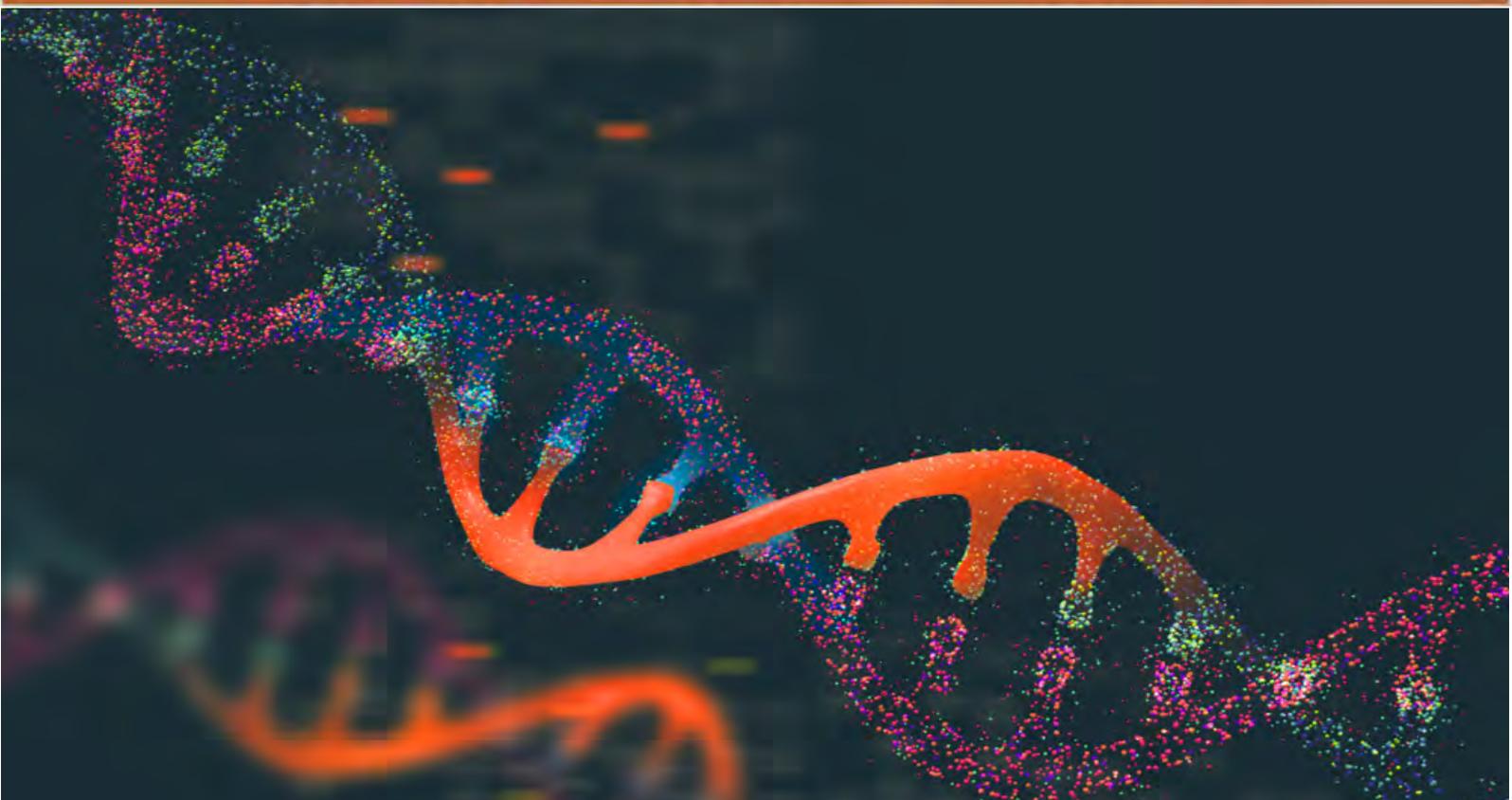


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- ~\$ **1.92 billion** outlay, of which ~ \$ **1.13 billion** has been earmarked for capex
- **Launch of Chandrayaan-3**, India's third lunar mission, expected this year
- **New Space India Limited (NSIL)** to execute the **PSLV-CS51 launch**, carrying the Amazonia Satellite from Brazil along with a few smaller Indian satellites
- India's **1st unmanned launch under Gaganyaan mission** is slated for December 2021

