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POLITY & GOVERNANCE

NATIONAL POLICY TO PROMOTE GLOBALLY IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE SYSTEMS (GIAHS) SITES IN INDIA

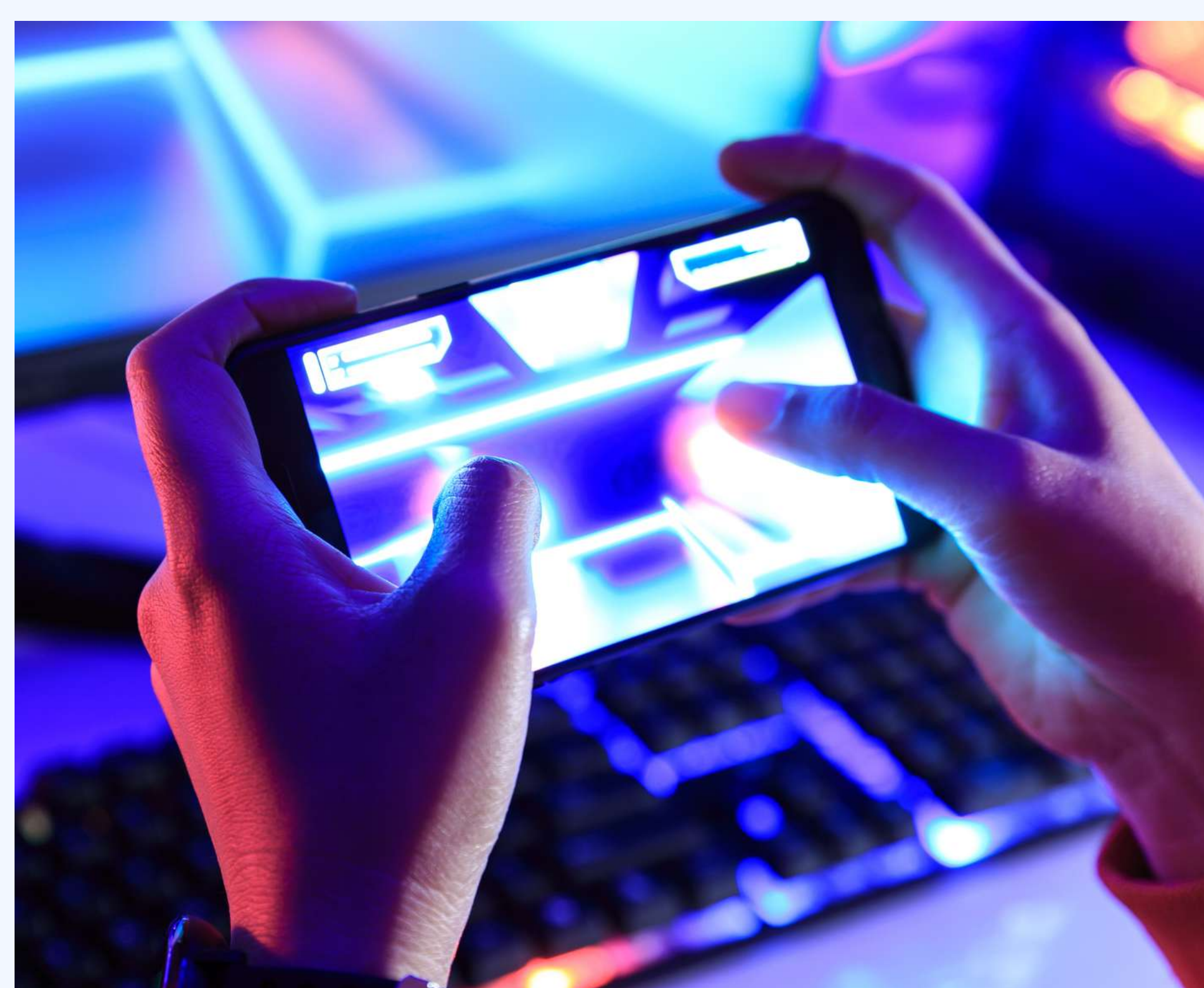
India's Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare informed recently that the nation hosts three Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) recognized by the FAO: the Koraput region in Odisha (paddy landraces, medicinal plants, and tribal knowledge systems), the Kuttanad farming system in Kerala (below-sea-level farming landscape), and the Saffron Heritage of Kashmir. These sites are supported by government schemes to aid economic revival, particularly of saffron cultivation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Globally Important
**AGRICULTURAL
HERITAGE**
Systems



