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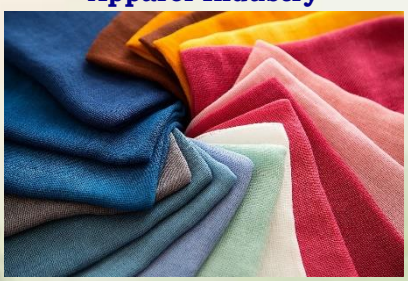


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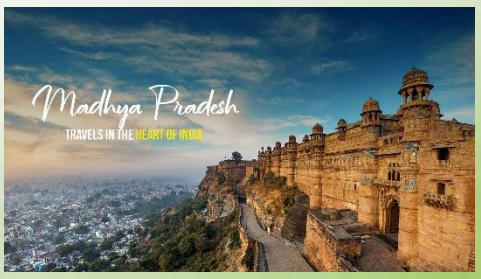
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Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Lex Fridman in a podcast



The world listens to India when we speak of peace, this is backed by our strong cultural and historical background: Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in a podcast with Lex Fridman.

Watch the full podcast here

Key highlights from the podcast:

- In India, religious traditions are deeply intertwined with daily life: PM
- Fasting accelerates the thinking process, providing fresh perspectives and encouraging out-of-the-box thinking: PM
- Challenges are part of life but should not define one's purpose: PM
- While many freedom fighters made lasting impacts, it was Mahatma Gandhi who awakened the nation by leading a mass movement rooted in truth: PM
- Gandhiji's ability to involve every individual in the freedom struggle, from sweepers to teachers to weavers to caregivers was remarkable: PM
- When I shake hands with a world leader, it's not Modi, but 140 crore Indians doing so: PM
- Sports energizes the world by bringing people together across nations and connecting them at a deeper level: PM
- Cooperation between India and China is essential for global stability and prosperity: PM
- Artificial Intelligence development is fundamentally a collaborative effort, no nation can develop it entirely on its own: PM
- AI can create many things based on human imagination, but no technology can ever replace the boundless creativity and imagination of the human mind: PM
- I will never fall behind in hard work for my country, never act with bad intentions and never do anything for personal gain: PM

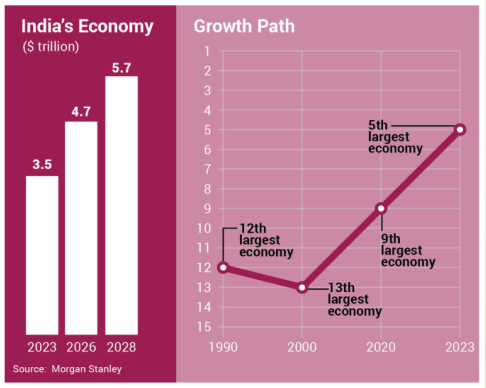
India to become world's third-largest economy by 2028: Morgan Stanley



India will be the world's third-largest economy by 2028 as it becomes the world's most sought-after consumer market and gains share in global output, driven by macro stability influenced policy and better infrastructure, Morgan Stanley said.

From a $3.5 trillion economy in 2023, the Indian economy is projected to expand to $4.7 trillion in 2026, which will make it the fourth-largest in the world behind the US, China and Germany. In 2028, India will overtake Germany as its economy will expand to $5.7 trillion.

According to Morgan Stanley, India was the 12th largest economy in the world in 1990, slipped to 13th position in 2000 before rising to 9th rank in 2020 and 5th in 2023. India's share in the world GDP is projected to rise from 3.5% to 4.5% in 2029.



It projects three scenarios for India's growth - Bear - where the economy expands to $6.6 trillion by 2035 from $3.65 trillion in 2025, Base - where it grows to $8.8 trillion and Bull - where the size balloons to $10.3 trillion.

It saw GDP per capita rising from $2,514 in 2025 to $4,247 in the Bear scenario in 2035, $5,683 under the Base scenario and $6,706 under the Bull scenario.

"India is likely gaining share in global output in the coming decades driven by strong foundational factors, including robust population growth, a functioning democracy, macro stability influenced policy, better infrastructure, a rising entrepreneurial class and improving social outcomes," it said in a report. "The implication is that India will be the world's most sought-after consumer market, it will undergo a major energy transition, credit to GDP will rise and manufacturing could gain share in GDP."

Talking of present times, Morgan Stanley said the growth is likely recovering. "High-frequency indicators were mixed in recent weeks but are distinctly better than a couple of months ago. We expect growth to recover after a 2H24 (second half of 2024) slowdown on fiscal and monetary policy support, with recovery in service exports." It expected GDP at 6.3% in the current fiscal year ending March 31 and 6.5% in the next.

Consumption recovery is expected to get broadbased as the income tax cuts propel urban demand, to support the buoyant trend in rural consumption levels. Within investments, it saw public and household capex driving growth, while private corporate capex recovered gradually. The strength in services exports bodes well for the labour market outlook, coupled with moderating inflation which is likely to improve purchasing power.

As such, domestic demand is expected to emerge as the key driver of growth, bolstered by policy support, both on the monetary and fiscal front, it said.

Headline inflation has cooled from its nearterm peak to track close to 4%, driven by moderating food prices while core inflation continues to remain well-behaved. The outlook for headline inflation hinges on food prices (46% of the CPI basket), which is expected to soften in the coming months.

Morgan Stanley expects inflation will be 4.3% year-on-year in FY 2026-27, lower than 4.9% in FY 2025.

Within trade, the strength in service exports in part offsets the weak trend in goods exports due to tepid global demand. As such, the current account deficit is expected to remain benign, as it stays sub 1% of GDP in FY 2025-27, indicating continued resilience in the external balance sheet.