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- **Tax holiday for capital gains** from incomes of aircraft leasing companies
- **Tax exemptions for aircraft lease rentals** paid to foreign lessors
- **Tax incentive for relocating foreign funds** in the IFSC
- **Tax exemption to the investment division** of foreign banks located in IFSC
- **Support for the development** of a world-class **FIN-Tech hub** at GIFT-IFSC

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- **5 major modern fishing harbours** – Kochi, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Paradip & Petuaghat – to be developed as **hubs of economic activity**
- **Inland fishing harbours & fish-landing centres** to be developed along the banks of rivers & waterways
- A multipurpose **Seaweed Park** to be established in Tamil Nadu

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- \$ **2.16 billion** allocated to the MSME sector, double of this year's budget
- **Review** of more than 400 old **customs duty exemptions**
- **Rationalising exemptions on import** of duty-free items as an incentive to exporters
- Increase the limit for **tax audit** from \$ **60 to 120 million** to further reduce compliance burden
- Set up a **Conciliation Mechanism** for quick resolution of contractual disputes

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- A new scheme of \$ **2.47 billion** to be launched to support augmentation of **public bus transport services**
- Two new technologies - '**MetroLite**' and '**MetroNeo**' - to be deployed to provide metro rail systems at much lesser cost
- Central counterpart funding for the upcoming phases of **Metro Railway in Kochi, Chennai, Bengaluru, Nashik and Nagpur**

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- **Ujjwala Scheme** to be extended to cover **10 million** more beneficiaries
- **100** more districts to be added in next 3 years to the **City Gas Distribution network**
- A **gas pipeline project** to be taken up in **J&K**
- An **independent Gas Transport System Operator** to be set up for facilitation & coordination of booking of common carrier capacity in all-natural gas pipelines on a non-discriminatory open access basis

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Consolidated FDI Policy 2020



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Consolidated FDI Policy
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News Flash

1 Passenger vehicle retail sales in India increased by 24% to reach to 271,249 units in December 2020, according to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA).

2 India's overall online video market is projected grow at a CAGR of 26% to reach US\$ 4.5 billion by 2025, according to Media Partners Asia (MPA)'s report. In its report, MPA anticipated that from 2020, the SVoD market will accelerate by 30% CAGR and reach US\$ 1.9 billion by 2025. The video on demand (AVoD) advertisement segment is expected to rise at a CAGR of 24% over the next five years to reach US\$ 2.6 billion by 2025.

3 Total 11 private Indian firms have made it to the list of 500 most valuable companies across the world, and India is ranked 10th, according to "Hurun Global 500" report. With a 20.5% increase in valuation to US\$ 168.8 billion as of December 1, Reliance Industries tops among local businesses and is ranked 54th globally.

4 Amazon India

launched 'Amazon Academy', an online platform to help engineering students prepare for competitive exams such as the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE).

5 Power demand in India reached a record high of 185.82 gigawatts (GW) on January 20, 2021. The increasing demand for energy indicates a growth in economic activity, contributing to increased commercial and industrial demand.

6 HCL Technologies reported a 31.1% increase in its net profit at US\$ 545.02 million in the third quarter of FY21, indicating a positive outlook for further growth acceleration in business in coming quarters.

7 Reliance Jio emerged as the fifth strongest brand globally, according to brand valuation consultancy firm Brand Finance. Jio is mainly known for its incredibly affordable plans, by providing 4G to millions of users for free, Jio took India by force, simultaneously changing how Indians use the internet.

8 Microsoft launched its

new India Development Center (IDC) facility at NCR. The project is in line with Microsoft's sustainable management, and to reduce its carbon footprint, the facility has introduced energy and water preservation practises.

9 India's exports increased by 16.22% in the first week of January 2021, indicating economic revival. Pharmaceuticals, petroleum and engineering exports increased 14.4% (US\$ 61.62 million), 17.28% (US\$ 114.72 million) and 51.82% (US\$ 636.77 million), respectively. Also, the improvement in exports from some industries, such as gems and jewellery, engineering and chemicals, indicate further economic development.

10 FDI into India rose by 13% in 2020, boosted by interest in the digital sector, and while fund flows declined most strongly in major economies such as the UK, the US and Russia. The report noted that acquisitions in India's digital economy was the largest contributor to this rise. Cross-border merger and acquisition (M&A) sales grew 83% to US\$ 27 billion, the report said, citing Facebook's acquisition of 9.9% stake in Reliance Jio platforms, via a new entity, Jaadhu Holdings LLC.