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ONLINE GAMING BILL: A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION AIMED AT REGULATING ONLINE GAMING



Indian President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill. The Act aims to encourage e-sports and online social games while prohibiting harmful online money gaming services, advertisements, and financial transactions related to them. The objective of the Act is to protect individuals, especially youth and vulnerable populations, from the adverse social, economic, psychological and privacy-related impacts of such games. The Act also has a provision of complete ban on offering, operating, or facilitating online money games.

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ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

INDIA'S EIGHT CORE INDUSTRIES RECORD 2% GROWTH IN JULY

India's eight core industries grew by 2% in July 2025 compared to the same month last year, according to data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry. The growth was driven by higher production of steel, cement, fertilisers, and electricity. The eight core industries, which include coal, crude oil, natural gas, petroleum refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement, and electricity, account for 40.27% of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), serving as a key indicator of overall industrial growth.

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HOW INDIA'S TAX REFORMS ARE SHAPING THE INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE



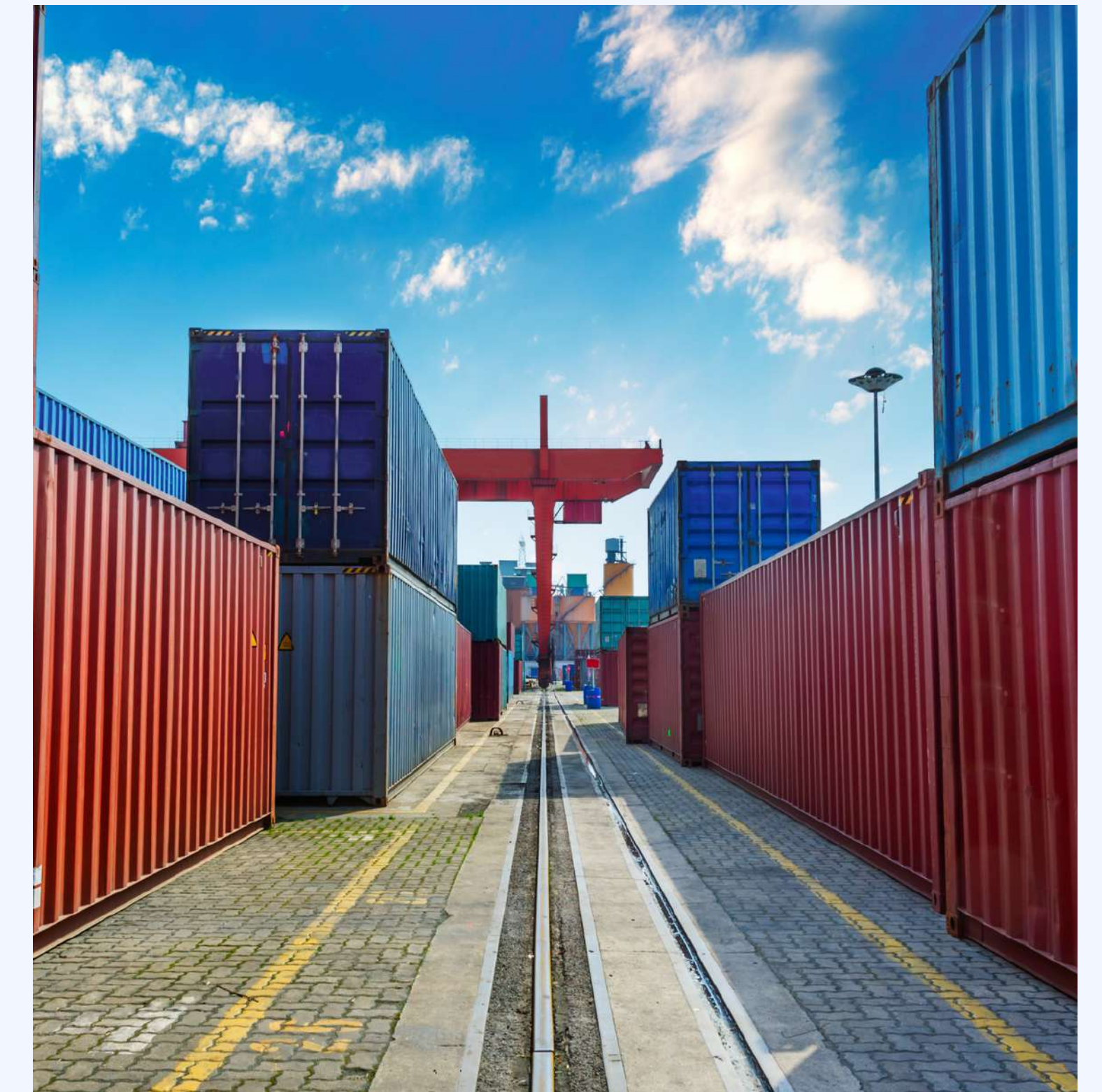
Invest India has shared an article outlining how Smart tax reforms, such as the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and lower corporate taxes, are restructuring how businesses currently operate and driving India's economy which is rapidly growing and modernizing.