On the monetary policy front, the RBI is easing across all its levers -- rates, liquidity and regulations. It embarked on a rate easing cycle in the February policy and Morgan Stanley expected another 25 bps rate cut in the April policy.

On the fiscal side, the Budget aims at reinforcing growth recovery by spurring consumption (through income tax cuts) and spending mix in favour of capex; while at the same time keeping macro stability in check by maintaining fiscal prudence.

Stating that risks to growth stem from external factors, it said, "We closely monitor developments on trade and tariff policies by the US government, alongside the strength in the dollar, Fed's reaction function and global growth and financial conditions. On the domestic side, we track fiscal profligacy at the state level and/ or any change in policy mix that would weigh on macro stability".

Nilekani lays path for India to reach $8 tn by 2035

Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani said India will become the world's most preferred IPO market by 2035, with a surge in startups driving economic growth. Speaking at the ArkamVC event in Bengaluru, he estimated that India will have 1 million startups by then, fuelling entrepreneurship through "binary fission."



"Today I will talk about four unlocks, which can change the trajectory of growth from 6% to 8% and GDP to go from $6 trillion to $8 trillion by 2035. Those four unlocks are technology, capital, entrepreneurship and formalisation" – Nandan Nilekani

Nilekani outlined four crucial "Big Unlocks" needed to accelerate India's growth from 6% to 8% and achieve an $8 trillion economy: technology, entrepreneurship, formalisation, and capital access. He emphasised India's digital transformation, citing the success of electronic toll payments and the DigiYatra initiative, which has benefited 14 million passengers since December 2022.

Highlighting India's unified labour market, he pointed out stark disparities in state GDPs and fertility rates, noting that large-scale migration is reshaping regional economies. He stressed the need to improve small business access to capital, calling it a major barrier to sustained growth.

Rather than broad policy shifts, Nilekani advocated for targeted solutions, referencing Aadhaar's success in revolutionising digital identity.

On artificial intelligence, he championed open-source AI models with Indian-language data to drive AI adoption at scale. He proposed AI applications in agriculture through an open agri network and in education to enhance learning outcomes.

Nilekani's vision underscores technology, entrepreneurship, and financial inclusion as critical drivers for India's rapid economic expansion.

News this Month

Government unveils US$1 billion creative economy fund

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced on Thursday that the government of India has created a US$1 billion fund to boost the country's creative economy. He also revealed plans to establish the first Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) in Mumbai, backed by INR 400 crore in funding. The announcement was made on the sidelines of a session with ambassadors and high commissioners, organised to provide a preview of the upcoming WAVES (World Audio Visual & Entertainment) Summit, scheduled to take place in Mumbai from May 1 to 4.



Source: Indian Express

India's space economy to reach US$44 billion by 2033: FICCI-EY Report

India's space economy aims to grow from US$8.4 billion in 2022 to US$44 billion by 2033, according to a FICCI-EY report titled "Unlocking India's Space Economy – Pathways to Growth, Innovation, and Global Leadership." This report was released at the Bharat Space Conclave 2025, organized by FICCI. This growth is supported by policy reforms, private sector participation, and enhanced international collaboration, bolstered by the Indian Space Policy 2023 and institutions like IN-SPACe and NSIL. The FICCI-EY report notes a major shift is occurring, with India's space sector transitioning from a government-led model to a commercially driven and innovation-focused ecosystem.



Source: Economic Times

Tata Motors begins India's first hydrogen truck trials for net-zero goal

In a major step toward India's net-zero emissions goal by 2070, Tata Motors has launched hydrogen-powered heavy-duty truck trials, marking the first such initiative in the country. The 24-month trial will deploy 16 advanced hydrogen-powered vehicles featuring Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engine (H2-ICE) and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (H2-FCEV) technologies. These trucks will operate on key freight corridors, including Mumbai, Pune, Delhi-NCR, Surat, Vadodara, Jamshedpur, and Kalinga Nagar. Funded by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, this trial will assess the commercial viability of hydrogen trucks and help build the necessary infrastructure for their long-term deployment.



Source: Business Standard

The hydrogen truck lineup includes the Tata Prima H.55S (H2-ICE and H2-FCEV models) and Tata Prima H.28 (H2-ICE truck), offering an operational range of 300-500 km. These vehicles are designed for cost-efficient, high-performance, and low-emission transport, featuring advanced driver-assist safety features and the premium Prima cabin for enhanced driver comfort and productivity. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, and Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Mr. Pralhad Joshi, hailed the initiative as a pioneering effort in decarbonizing India's transportation sector and reducing dependence on fossil fuels, reinforcing India's leadership in green and smart mobility solutions.

India's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Revolution



Source: IBEF

India is making rapid strides in artificial intelligence (AI) under Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's leadership, ensuring AI accessibility for all. The IndiaAI Mission, with an allocation of Rs. 10,300 crore (US$ 1.18 billion) over five years, is building a high-performance computing infrastructure with 18,693 Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) and launching an open GPU marketplace to empower startups, students, and researchers. The government is also investing in indigenous AI capabilities to develop India's own GPUs and expand semiconductor manufacturing. AI-driven Centres of Excellence (CoEs) are being established across healthcare, agriculture, and education sectors. At the same time, the IndiaAI Dataset Platform provides high-quality, anonymized datasets to drive innovation.