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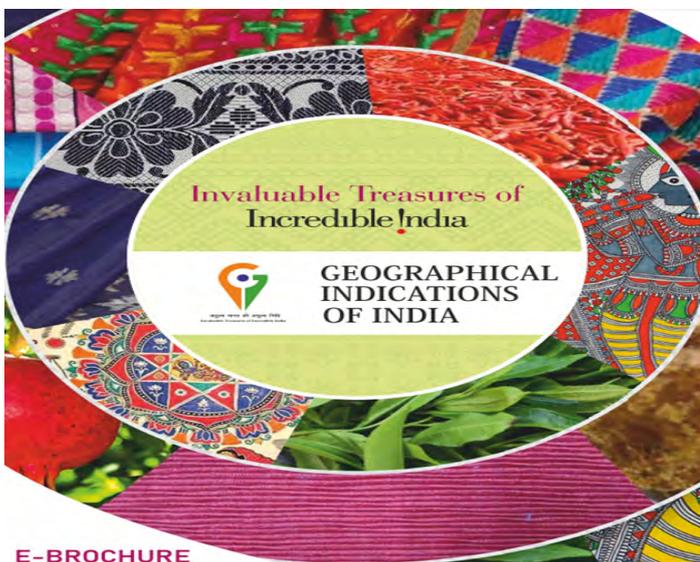
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The Government of India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) launched a website on Economic diplomacy. The website showcases India's economic, sectoral, and State-wise strengths that make for an attractive economic partnership. It aims to provide critical and relevant information on major economic indicators, central and state government policy updates as well as the latest business news and trade data.

Geographical Indications of India

India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF) has designed an e-brochure cataloguing detailed description of Geographical Indication (GI) products. The e-brochure provides description of the GE products, life-like images as well as contact details of some of their genuine producers and sellers. It also enunciates the unique and salient features of GI products, their historical origins and the efforts of our community behind the craft.



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News Articles

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

While presenting the Union Budget 2021-22 in Parliament on the 1st February 2021, the Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the 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.

Stressed Asset Resolution by setting up a New Structure

The Finance Minister stated that an Asset Reconstruction Company Limited and Asset Management Company would be set up to consolidate and take over the existing stressed debt and then manage and dispose off the assets to Alternate Investment Funds and other potential investors for eventual value realization. The move will help the Public Sector Banks to manage their stressed assets.

Recapitalization of PSBs

In order to consolidate the financial capacity of Public Sector Banks, the Government has proposed further recapitalization of US\$ 2.74 billion during the fiscal 2021-22.

Deposit Insurance

The Finance Minister further stated that the Government had, last year, approved an increase in the Deposit Insurance cover for bank customers from US\$ 1.37 thousand to US\$ 6.86 thousand. In order to help depositors of banks that are currently under stress, the Government will move an amendment to the DICGC Act, 1961 in the current Parliament Session to streamline the provisions, so that if a bank is temporarily unable to fulfil its obligations, the

depositors of such a bank can get easy and time-bound access to their deposits to the extent of the deposit insurance cover.

To improve credit discipline while continuing to protect the interest of small borrowers, for NBFCs with minimum asset size of US\$ 13.71 million, the minimum loan size eligible for debt recovery under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 is proposed to be reduced from the existing level of US\$ 68.57 thousand to US\$ 27.43 thousand, the Minister added.

India invites global defence and aerospace companies to set up manufacturing units: IBEF

India invited global defence and aerospace firms to establish manufacturing plants in the country, taking advantage of various government initiatives in the region. Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi stated that India provides limitless defence and aerospace capacity.

Mr. Modi wrote on Twitter, "Aero India is a brilliant forum for collaborations in these areas. The Government of India has initiated ground-breaking reforms in these fields, which will add impetus to our mission to become Aatmanirbhar (self-reliant)."

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of Aero India-2021, at Air Force Station at Yelahanka, Defence Minister Mr. Rajnath Singh invited global companies in the field to build production units in the country and leverage various initiatives taken by the government in the field.

Mr. Rajnath Singh said, "The central government has implemented several defence sector reforms since 2014 to create a favourable export, Foreign Direct Investment and offset discharge landscape. I have been told that about 540 exhibitors are engaging in the gathering, including 80 foreign companies, Defence Ministers, Delegates, Chiefs of Service and officials from more than 55 nations. This represents a growing optimism of the global community."

He further stated that it is pleasing to witness such as a large number of participants at this year's gathering, considering the constraints posed by the global pandemic. Aero India 21 will demonstrate

India's enormous potential and many prospects that our country provides in the defence and aerospace sectors.