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INDIAN PORTS BILL, 2025

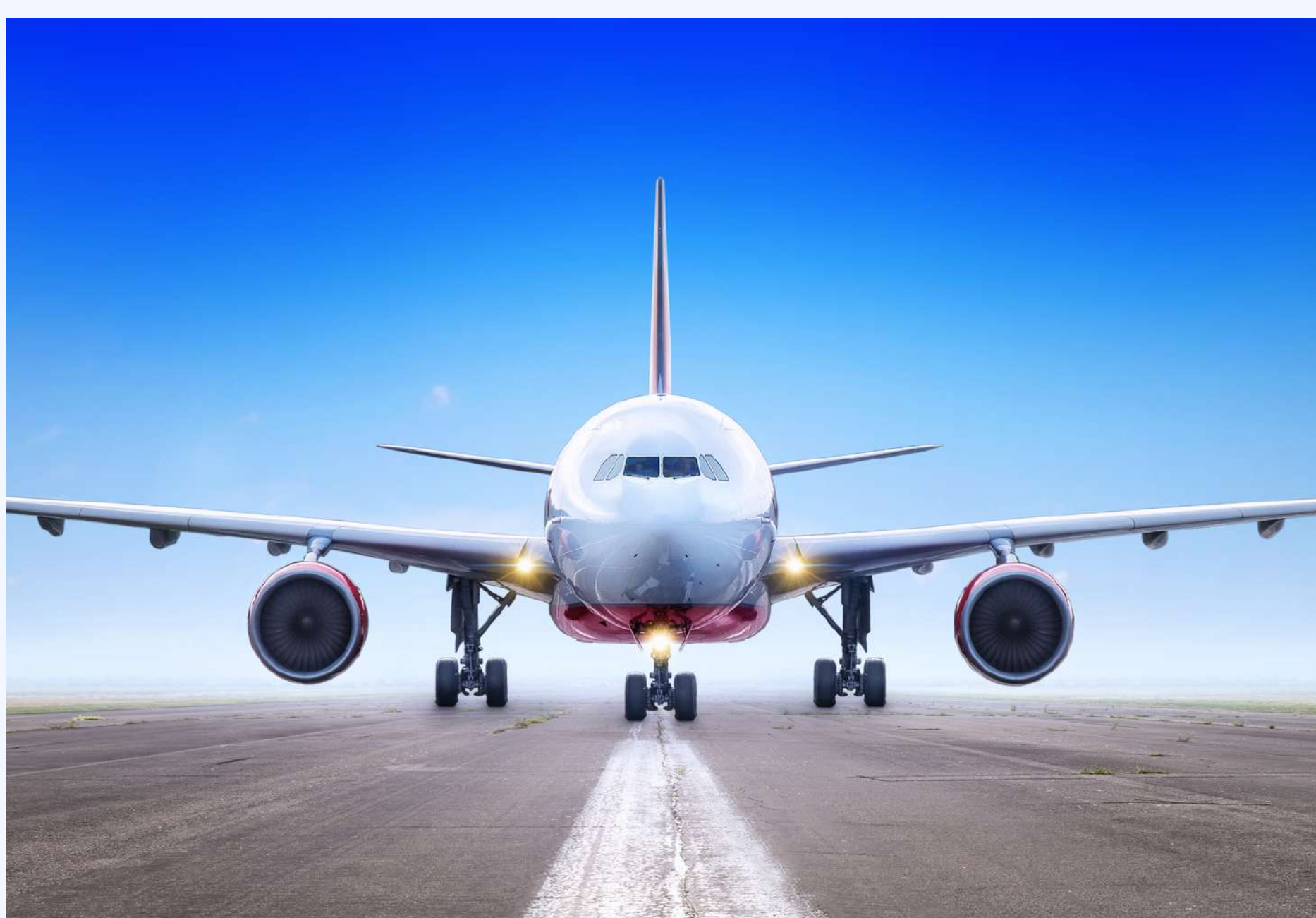
India is working on the legislation - Indian Ports Bill, 2025, to replace the colonial-era Indian Ports Act of 1908 with a modern framework to strengthen governance, Centre-State coordination, and investor confidence in India's maritime sector. With provisions for digitalisation, efficiency, and sustainability, it marks a milestone reform aligning India with leading maritime nations.