India also fosters AI talent through revamped university curriculum, AI fellowships, and Data Labs in Tier 2 and 3 cities. The country ranks first globally in AI skill penetration. It is a hub for AI startups with a booming generative AI ecosystem. AI is deeply integrated into Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), enhancing services like UPI and DigiLocker and playing a crucial role in major events like Mahakumbh 2025. AI-powered computing is being offered at a subsidized rate of Rs. 100 (US$ 1.15) per hour, compared to the global cost of Rs. 218 to Rs. 261 (US$ 2.50 to US$ 3.00) per hour. Indian companies are significantly increasing AI investments, with one-third allocating over Rs. 2,177 crore (US$ 249.94 million). Generative AI startup funding surged to Rs. 4,442 crore (US$ 509.99 million) in Q2 FY25. With a balanced regulatory approach, India drives AI growth while ensuring ethical safeguards. These initiatives align with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, positioning India as a global AI powerhouse.

India eyes production of homegrown planes: Government to set up special purpose vehicle for making regional transport aircraft



Source: IBEF

The Indian government is making significant strides towards self-reliance in the global aviation industry. Union Minister of Civil Aviation Mr. Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu announced that the government is establishing a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to manufacture regional transport aircraft. Speaking in the Rajya Sabha, he emphasised that India can now design, manufacture, and maintain aircraft, with policies already in place to support this vision. With domestic airlines ordering over 1,500 aircraft to meet rising demand, the government aims to develop a local manufacturing ecosystem. The SPV, planned for a five-year timeline, will bring together key stakeholders, assess the current landscape, and chart a roadmap for production, aligning with the "Make in India" initiative.

He also highlighted efforts to enhance workforce skills, citing 58 Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) preparing future aviation professionals. The government is strengthening aircraft manufacturing capabilities, including component production and Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) activities. He provided an update on the Saras Mk2, a 19-seater Light Transport Aircraft developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL) in collaboration with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Featuring advanced composite wings, lightweight materials, and modern avionics, the Saras Mk2 underscores India's push for indigenous aviation technologies. These initiatives aim to reduce dependence on foreign manufacturers and establish India as a key player in the global aviation industry.

Info you can use

National One Health Mission

Transforming India's approach to integrated health outcomes

Today, the world is facing a unique set of challenges which include emerging infectious diseases, antibiotic resistance, foodborne illnesses, and environmental degradation; all of which have significant implications for health. Increasingly, we are recognising that these problems are not isolated but interconnected. In a country like India, with its rich biodiversity and ethnic heterogeneity, a collaborative, integrated and multisectoral approach for holistic health of humans, animals and environment is not just essential but also pivotal to overall social and economic progress.

The National One Health Mission is a cross ministerial effort to coordinate, support, and integrate the activities of One Health significance in the country. It has been set up as per the recommendations of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).

The primary goal of the Mission is to achieve overall pandemic preparedness and integrated disease control against priority diseases of human, animal and plant sectors, with early warning systems built on integrated surveillance systems and response readiness for endemic as well as emerging epidemic or pandemic threats. The Mission will also address critical pillars of preparedness in the form of targeted research and development to develop important tools such as vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics; access to advanced genomic tools for metagenomics and waste water surveillance; readiness in terms of clinical care, streamline data and information linkages and access across sectors; and develop models of close community participation to keep our readiness to respond.



Dr. Rajiv Bahl - Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) & Secretary, Department of Health Research

In alignment with the National One Health Mission, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) undertook an intense review of literature and deliberations to identify priority pathogens and develop syndromic algorithms for disease diagnosis in surveillance settings for different syndromes such as Acute Febrile Illness (AFI), Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), Acute Respiratory syndrome, and Acute Diarrhea. The development of syndromic algorithms for disease diagnosis in surveillance settings served the twin purposes of establishing disease diagnosis protocols and also led to mapping of available kits /methods for infectious pathogens presenting across syndromes. Thus, ICMR has identified gaps in the currently available diagnostics and is now collaborating with industry partners for co-development of diagnostics, as well as vaccines and monoclonal antibodies for diseases of national importance.

Efforts have been initiated with other departments and private companies, to develop and implement medical countermeasures (MCMs) for emerging viral diseases such as Avian Influenza, Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), Nipah virus, and Chandipura virus.

Through these countermeasures, it is aimed to mitigate outbreaks and reduce fatalities through a combination of vaccines, antiviral drugs, diagnostics, surveillance, and modern artificial intelligence based tools.



Initiatives to develop models for integrated surveillance with other ministries and sectors in settings with increased animal–human environmental interaction are being undertaken. Such studies focusing on integrated One Health surveillance in humans, animals / birds, environment have been launched in slaughterhouses and bird sanctuaries currently.

The One Health surveillance in selected slaughterhouses in Ludhiana, Guwahati and Telengana is targeting identification of important zoonotic pathogens that have been prioritized for identification in humans, animals and slaughterhouse environment. A similar study is being initiated in bird sanctuaries and wetlands to capture zoonotic infections and potential spillover among bird sanctuary workers, migratory birds, ectoparasites and the environment in select locations across Maharashtra, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu.

In efforts towards pandemic preparedness, a comprehensive national mock drill, Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas (VYA) was also conducted in Ajmer district of Rajasthan state, from August 27 to August 31, 2024. During VYA, an avian Influenza outbreak was simulated. This exercise aimed to evaluate the readiness and response of the National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT) composed of experts from human health, animal husbandry and wildlife sectors.

A network of 22 Bio-Safety Level (BSL) -3 labs has been set up and is being prepared to provide diagnosis to any undiagnosed outbreak irrespective of their department or domain status, in line with the One Health approach.

The National One Health Mission holds the promise of transforming India's approach to health, ensuring that we are not just treating diseases but preventing them at the source. By integrating human, animal, and environmental health, this Mission will create a more resilient health system, which will be capable of facing current and emerging challenges. Through collaboration, research, and a shared commitment to public health, we can achieve a healthier, safer India and '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*' (meaning 'the world is one family') for future generations.