First India-EU IPR dialogue held to strengthen relation and facilitate enhanced cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property Rights: Press Information Bureau

The 1st India-EU IPR dialogue was held on 14th January 2021 between the EU Commission and Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) through a virtual platform. The aim of the dialogue was to further strengthen the India-EU relation & facilitate enhanced cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property Rights.

The meeting was co-chaired by Sh. Ravinder, Joint Secretary, DPIIT and Mr. Carlo Pettinato, Head of Unit Investment & Intellectual Property, DG Trade, European Commission, jointly hosted by EU Commission and DPIIT. Senior government functionaries from Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Health and Department of Revenue from the Indian side, and several Directorate Generals of European Commission, from EU side, participated in the dialogue.

The India Co-Chair provided an overview of various IPR developments, with an aim to meet the objectives set forth in the National IPR policy 2016. He also reiterated importance of legislative reforms brought in by India to stimulate innovation and creativity among start-ups and MSMEs. Various initiatives taken up by the Indian government in this context were appreciated by EU representatives. The EU Co-Chair provided brief overview of DG Trade and the various activities being undertaken by them including IPRs in relation to Free Trade Agreements as well as effective enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights.

After the opening remarks, exchange of information concerning specific areas of IP regimes took place. Representative from EU provided an update on a recent directive on Copyright in the digital market keeping in pace with changing demands of industry. On Trademark, they presented the details about the dual system available in the region which provides flexibility to the owners.

Indian counterparts updated the functionaries on reduced pendency on trademarks and department's continuous efforts to further improve the process. Further, there were discussions on

plant protection and farmer's right and their importance for Indian economy. Representative from India also briefed on the various enforcement initiatives being taken by the government so as to ensure the right of the owners are respected.

Towards the conclusion of the dialogue, Co-Chairs thanked all the representatives for their participation and initiative in strengthening the bilateral relationship, particularly during the challenging times of the Covid19 pandemic, which is also an opportunity to bring the two nations closer through collaboration in the area of IP protection and its enforcement. It was emphasized that this dialogue is an effective platform to discuss key intellectual property issues that affect business entities and to identify areas for closer collaboration for mutual benefit of both economies.

Exports rise 5.37 pc in Jan; trade deficit narrows to \$14.75 billion: Financial Times

The country's exports grew 5.37 per cent year-on-year to \$27.24 billion in January 2021, mainly driven by healthy growth in pharmaceuticals and engineering sectors, according to provisional data of the commerce ministry.

Trade deficit during the month narrowed to \$14.75 billion from \$15.3 billion in January 2020. It was \$15.44 billion in December 2020.

Imports in January 2021 rose 2 per cent to \$42 billion. Exports of pharmaceuticals and engineering grew 16.4 per cent (\$293 million), and about 19 per cent (\$1.16 billion), respectively, the data showed. The other sectors which recorded healthy growth includes oil meals (253 per cent), Iron ore (108.66 per cent), tobacco (26.18 per cent), rice (25.86 per cent), fruits and vegetables (24 per cent), carpet (23.69 per cent), handicrafts (21.92 per cent), spices (20.35 per cent), ceramic products and glassware (19 per cent), tea (13.35 per cent), cashew (11.82 per cent), plastic (10.42 per cent), and chemicals (2.54 per cent).

Focus Sector

Biotechnology

India is among the top 12 destinations for biotechnology worldwide. The industry comprises >2,700 biotech start-ups and >2,500 biotech companies in the country. India has 665 FDA-approved plants the US; 44% of the global abbreviated new drug applications (ANDA) and >1400 manufacturing plants, which are compliant with WHO.

India is the largest producer of recombinant Hepatitis B vaccine and BT cotton (genetically modified pest resistant plant cotton).

Market Size

The Indian biotechnology industry amounted to US\$ 63 billion in 2019 and is forecast to reach US \$ 150 billion by 2025, with a CAGR of 16.4%. By 2025, the contribution of the Indian biotechnology industry in the global biotechnology market is

expected to grow to 19% from 3% in 2017.

The biopharmaceutical sector is the largest in the biotech industry accounting for ~62% of the total revenue, followed by bio-agriculture with 14% and bio-services with 18% in 2019.

Bio-services, which accounted for 16% of the biotechnology industry in India, is becoming a leading destination for clinical trials, contract research and manufacturing activities in the country.