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INDUSTRY & SECTORAL INSIGHTS

INDIA'S AIRLINE INDUSTRY TO SEE 11-14% OPERATING PROFIT THIS FISCAL: CRISIL REPORT



India's domestic airline industry is expected to witness an operating profit of 11-14% this fiscal (FY26). The second half of this fiscal, which typically accounts for 50-55% of annual traffic, is expected to see faster growth, Crisil Ratings said in its report. According to the report, driven by lower operating profit, debt metrics of airlines will moderate this fiscal; however, overall credit profiles will remain stable, driven by healthy liquidity and planned equity infusion by some airlines.

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SURGE IN FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVALS

As per the information shared by the Bureau of Immigration, India has witnessed a strong surge in foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) post-pandemic. FTAs rose from just 1.52 million in 2021 to nearly 10 million in 2024. The sector's contribution to GDP improved sharply from 1.5% in 2020-21 to over 5% in 2023-24, and tourism-supported jobs expanded from 68 million to 84.6 million in the same period. The United States, Bangladesh, and the United Kingdom emerged as the top source markets, with strong growth also from Australia, Canada, and Southeast Asian nations.



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LOGISTICS EMERGES AS INDIA'S GROWTH ENGINE

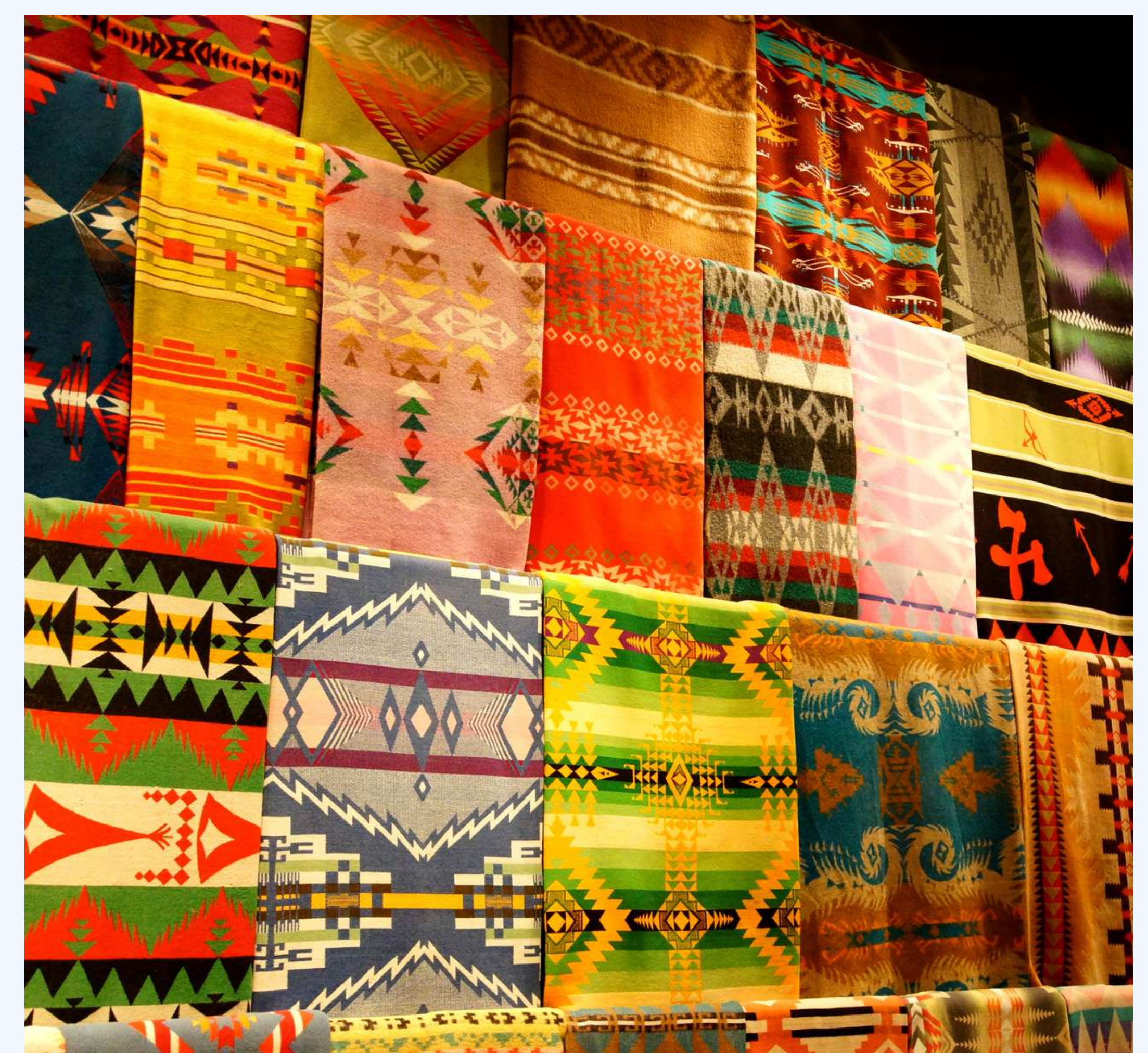