Focus Sector: Textile and Apparel Industry

Textile Industry & Market Growth in India

The market for Indian textiles and apparel is projected to grow at a 10% CAGR to reach US$ 350 billion by 2030, with exports expected to reach US$100 billion.

Introduction:



India's textiles sector is one of the oldest industries in the Indian economy, dating back to several centuries. The industry is extremely varied, with hand-spun and hand-woven textiles sectors at one end of the spectrum, with the capital-intensive sophisticated mills sector at the other end. The fundamental strength of the textile industry in India is its strong production base of a wide range of fibre/yarns from natural fibres like cotton, jute, silk, and wool, to synthetic/man-made fibres like polyester, viscose, nylon and acrylic.

The decentralised power looms/ hosiery and knitting sector form the largest component of the textiles sector. The close linkage of textiles industry to agriculture (for raw materials such as cotton) and the ancient culture and traditions of the country in terms of textiles makes it unique in comparison to other industries in the country. India's textiles industry has a capacity to produce a wide variety of products suitable for different market segments, both within India and across the world.

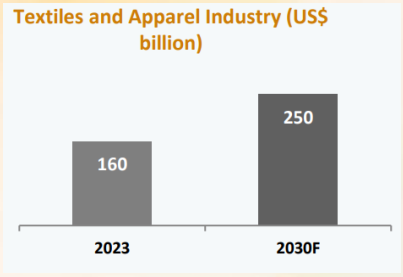
According to Crisil Ratings, the organised retail apparel sector is projected to achieve revenue growth of 8-10% in FY25, driven by rising demand from a normal monsoon, easing inflation, and the festive and wedding seasons.

The increasing preference for affordable, trendy fashion clothing that mimics high-fashion designs is expected to be the primary revenue driver. In order to attract private equity and employee more people, the government introduced various schemes such as the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) and Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (MITRA) Park scheme.



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Market Size: The market for Indian textiles and apparel is projected to grow at a 10% CAGR to reach US$ 350 billion by 2030. Moreover, India is the world's 3rd largest exporter of Textiles and Apparel. India ranks among the top five global exporters in several textile categories, with exports expected to reach US$100 billion.



The textiles and apparel industry contributes 2.3% to the country's GDP, 13% to industrial production and 12% to exports. The textile industry in India is predicted to double its contribution to the GDP, rising from 2.3% to approximately 5% by the end of this decade.



Textile manufacturing in India has been steadily recovering amid the pandemic. The manufacturing of textiles Index for the month of June 2024 is 106. Global apparel market is expected to grow at a CAGR of around 8% to reach US$ 2.37 trillion by 2030 and the Global Textile & Apparel trade is expected to grow at a CAGR of 4% to reach US$ 1.2 trillion by 2030.

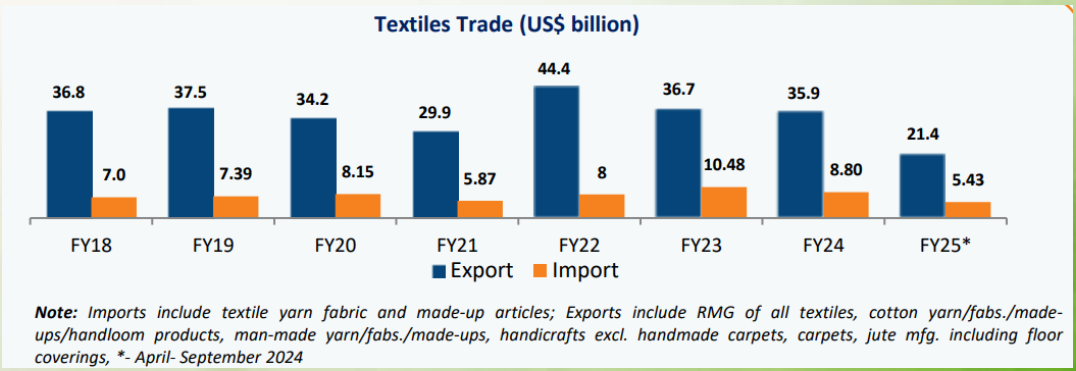
India's home textile industry is expected to expand at a CAGR of 8.9% during 2023-32 and reached US$ 23.32 billion in 2032 from US$ 10.78 billion in 2023. The Indian Technical Textile market has a huge potential of a 10% growth rate, increased penetration level of 9-10% and is the 5th largest technical textiles market in the world.

Robust demand: India's textiles sector, driven by a strong policy framework, saw 11% YoY growth in ready made garment exports in August 2024 and is expected to reach US$ 350 billion by 2030.

Competitive advantage: Abundant availability of raw materials such as cotton, wool, silk and jute. India enjoys a comparative advantage in terms of skilled manpower and in cost of production relative to other major textile producers.

Policy support: 100% FDI (automatic route) is allowed in the Indian textile sector. In October 2021, the government approved a scheme worth Rs. 4,445 crore (US$ 594.26 million) to establish seven integrated mega textile parks and boost textile manufacturing in the country. The government is planning to set up 12 new industrial parks and 5-6 mega textile parks, announced by Minister of Commerce and Industry Mr. Piyush Goyal. The Union Budget 2025- 26 allocated Rs. 5,272 crore (US$ for the Ministry of Textiles, a 19% increase from the previous year.