Investments and Recent Developments

India allows 100% FDI under the automatic route (a non-resident or Indian company will not require any approval from the government) for greenfield pharmaceuticals and manufacturing medical devices. Some recent developments/

investments in the Indian chemical sector are as follows:

- Bharat Biotech plans to produce 10 types of vaccines including malaria and COVID-19 with a total investment of US\$ 40.54 million at its upcoming unit in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

- In September 2020, Aurobindo Pharma announced collaboration with BIRAC to develop the COVID-19 vaccine. The company is developing the vaccine through its wholly owned US subsidiary, Auro Vaccines.

- In September 2020, Thiruvananthapuram-based Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology announced that it will collaborate with the Kerala government to set up a US\$ 35.44 million medical devices park in Thonnakkal (Thiruvanthapuram)



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- In November 2019, Advent International, a private equity investor, acquired a majority interest in Bharat Serums and Vaccines Limited. This acquisition was aimed to strengthen and expand Bharat Serums offerings in India and global markets.

- In September 2019, German chemical and pharma major, Bayer AG, completed the integration of Monsanto's India business to form Bayer CorpScience Ltd. as a part of the US\$63billion mega deal.

- In September 2019, Biocon Ltd. acquired the Chennai-based research and development facility from Pfizer Healthcare India Ltd. through its subsidiary, Biocon Biologics. This acquisition was aimed to help Biocon accelerate its development of biosimilars from lab to pilot scale.

Government Initiatives

BIRAC

- Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) established by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is aimed at strengthening and empowering the emerging biotechnology enterprises to undertake strategic research and innovation.

- In October 2020, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. announced partnership with BIRAC, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, for advisory support on clinical trials of Sputnik V vaccine in India.

BiotechInitiatives:

National Biopharma Mission, 'Innovate India' 2017, a DBT programme worth US\$ 250 million.

ClinicalTrials:

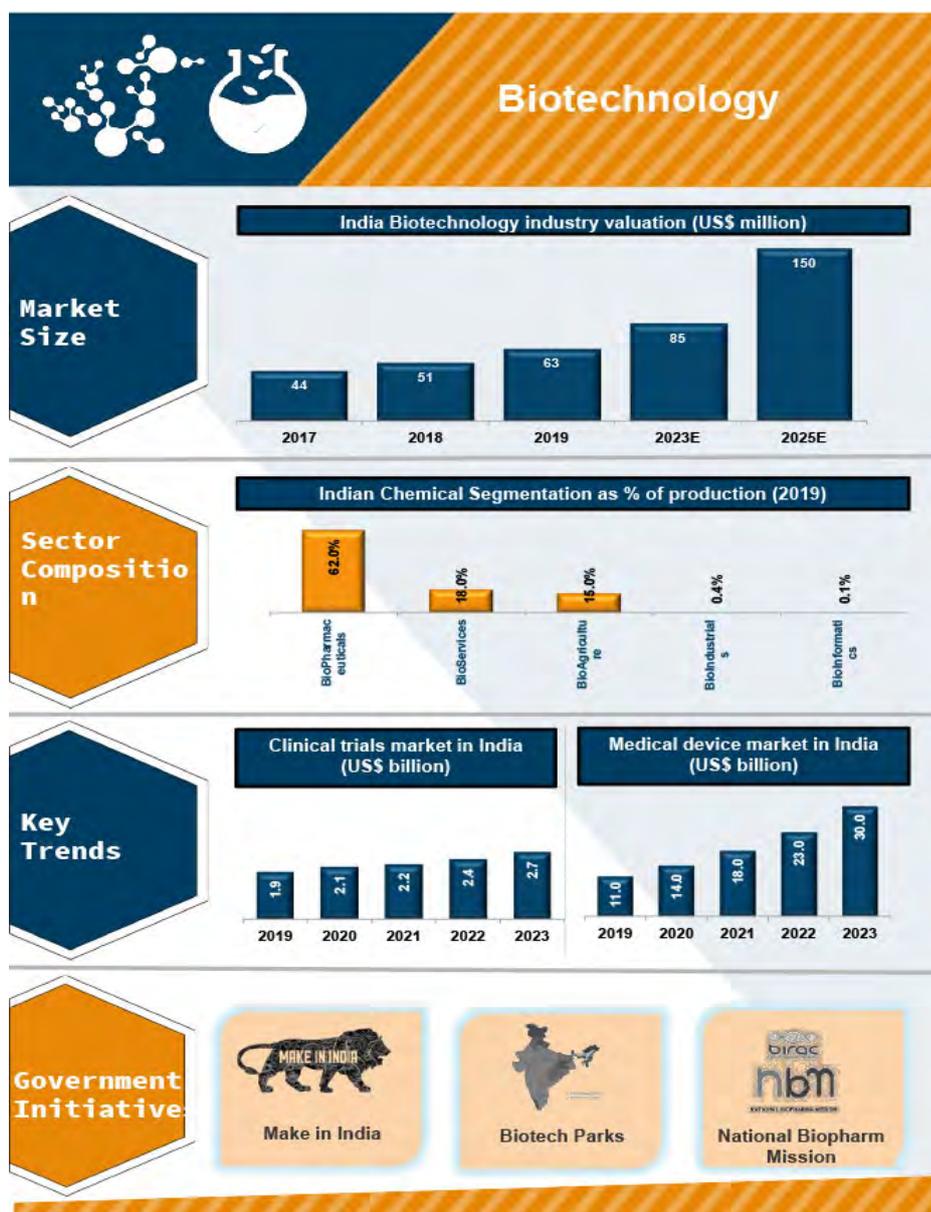
The Union Ministry for Health and Family Welfare introduced new Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, changing the regulatory landscape to approve new drugs and conduct clinical trials in the country.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) selected 12 institutes for the clinical trials of the country's first indigenous COVID-19 vaccine. In 2020, ICMR developed indigenous COVID-19 vaccine (BBV152 COVID) in partnership with Bharat Biotech International Limited.