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The government's push for infrastructure development and digitalisation has accelerated growth, establishing India as a key logistics hub in Asia. India's logistics sector was valued at US\$ 215 billion in 2021. It is well-positioned for strong growth with an expected compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 10.7% till 2026. The government's decision to grant the sector infrastructure status has enabled access to cheaper, long-term funding, similar to roads and railways, further solidifying its significant role in the country's growth story.

INDIAN TEXTILE EXPORTS SHOW RESILIENCE AND GROWTH DESPITE MIXED GLOBAL TRADE SENTIMENTS

India's textile and apparel sector has continued to demonstrate resilience in July 2025, recording a steady growth trajectory. As per the data released by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIS), exports of major textile commodities in July 2025 reached US\$ 3.10 billion, marking a 5.37% year-on-year growth compared to US\$ 2.94 billion in July 2024. For the period April-July 2025, cumulative textile exports stood at US\$ 12.18 billion, reflecting a growth of 3.87% over the same period last year (US\$ 11.73 billion).



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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS



Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change informed that - India, as a Party to the UNFCCC, regularly submits reports on its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, with net emissions recorded at 2,646.6 million tonnes CO₂e in 2019 and 2,436.7 million tonnes CO₂e in 2020. Despite contributing less than 4% of global historical emissions and having per capita emissions only one-third of the global average, India remains committed to climate action guided by equity and CBDR-RC principles.