Increasing Investments: In June 2023, Government approved R&D projects worth US$ 7.4 million (Rs. 61.09 crore) in textile sector. Total FDI inflows in the textiles sector stood at US$ 4.56 billion between April 2000-September 2024



Note: *Imports include textile yarn fabric and made-up articles; Exports include RMG of all textiles, cotton yarn/fabs./made-ups/handloom products, man-made yarn/fabs./made-ups, handicrafts excl. handmade carpets, carpets, jute mfg. including floor coverings, *- April- September 2024*

Source: IBEF

State Focus – Karnataka

Introduction: Karnataka is located in the south of India. It is surrounded by the Arabian Sea on the west, Goa on the northwest, Maharashtra on the north, Andhra Pradesh on the east, Tamil Nadu on the southeast, and Kerala on the southwest.



According to an EXIM Bank report, by 2024-25, Karnataka's merchandise exports can reach US$ 35.3 billion, and software and services exports can reach US$ 150 billion.

Karnataka has a vibrant automobile, agro, aerospace, textile and garment, biotech, and heavy engineering industries. The state has sector-specific Special Economic Zone (SEZs) for key industries such as IT, biotechnology, engineering, food processing and aerospace.

Karnataka is the IT hub of India & home to the fourth-largest technology cluster in the world. Karnataka boasts of diverse flora and fauna and a 320 km natural coastline, which makes it a nature tourist's paradise.

Karnataka offers a Wide range of fiscal and policy incentives for businesses under the Karnataka Industrial Policy 2020-25, with simplified procedures for investment.

Economy of Karnataka: At current prices, Karnataka's revised gross state domestic product (GSDP) was estimated to be ~Rs. 28.09 trillion (US$ 336.81 billion) in 2024-25. The state's GSDP increased at a CAGR of 11.61% between 2015-16 and 2024-25. The state's economy is driven by key sectors such as information technology, biotechnology, manufacturing, and agriculture. Bengaluru, the state capital, serves as a global IT hub, hosting numerous major tech companies such as Infosys, TCS, and Wipro, that significantly contribute to the state's GDP. Total exports from the state stood at US$ 78.69 billion in FY24 (Until September 2023), and US$ 152 billion in FY23. In overall exports, sectors such as petroleum products, iron & steel and organic chemicals were the key contributors. Between October 2019- June 2024, cumulative FDI inflows in the state reached US$ 53.31 billion, the second-highest in India, after Maharashtra.

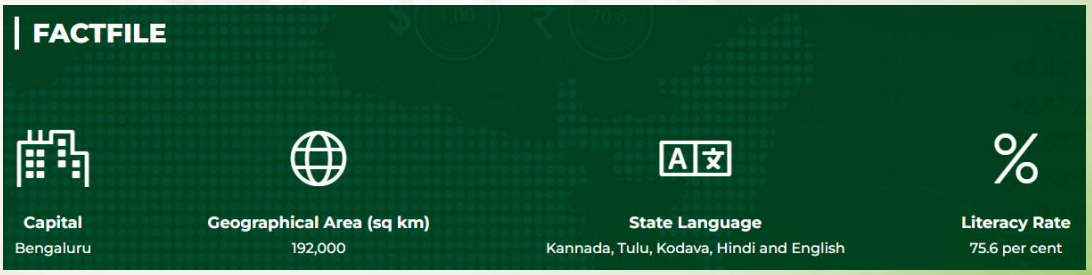
Industries in Karnataka: Karnataka has a diverse and dynamic industrial landscape. The state is a leader in the IT and biotechnology sectors, with Bengaluru serving as a global hub. According to the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), the manufacturing sector in Karnataka grew by 7.2% in 2023. Key industries in the state include aerospace, automotive, and textiles. Some of the major companies in these sectors are Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Toyota Kirloskar Motor, and Raymond. Karnataka is also a key player in the mining industry, boasting abundant reserves of iron ore and other minerals. The state has a strong presence in the handicrafts and cottage industries as well, reflecting its rich artisanal heritage. This varied industrial landscape, coupled with the state's strategic location and well-developed infrastructure, make Karnataka a preferred destination for domestic and international investors.

Tourism in Karnataka: Karnataka is a premier tourist destination in India, offering a diverse array of attractions. The state boasts ancient architectural marvels like Hampi and Mysore, serene beaches in Gokarna, and the lush greenery of the Western Ghats. Bengaluru, the state capital, is a blend of modernity and tradition, featuring historic sites like the Bangalore Palace alongside a thriving tech industry. Wildlife enthusiasts are drawn to the Bandipur and Nagarhole National Parks, home to tigers, elephants, and a variety of other wildlife. Tourism in Karnataka has been on the rise, with tourist arrivals reaching 28.45 crore in 2023, up from 18 crore in 2022.

Recent Developments in Key Sectors:

- Karnataka achieved Rs. 54,427 crore (US$ 6.52 billion) in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during 2023-24, ranking third in India. Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah highlighted the government's multidimensional programs across industry, agriculture, infrastructure, and education, which aim to accelerate economic growth and create jobs. Additionally, 13 industries signed MoUs expected to bring in Rs. 42,915 crore (US$ 5.14 billion) and generate around 22,600 jobs.
- The Centre has sanctioned Rs. 2,675.31 crore (US$ 320 million) for the 4-laning of the Belgaum-Hungund-Raichur section of National Highway-748A in Karnataka, covering 92.4 km. This project, part of the Panaji-Hyderabad economic corridor, will be implemented through a Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM).
- Karnataka is set to launch a Rs 48,686 crore (US$ 5.84 billion) long-term infrastructure plan for Bengaluru, aimed at transforming the city into a world-class tech hub, with projects including improved transportation, highways, and the Peripheral Ring Road to address traffic congestion and enhance economic growth.
- Karnataka's revised electric vehicle policy prioritizes affordability through increased subsidies, aims to attract investments of Rs. 50,000 crore (US$ 6 billion), create 100,000 jobs, foster innovation, and integrate MSMEs and component vendors into state-level incentives.
- In 2024, Karnataka government signed investment deals worth Rs 22,000 crore (US$ 2.64 billion) with global industry leaders such as Microsoft, Web Werks, Hitachi, Lulu Group, Takeda Pharma, B L Agro, Inox Air Products, Honeywell, Nestle, and Tillman Global at the World Economic Forum 2024, aimed at driving technological advancement, infrastructure development, and economic growth.
- In 2023, Karnataka government signed a MoU with the automobile major Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), an Indian subsidiary of Japan's Toyota Motor Corporation, to facilitate the further expansion of its car manufacturing facility at Bidadi in Karnataka. TKM will make an additional investment of Rs. 3,300 crore (US$ 395.7 million) to establish its third manufacturing facility with a capacity of 100,000 units at Bidadi.
- The Centre in March 2022 approved two major road projects in Karnataka at a cost of more than Rs. 890 crore (US$ 107.7 million).
- Karnataka reached another milestone in terms of improving connectivity as the Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Station in Hubballi now has the longest platform in the world. It is a 1,507-metre-long platform and was built at a cost of about Rs. 20 crore (US$ 2.4 million).

For more information, please visit:
Karnataka Government, Karnataka Udyog Mitra, Information Department, Karnataka

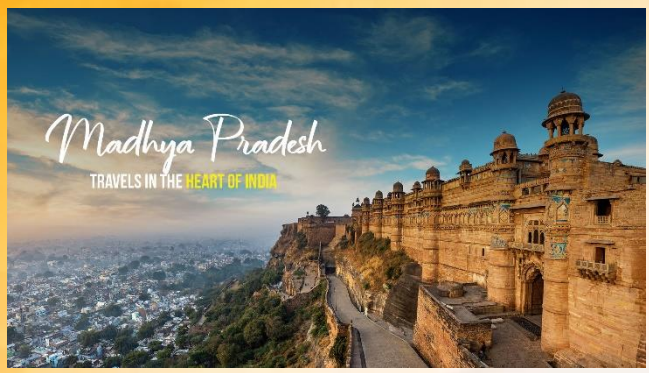




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Tourism Focus: Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh – The Heart of Incredible India

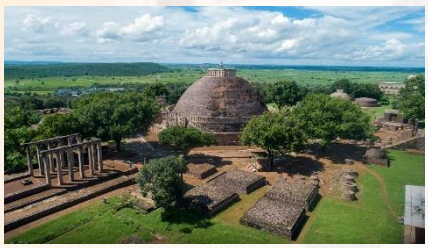


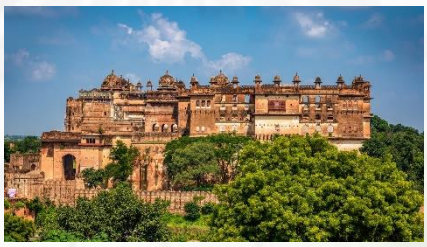


Madhya Pradesh, often referred to as the "Heart of Incredible India," offers a diverse and enriching tourism experience that encompasses ancient heritage, vibrant culture, abundant wildlife, spiritual depth, and thrilling adventures.

Heritage & Historical Marvels:

- **Khajuraho Group of Monuments**: A UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned for its intricate sculptures that celebrate life, love, and spirituality.
- **Sanchi Stupa**: Dating back to the 3rd century BCE, this ancient Buddhist complex offers insights into early Buddhist art and architecture.
- **Bhimbetka Rock Shelters**: These prehistoric caves, adorned with ancient paintings, provide a window into early human life.
- **Orchha Fort Complex**: A testament to Bundela architecture, featuring palaces and temples that narrate tales of a glorious past.
- **Gwalior Fort**: An imposing structure that has witnessed centuries of history, offering panoramic views and architectural brilliance.


Sanchi Stupa


Orchha Fort

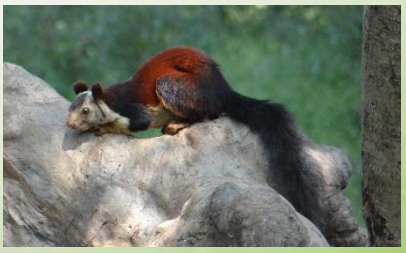

Gwalior Fort

Wildlife & Nature Escapes:

- **Pench National Park**: The inspiration behind Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book," this park is rich in flora and fauna.
- **Kanha, Bandhavgarh & Satpura National Parks**: These reserves are sanctuaries for tigers and diverse wildlife, offering thrilling safari experiences.
- **Gulawat Lotus Valley**: Asia's largest lotus valley, offering serene landscapes near Indore.



Pench National Park


Satpura National Park


Gulawat Lotus Valley

Tourism Focus: Madhya Pradesh

Culture, Crafts & Cuisine:

- **Tribal Art Forms**: Madhya Pradesh is rich in tribal heritage, with art forms like Dhokra metal casting and Batik printing reflecting the state's cultural diversity.
- **Chanderi Sarees**: The town of Chanderi is renowned for its handwoven sarees, a blend of tradition and elegance.
- **Culinary Delights**: Savor local dishes like Poha, Dal Bafla, Seekh Kebabs, and sweet treats like Jalebi and Mawa Bati.



Dhokra Metal Casting



Batik Printing



Chanderi Saree

Adventure & Eco-Tourism:

- **Trekking & Rock Climbing**: Explore trails in Pachmarhi Hills and Chanderi, offering a mix of natural beauty and historical sites.
- **Water Adventures**: Engage in river rafting in Orchha and boating in the marble gorges of Bhedaghat.
- **Paragliding**: Experience aerial views in destinations like Indore and Pachmarhi.
- **Camping**: Enjoy starlit nights at Tawa Reservoir and Hanuwantiya Island, which also hosts the annual Jal Mahotsav festival.