BiotechParks:

Biotechnology Parks and Incubators are established across the country by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), under the Ministry of Science and Technology, to translate research into products and services by providing necessary infrastructure support. These biotechnology parks offer facilities to scientists, and small & medium sized enterprises (SMEs) for technology incubation, technology demonstration and pilot plant studies to accelerate the commercial development of biotechnology.

The government, at present, supports nine biotechnology parks in various states with the bulk being in the southern region of the country.





Indian State Economic Profile

KARNATAKA

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.

At current prices, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Karnataka is estimated to reach US\$ 258.37 billion in 2020-21. The GSDP of the state will increase at a CAGR of 11.56% between 2015-16 and 2020-21. The state's per capita GSDP was US\$ 3,595 in 2019-20. The per capita GSDP increased at a CAGR of 11.70% between 2011-12 and 2019-20.

Karnataka has 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, and engineering, food processing and aerospace.

Karnataka is the IT hub of India and home to the fourth largest

technology cluster in the world. It has 23 operational IT/ ITeS SEZs, five software technology parks and dedicated IT investment regions. Karnataka boasts of a diverse flora and fauna and a 320 km natural coastline, which makes it a nature tourist's paradise.

The state attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflow worth US\$ 46.61 billion between April 2000 and March 2020 according to the data released by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

Merchandise export from Karnataka reached US\$ 17.36 billion in 2018-19 and US\$ 12.94 billion in April-December 2019.

Karnataka offers a wide range of fiscal and policy incentives for businesses under the Karnataka Industrial Policy, 2014-19. Through the ESDM Policy 2013, the Government of Karnataka planned to facilitate, promote and develop the ESDM sector in Karnataka and make the state a preferred destination for investment in this sector. In September 2017, the government of Karnataka passed

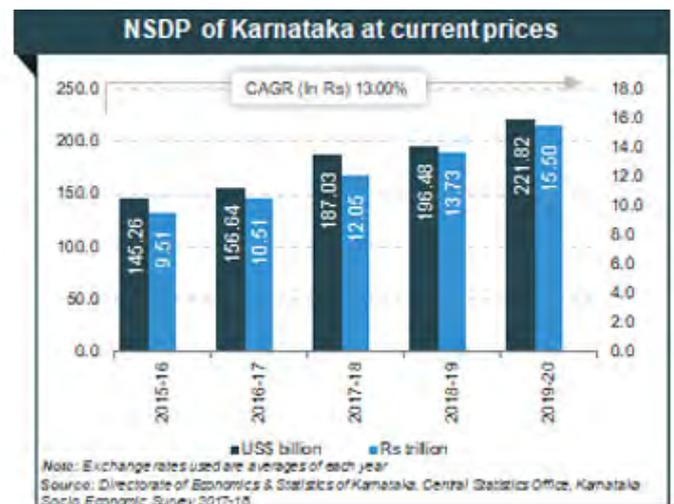
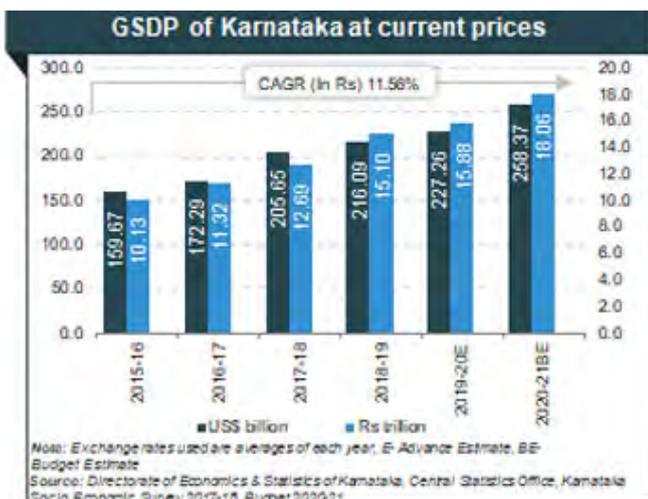
the 'Karnataka Electric Vehicle and Energy Storage Policy 2017'. Electric Vehicles manufacturing in Karnataka is expected to attract investment worth US\$ 4.82 billion and create 55,000 jobs.