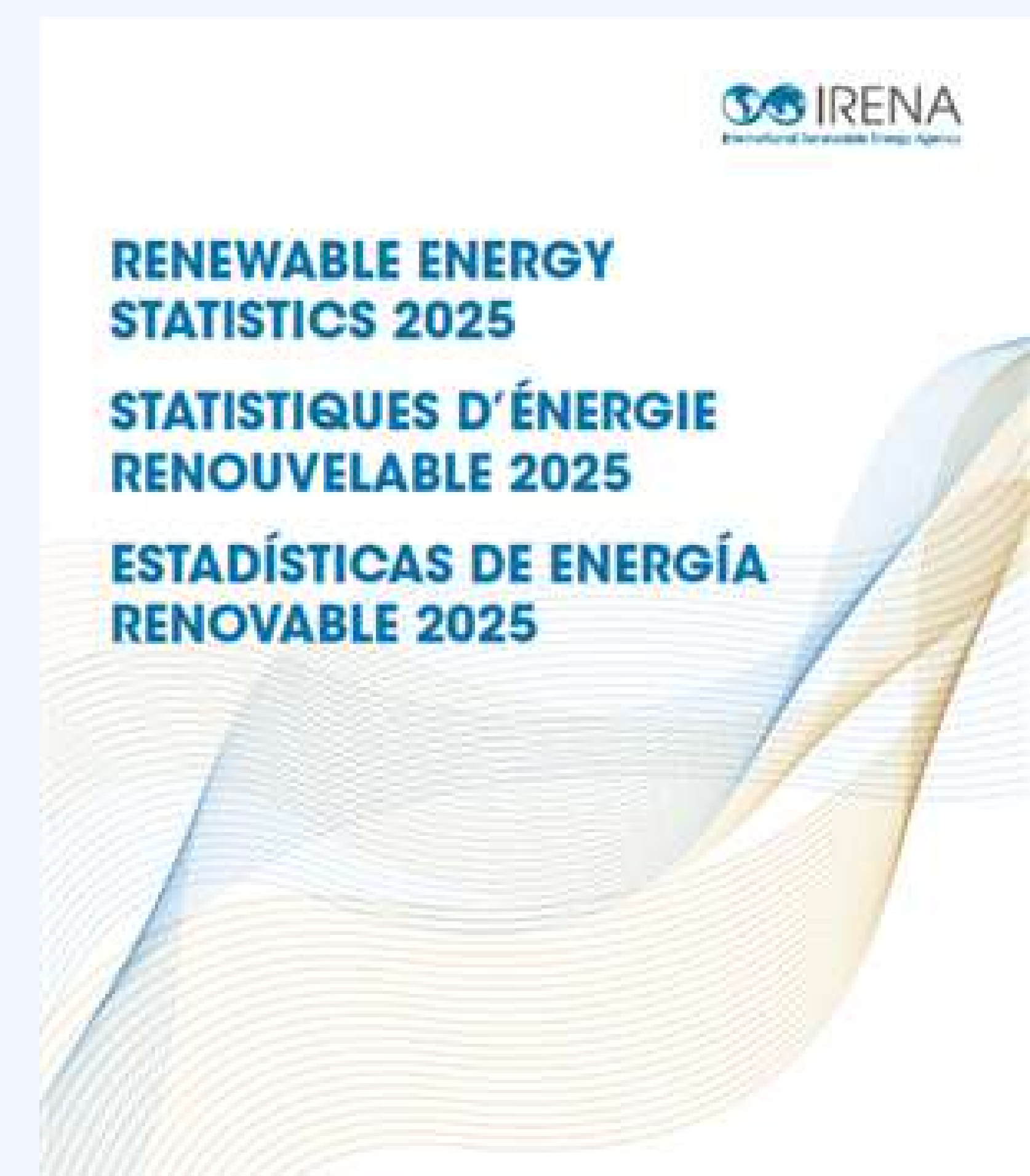
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THE SOLAR SURGE: INDIA'S BOLD LEAP TOWARDS NET-ZERO FUTURE

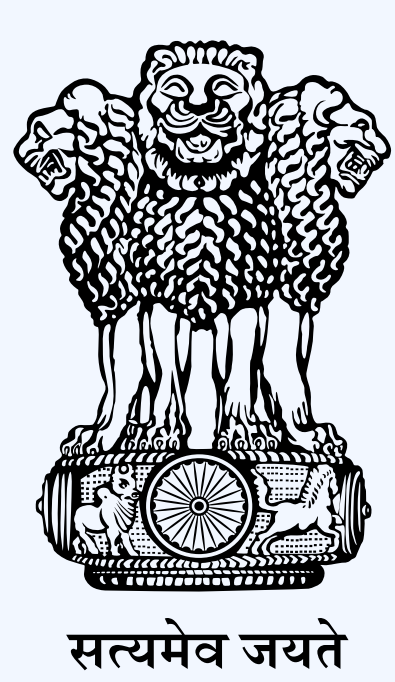
India has officially surpassed Japan to become the world's third-largest producer of solar panels. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), India generated 108,494 GWh of solar energy, leaving behind Japan's 96,459 GWh. As of July 2025, India's cumulative solar power capacity stood at 119.02 GW, which includes 90.09 GW from ground-mounted solar plants, 19.88 GW from grid-connected rooftop systems, 3.06 GW from hybrid projects, and 5.09 GW from off-grid solar installations, reflecting the country's diverse approach to expanding renewable energy.