Hanuwantiya Island



Bhedaghat



Pachmarhi Hills

Madhya Pradesh seamlessly blends its rich history with natural beauty and cultural vibrancy, offering travelers a holistic and immersive experience. Whether you're seeking spiritual solace, historical insights, wildlife adventures, or cultural explorations, this central Indian state has something for everyone.

For more details, please visit:

- **Madhya Pradesh Tourism**
- **Incredible India - Madhya Pradesh**
- **https://www.chaloindia.gov.in/**

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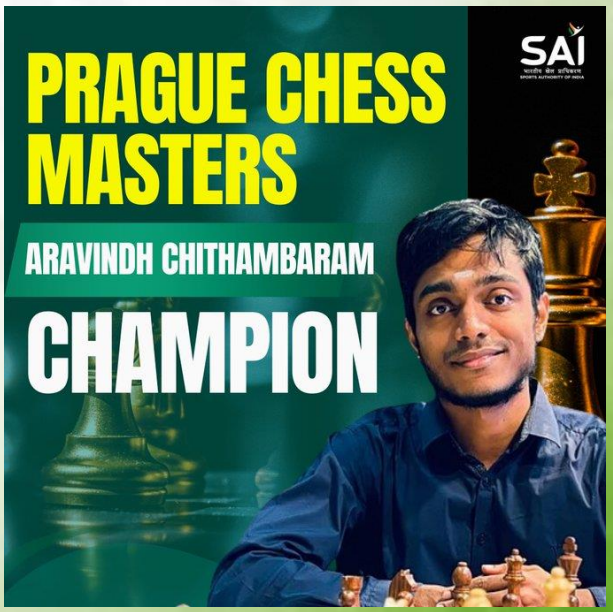
Rohit Sharma led Team India won ICC Champions Trophy 2025





Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi meets Special Olympics Winter Games athletes, lauds their achievements





Bilateral Engagements

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Qatar Strongly Condemns Attack in Jammu and Kashmir

Doha | April 23, 2025

The State of Qatar expresses its strong condemnation and denunciation of the attack that took place in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in casualties and injuries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterates the State of Qatar's stance against violence, terrorism, and criminal acts, regardless of their motivations and justifications.

The Ministry extends its condolences to the families of the victims and to the Government and people of the Republic of India, and wishes a swift recovery to the injured.

Minister of Social Development and Family Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi meting with representatives of India, on the sidelines of the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in New York

Minister of Social Development and Family Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi held a bilateral meeting with representatives of India, on the sidelines of the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, and discussed ways to enhance cooperation in the fields of social development, developing programmes and legislation, and promoting knowledge exchange.

Goa Tourism showcases culture, connectivity at 'Goa Evening' in Doha



In a vibrant celebration of heritage, hospitality, and opportunity, the Goa Tourism Department and the Government of Goa, India, hosted a special promotional event titled "Goa Evening" at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Doha. The event aimed to strengthen cultural and tourism ties between India and Qatar and to position Goa as a prime travel destination for Qatari nationals, the Indian diaspora, and international residents.



The event was attended by prominent dignitaries, including the Ambassador of India to Qatar, H E Vipul, Shawn Mendes, Officer on Special Duty to the Indian Minister for Tourism, and Kuldeep Arolkar, Managing Director of Goa Tourism. The evening drew an enthusiastic crowd of Goan expats, Qatari travel industry professionals, and India-based travel agencies.

Larsen & Toubro Awarded Largest Offshore Single Contract By QatarEnergy LNG

QatarEnergy LNG has awarded an Ultra Mega Offshore Contract for the North Field Production Sustainability Offshore Compression Project (NFPS COMP 4) to Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) Hydrocarbon Business (L&T Energy Hydrocarbon – LTEH) marking the largest single contract ever ($1.75 bn) received by L&T. The scope of work encompasses the engineering, procurement, fabrication, installation, and commissioning of two offshore compression complexes, each comprising of large offshore platforms with compression & power generation facilities, living quarters, flare platforms, interconnected bridges, and other associated structures to be located at approximately 80 kms off the northeast coast of Qatar.

Alfardan Group showcases The Residences at The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island, The Pearl



Alfardan Group hosted an exclusive press conference on April 21, 2025, in Mumbai, India, to spotlight The Residences at The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island, The Pearl Qatar— as a premier destination for luxury living and global real estate investment. The event also marked the official welcome of Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan as a distinguished new homeowner at the island's ultra-luxurious branded residences.

12th Doha Ramadan Meet



The 12th Doha Ramadan Meet successfully concluded at Qatar Sports Club, attracting nearly 3,000 attendees. Organized by the Doha International Centre for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID) and Youth Forum Qatar, the eventThe event featured prominent speakers, including Swami Asangananda Giri (India), who emphasized equality and interfaith unity, and Sheikh Thoufeekh K.P. (India), who underscored youth's role in promoting solidarity.



Ten Georgetown University students from the US and Qatar campuses joined a joint research trip to India as part of the Indian Ocean Research Colloquium.

Suhoor 2025







The Embassy of India in Doha, in collaboration with the Indian Business & Professionals' Council (IBPC) and the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), hosted a grand Ramadan Suhoor gathering on March 19, at the prestigious Al Messila Resort, Doha. The event served as a platform to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan while strengthening diplomatic and business ties between India and Qatar.