Key Sectors:

- The Information Technology, Electronics and Communication department of the state has established a new IoT policy within the state with a view to attain a substantial market share in India's IoT market by 2020.

- Karnataka is the first state which came out with an aerospace policy in the country. Karnataka Aerospace Policy has identified an investment potential of US\$ 12.5 billion in this sector during 2013-23 and plans to develop aerospace clusters in different regions of the state.

- As of February 2020, the state has 32 operational, 52 notified SEZs and 63 formally approved SEZs. The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board has developed 141 industrial areas spread across the state. The state plans to develop and upgrade eight clusters around Bengaluru with an investment of US\$ 348.4 million in coming years.



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generate immense employment opportunities directly or indirectly, but also contribute in accelerating economic development. This would not only ensure showcasing of rich traditional and cultural heritage of the State but also would have cascading effect in development of other sectors. Jharkhand Tourism exclusively focuses on domestic and inbound tourism into Jharkhand to reassure the position of the State as a preferred tourist destination in India.

Places to Visit:

Jamshedpur

Also called Tatanagar, Jamshedpur is the largest city in Jharkhand. Located in the East Singhbhum district of Jharkhand on the Chotanagpur plateau, the city is named after Sir Jamshedji Tata who is credited with the foundation of this city at the beginning of the last century. One of the cleanest cities in India, Jamshedpur is a welcome break from the chaos of other Indian cities. Because of the high quality of life, standard conditions of sanitation and roads and welfare, it has been selected as a UN Global Compact City and is considered one of the best planned industrial cities in the country.

Ranchi

Ranchi, the capital city of Jharkhand offers startling richness and diversity of experience. It is located at an altitude of 2,140 feet in the valley of Chotanagpur. Ranchi has an

undeniable charm and its famous waterfalls, verdant hills and forest are excellent spots for photography and other recreational activities. This innovative city is impressively diverse. It is also the leaping off point for the Betla National Park that lures wildlife enthusiasts to this eastern state of India. As compelling as the capital can be, come, spend a few days at Ranchi. Getting around is incredibly easy via well-connected road and air routes.

Netarhat

Netarhat is a town in Latehar district in the Indian state of Jharkhand. Referred to as the “Queen of Chotanagpur”, it is a popular hill station. Tourists from all over India and abroad visit Netarhat, whose name means Nature's Heart. However, the place may have got its name from 'Netur Haat' (which means a marketplace for bamboo in the local language). Apart from bamboo, the pine and sakhua trees add to the flora.

Bokaro

Bokaro Steel City, often referred as the City of Scholars, is among the main industrial cities in Jharkhand and one of the most industrialized zones in India. It was formerly part of the

Manbhum District of East India during the British Raj. It houses the largest steel plant in India along with many other large, medium and small industries. Planned and conceived in 1959, the Bokaro Steel Plant employs thousands of people and the cosmopolitan town is home to all of them. The city has benefitted from organised planning and execution, throughout. Among Bokaro's many attractions are its lush green environment and quaint township features.