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

CHATGPT MAKER OPENAI CONFIRMS PLANS TO OPEN INDIA OFFICE



ChatGPT maker OpenAI confirmed plans to open its first India office in New Delhi later this year, alongside new data highlighting the rapid adoption of its tools in the country. Opening an office in India reflects OpenAI's support for the government's IndiaAI mission and commitment to partnering with the government to build "AI for India, with India," the company said in a statement. India is ChatGPT's second-largest market by users, after the US, and one of its fastest-growing.

"The level of excitement and opportunity for AI in India is incredible. India has all the ingredients to become a global leader in AI. Amazing tech talent, a world-class developer ecosystem, and strong government support through the "IndiaAI Mission." Opening our first office and building a local team is an important first step in our commitment to make advanced AI more accessible across the country and to build AI for India, and with India," said Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI.

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DEEP OCEAN MISSION: INDIA'S GATEWAY TO OCEAN FLOOR

India's Department of Science & Technology informed that the design and integration of the human submersible (MATSYA-6000) to carry three persons to a depth of 6000 meters has been completed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai as part of the Deep Ocean Mission. The wet harbour trials of MATSYA-6000 were successfully conducted in January-February 2025. MATSYA-6000 is designed to include scientific pay loads to align with India's scientific exploration and observation activities for deep-sea living and non-living resources, including biodiversity and deep-sea minerals.

READ MORE: [MATSYA-6000](#) ; [DEEP OCEAN MISSION](#)



SPACE PROJECTS IN LADAKH



Indian Space Research Organization is realising Resourcesat-3 & 3A, Resourcesat-3S & 3SA, HRSAT, G20 Satellite and TRISHNA Satellite by 2027-2028, to improve remote sensing observations in the country, benefiting the Union Territory of Ladakh also. Data from in-orbit Indian Remote Sensing Satellites (Cartosat-2 series, Cartosat-3, Resourcesat-2 & 2A, RISAT-1A, INSAT-3DR & 3DS, Oceansat-3, SARAL and NISAR) are also available over India, including the Union Territory of Ladakh. Among the operational communication satellites, 12 satellites have the coverage over the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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QUANTUM COMPUTING