A special highlight of the evening was a photo exhibition titled 'Investment Opportunities in India', which showcased India's thriving business environment and the vast potential for investments. The exhibition provided insights into India's rapid economic growth, reinforcing the country's position as a global investment hub.

The Suhoor gathering was attended by more than 250 distinguished guests, including prominent Qatari business leaders, ambassadors, diplomats, and members of the Indian community in Qatar. The diverse attendance underscored the deep-rooted ties between the two countries and their shared commitment to fostering mutual prosperity. On this occasion, the Ambassador of India to Qatar HE Vipul extended warm greetings to all attendees, emphasising the significance of Ramadan as a time for unity, reflection, and generosity. He highlighted the longstanding people-to-people ties between India and Qatar, which form the foundation of a strong bilateral relationship. In his address, Ambassador Vipul also recalled the landmark visit of the Amir on February 17-18, 2025.

Rise Above 2025 – A Business Meet



Diaspora of Malappuram (DOM) Qatar in collaboration with the Indian Business and Professional Council organised 'Rise Above 2025', a business meet. The event saw the participation of around 250 professionals from the Indian business and commercial sectors. Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy, Sandeep Kumar, inaugurated the event and highlighted the strong trade relations between India and Qatar. He expressed his hope that this initiative would serve as a valuable resource for business professionals in Qatar.

Rajesh Menon, managing partner, Baker Tilly Doha, in his keynote address emphasised the importance of strategic decision-making, risk mitigation, and seizing growth opportunities in Qatar. Among the panellists were Mohammed Abdulaziz al-Dalaimi, Board Member, Qatar Development Bank; Ahmed Rashid al-Musfari, chairman, Maroon Capital Advisory; Gopal Balasubramaniam, senior partner, KPMG Qatar; Ajay Kumar, executive vice-president & head of global asset management, QNB Group; and Mohammed al-Bara Sami, general manager, Mekdam Holding Group

Monthly Meeting with Ambassador





Consular and community related issues were addressed during Ambassador's monthly meetings with Indian nationals. Embassy officials and office bearers of ICBF provided guidance and support.

Special Consular Camp





Glimpses from the Special Consular Camp held at Kor Bay Residency, Al Khor today. Embassy provided around 226 consular services at the camp.

Media Corner

India in Local News

Qatar Tribune | GULF TIMES | The Peninsula | NewsTrail

India's Pharma Exports in FY25 Cross $30 Billion Mark

Apple makes bold moves to expand footprint in India

India to remain fastest growing major economy with 6.5% growth in FY26: IMF

L&T bets on space exploration as India expands private rocket and satellite industry

Tesla signs deal for first India showroom to sell imported EVs

U.S. eyes zero tariff on cars in India trade deal as Tesla entry nears, Reuters reports

India pegged as No 1 source market for London's ambitious new 'Growth Plan'

Dominant & Unbeaten India Lift ICC Champions Trophy 2025

RBI wins global Digital Transformation Award 2025

India set to become consumption capital of world: Report



Iftar for Her

Indian Cultural Centre along with the ICC Women's Forum, celebrated International Women's Day with an "Iftar for Her" event for underprivileged women. Counsellors from the Embassy of India, Dr. Vaibhav Tandale and Mr. Gyanveer Singh, along with their spouses, honored the occasion with their presence.

Iftar Meet

Indian Cultural Centre under the aegis of Embassy of India conducted Iftar in their premises. H. E. Mr. Vipul, Ambassador of India to Qatar, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the significance of Ramadan and extending his heartfelt wishes for a blessed and peaceful month. The event was graced by Lt. Col. Tala Menassar Al Madhouri and Lt. Col. Fahad Muhammed Al Kaabi from the Community Policing Department, along with Mr. Khalid Fakhroo from the Ministry of Labour. Representatives from various departments of the Ministry of Interior were also present.



Eid Bazaar & Mehendi Night





The Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) organized a Grant Eid Bazaar & Mehndi Night as part of Eid Festivities at ICC Ashoka Hall. H. E. Mr. Vipul, Ambassador of India to Qatar, inaugurated the celebration. Dr. Vaibhav A Tandale, Counsellor (Head of Chancery and Consular) - Embassy of India was the Guest of Honor for the evening. The Bazaar showcased more than 60 vibrant stalls of handicrafts, leather products, imitation jewelry, readymade Indian traditional clothes and delicious Indian food. In addition to the shopping delights, the bazaar also featured live henna stations.

Annual Science Gala



Ambassador H. E. Mr. Vipul attended the Annual Science Gala & Award Function of Science India Forum. The event celebrated academic excellence and promoted scientific spirit among students.

Billawas Qatar ties up with KIMS Health to host free medical camp



Indian Sports Center organised a series of events to celebrate International Women's Day.



Embassy Notice Board

Upcoming Events and Announcements











Embassy Notice Board

Advisory

In order to make the Consular Services delivery more efficient, it has been decided to revise the timings for the Consular Services. All applicants are requested to note that the revised timings will be effective from **19th May, 2024 (Sunday).**

Revised timings for Consular Services:

i. *Timings for Passport, PCC & Visa services* ***[No Change]***

a. *08:00 AM to 11:15 AM: Submission of applications*

b. *14:00 PM to 16:15 PM: Delivery of services*

ii. *New timings for Attestation, POA, NRI, NOC & other miscellaneous services* ***[Change]***

c. *12:00 PM to 15:00 PM: Submission of applications & Delivery of services*

Embassy at your service
Consular Service Report for the Months of March & April 2025

S. No.	Service	No of Services Rendered
1	Passport & EC	15279
2	Misc. Consular Services	8254
3	Visa issued	675
4	OCI issued	18
	Total Services	**24226**

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