Dhanbad

Dhanbad District was constituted in 1956 by carving out the old Dhanbad subdivision, Chas and Chandankiyari police stations of the Sadar subdivision of the erstwhile Manbhum District. The coal capital, Dhanbad in Jharkhand also yielded relics of Buddhist statues along with an ancient pillar belonging to Ashokan times. It locates many temples, hills, rivers and rivulets, which are enjoyed as best weekend getaways by both locals and tourists. Chati Gobindpur village here enfolds two ancient pillars those are associated with Emperor Ashoka and the Afghan Chief Sher Shah. Then there is Bekar Bandh, known as a pretty pond enclosed by beautiful scenery, visitors enjoy the boating facility at this site. Lord Shiva is revered here as Pandewesha rMahadev, his temple is associated with a legend of the Pandavas, heroes of the Mahabharata era.

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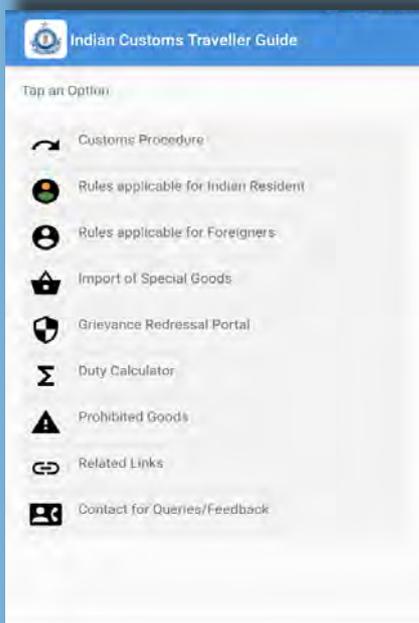
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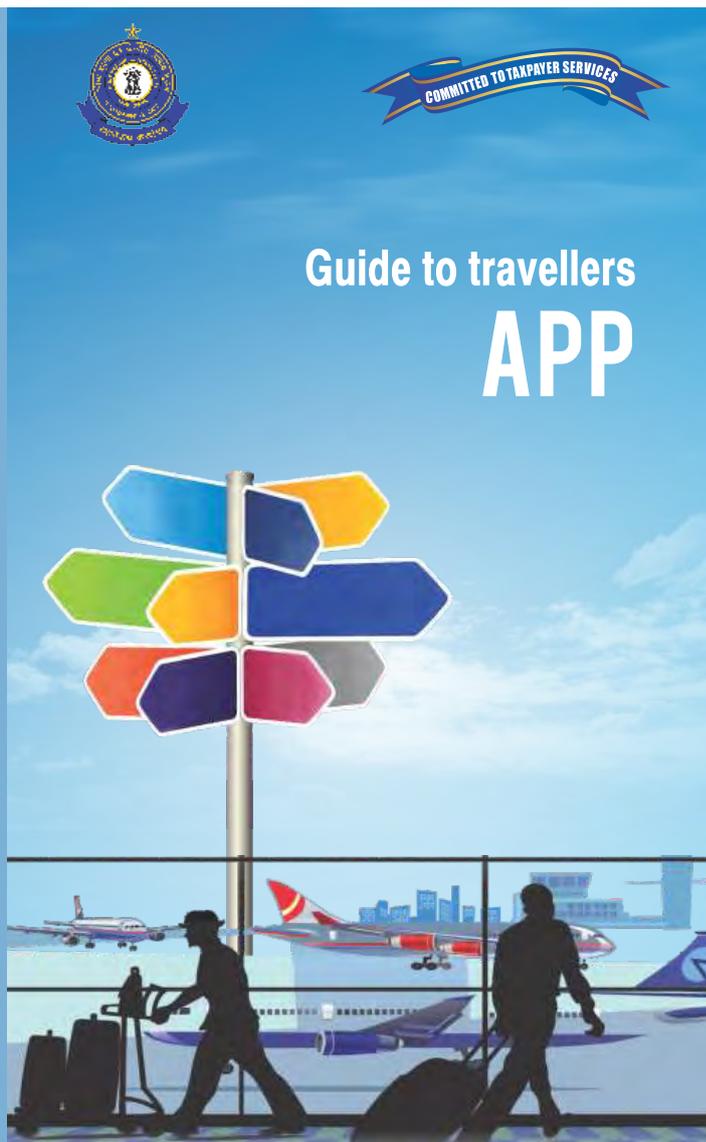
The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has launched mobile app "Indian Customs- Guide to Travellers" for dissemination of information about Customs Baggage Rules, 2016.

The application has been launched to inform traders, exporters and importers about Customs Baggage Rules, 2016.

It has been developed by Bengaluru Customs and is available on Android Play store, Apple Store and Windows Store.



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