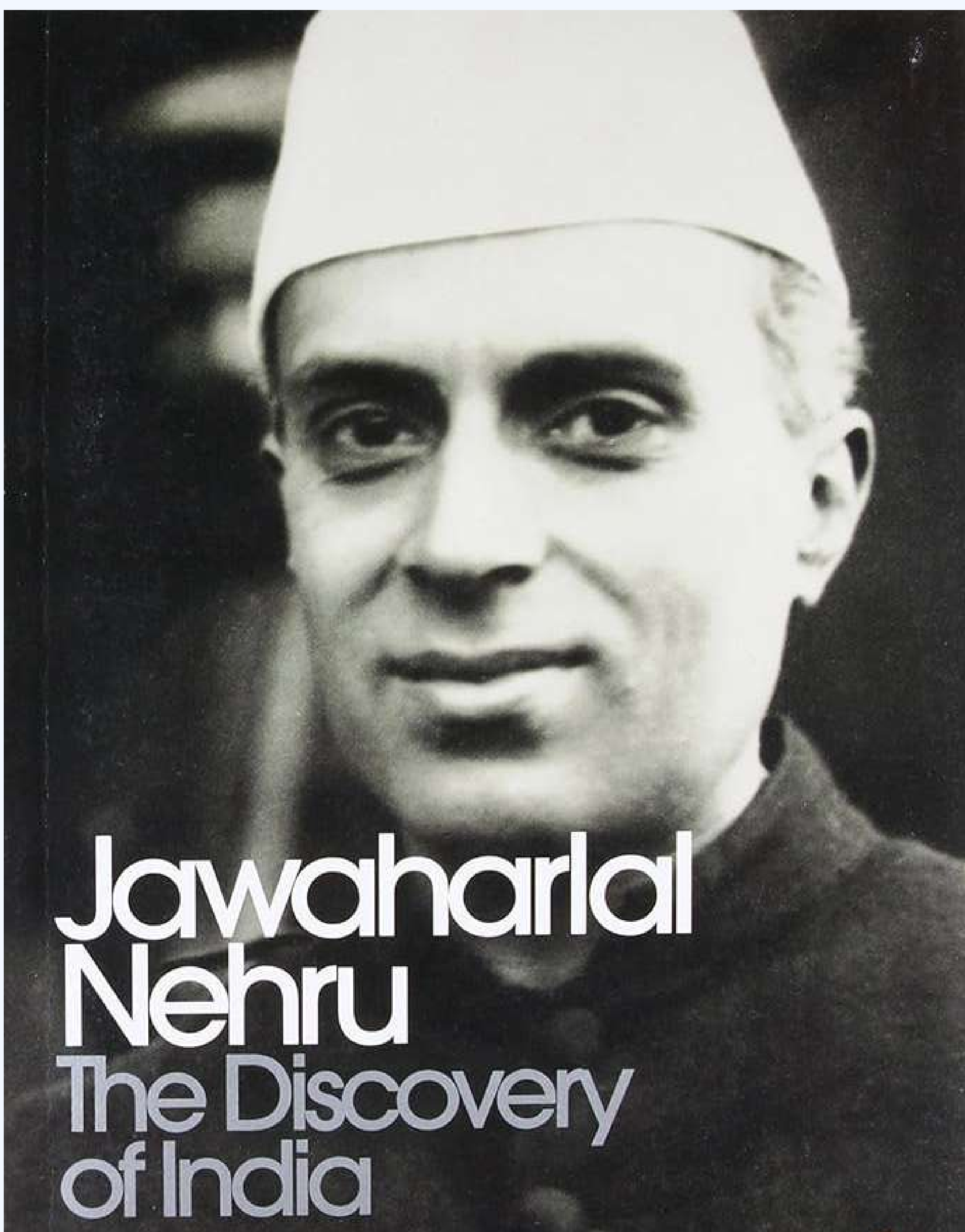
India's Department of Science and Technology is implementing the National Quantum Mission with an outlay of US\$ 72 million for a period of eight years. Under the Mission, four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) are established in the financial year 2024-25, each focusing on a specific domain of quantum technologies: namely Quantum Computing, Quantum Communication, Quantum Sensing & Metrology, and Quantum Materials & Devices.

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DID YOU KNOW?

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU ABOUT MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK



Jawaharlal Nehru, one of the principal leaders of India's independence movement and the first Prime Minister of independent India, admired Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and cited him as a model of modern leadership. During his incarceration, in Ahmदनagar Fort Prison in the early 1940s, Nehru wrote the book “The Discovery of India” delving deep into the sources of India's national personality. In the book, Nehru wrote about the way Atatürk dismantled the old structures and built a new, progressive Turkey on the foundations of secularism, science, and nationalism.

Nehru remarked, “Kemal Pasha was naturally popular in India with Moslems and Hindus alike. He had not only rescued Turkey from foreign domination and disruption but had foiled the machinations of European imperialist powers.” Nehru wrote about how during the Balkan Wars of 1912 and 1913, an astonishing wave of sympathy for Turkey roused all Indians. He also wrote about Dr. M. A. Ansari (a prominent Indian nationalist and political leader of that time) who led a strong medical mission to Turkey.



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EMBASSY & CONSULATE UPDATES



Consul General and team received Mr. Murtaza Kalender, President of Istanbul Tourism Association and his team, at the Consulate General of India, Istanbul to discuss avenues for strengthening tourism cooperation and deepening people-to-people ties between India and Türkiye.

Embassy of India, Ankara and Ankara Etkinlik conducted a special yoga session with 25 social media influencers.





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OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS

Consulate General of India, Istanbul will conduct Open House Sessions for beneficiaries of Consular Services, to raise grievances or seek clarifications related to consular matters such as Passport, Visa, OCI, attestations, and other related services.

- Daily Consular outreach & grievance redressal Open House by Consul (Cons) from 1000 hrs to 1200 hrs; and
- Monthly Open House on every 2nd Monday by Consul General from 1100 hrs to 1200 hrs

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