tejas MK1A, worth more than Rs. 48,000 crore (US\$ 6.58 billion). It is potentially the largest contract to date for Make in India Defence. Tejas, developed by HAL, is a single-engine, highly agile supersonic multi-role fighter aircraft designed to operate in high-threat air climates.

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<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/biggest-make-in-india-deal-govt-formally-seals-rs-48-000-cr-contract-to-procure-83-tejas-lca-from-hal-11612344080096.html>

Space:

ISRO flags off 2021 with 19 satellites, e-Gita & PM Modi's picture



The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) made its first launch of 2021. It successfully blasted into space the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C51, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, SHAR, Sriharkota, carrying 19 payloads: Brazil's 637-kg Amazonia-1 (its primary passenger) plus 18 co-passenger satellites. One of these satellites also carried an e-copy of the Bhagavad Gita, saved on an SD-card, as well as a picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi engraved on its panel.

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https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/pslv-c51-lifts-off-successfully-with-brazilian-satellite-and-18-others-121022800151_1.html

India has launched 328 satellites from 33 different countries till date: Dr. Jitendra Sing

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that Rs 900 Crore was allocated to ISRO for F.Y. 2020-21 for developing capacity for the launching of satellites. ISRO is striving towards achieving Atmanirbharta in the field of capacity development in launching satellites; therefore, no policy is envisaged for seeking foreign cooperation in this direction.

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<https://www.organiser.org/Encyc/2021/2/11/India-has-launched-328-satellites-from-33-different-countries-till-date-Dr-Jitendra-Singh.html>



Sports:

India now home to world's biggest Cricket stadium



-  Spread over 63 acres land
-  Seating capacity for 1,10,000 spectators
-  Total area is 2,38,714 square metres, equivalent to 32 Olympic size soccer fields put together
-  11 pitches using red soil and black soil
-  Only stadium in the world to have same soil surfaces for the main & practice pitches
-  State-of-the Art sub-soil drainage system enables water to be drained off within 30 minutes
-  First-of-its-kind field of play LED lights along the perimeter of the roof
-  Only cricket stadium in the world to have 4 dressing rooms
-  Two most modern gymnasiums in the dressing room area



-  360-degree podium concourse at 9 metres height allows smooth movement of the crowd
-  Most modern hi-tech media box
-  76 corporate boxes, having seating capacity of 25 each
-  55 metres and 35 metres wide pedestrian ramps for smooth entry & exit
-  Cricket Academy for training of promising cricketers, indoor practice pitches, 2 separate practice grounds
-  A Sports complex for multiple sports like football, hockey, basketball, kabaddi, boxing, lawn tennis, running track, etc.
-  Club House with 50 deluxe rooms & 5 suite rooms, indoor & outdoor games, restaurant, Olympic size swimming pool, etc.

Science & Innovation:

India Emerges Key Mover Of Global S&T Partnerships



Devasthal is a picturesque mountain peak in Uttarakhand from which the snowcapped Himalayas is clearly visible and the nearest settlement is 8 Km away. The tranquil place is being a symbol of India's rising position in global science and technology. The world-class 3.6 meter optical telescope set up at the place has assumed global importance for observing a number of time-critical cosmic explosive events such as Gamma Ray Bursts and Supernovae. It is the Asia's largest fully steerable optical telescope, an international facility for and people from different parts of the world compete for observation and machine time by submitting research proposals.

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<https://indiaeducationdiary.in/india-emerges-key-mover-of-global-st-partnerships/>

Govt announces liberalization of policies governing geo-spatial data



The government announced liberalisation of policies governing the acquisition and production of geo-spatial data, a move that will help in boosting innovation in the sector and create a level playing field for public and private entities.

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https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/govt-announces-liberalisation-of-policies-governing-geo-spatial-data-121021500679_1.html



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