

News Letter

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

WORLD BANK STUDY ON INDIA'S MODEL FOR FAST, SYSTEMIC GAINS IN FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING

In a study titled “From ambition to results: India’s model for fast, systemic gains in foundational learning” the World Bank highlighted India’s progress in improving foundational learning and how systemic reform and collaboration have turned an ambitious national mission into measurable results. It noted how the NIPUN Bharat initiative (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy), launched in 2021, united every level of government to ensure all children can read and do basic math by Grade 3.



Within just two years, learning levels rose significantly across states. The visiting Global Coalition for Foundational Learning and African partners viewed India’s achievements as proof that large-scale education reform can succeed when rooted in political commitment, public accountability, and partnerships. The appreciation concludes that India’s model offers valuable lessons for other countries specially in Africa, on how to sustain progress, align systems, and make foundational learning a national priority.

Read More: [World Bank Study](#)

LUCKNOW DESIGNATED A UNESCO CREATIVE CITY OF GASTRONOMY



Lucknow has been added to the list of UNESCO creative cities for its rich and diverse culinary heritage. The city has been recognized in the category of Gastronomy at the 43rd session of its General Conference in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. The designation places Lucknow among 70 gastronomy cities worldwide and makes it the second Indian city to win the title after Hyderabad.

Read More: [Lucknow-UNESCO](#)

ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

NITI AAYOG RELEASES TWIN REPORTS ON INDIA'S SERVICES SECTOR: INSIGHTS FROM GVA AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS AND STATE-LEVEL DYNAMICS

India's apex public policy think tank NITI Aayog launched two inaugural reports under the Services Thematic Series. These Reports are one of the first dedicated assessments of the services sector from the macro lens of output and employment, going beyond aggregate trends to present disaggregated and state-level profiles. The services sector has become the cornerstone of India's economic growth, contributing nearly 55 per cent of national GVA in 2024-25.



The report finds that the spread of services-led growth is becoming more regionally balanced. While inter-state disparities in services sector shares have modestly widened, there is clear evidence that structurally lagging states are beginning to catch up. This emerging pattern of convergence suggests that India's services-led transformation is gradually becoming more broad-based and spatially inclusive.

Read Full Reports: [Insights from GVA](#) and [Employment Trends and State-level dynamics](#)

INDIA'S INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION RECORDS GROWTH OF 4.0% IN SEPTEMBER 2025

As per the official data, India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) recorded a 4.0% year-on-year growth in September 2025, driven mainly by a 4.8% rise in the manufacturing sector. Within manufacturing, the "Manufacture of basic metals" grew by 12.3%, while "Manufacture of electrical equipment" surged by 28.7%, reflecting strong industrial momentum. Sector-wise, growth in September stood at -0.4% for Mining, 4.8% for Manufacturing, and 3.1% for Electricity, with the overall industrial growth rate remaining steady compared to August 2025. The IIP Quick Estimate, released monthly, compiles data from production units across sectors and is subject to later revisions.

Read More: [Full Data](#)

AIRBUS IS "VERY BULLISH ON INDIA". PRAISES ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

Speaking at the Berlin Global Dialogue, Airbus Chairman Rene Obermann has said he is "very bullish on India," calling the country's engineering talent, ambition, and quality among the best in the world. Obermann described India as a strategic, long-term partner for Airbus and a vital pillar in the company's global supply chain.

Read More: [News Article](#); [About Berlin Global Dialogue](#)

INDUSTRY & SECTORAL INSIGHTS

INDIAN COFFEE GAINING POPULARITY GLOBALLY: PM MODI

During his monthly “Mann ki Baat” program, India’s Prime Minister Modi said that more and more coffee varieties are gaining popularity globally and are also helping cultivators in several parts of the country, from Chikmagalur, Coorg and Hassan in Karnataka to the areas of Pulney, Shevaroy, Nilgiri and Annamalai in Tamil Nadu. India’s coffee is grown over 490,000 hectares and produces 363,000 metric tonnes of coffee, Indian coffee is an export-oriented commodity, with 70% of the production being exported to more than 120 countries, earning US\$ 1.80 billion during 2024-25.

Read More: [PM’s Full Remarks](#)

NITI AAYOG UNVEILS “REIMAGINING MANUFACTURING: INDIA’S ROADMAP TO GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING”

India’s **Frontier Tech Hub of NITI Aayog** unveiled a roadmap titled “Reimagining Manufacturing: India’s Roadmap to Global Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing”. It lays out a sector-focused path to harness frontier technologies and elevate India’s manufacturing competitiveness. It identifies Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Advanced Materials, Digital Twins and Robotics as high-impact enablers and maps their implications across 13 priority manufacturing sectors. With targeted interventions, the roadmap envisions manufacturing contributing over 25% to India’s GDP, creating more than 100 million jobs, and positioning India among the top three global hubs for advanced manufacturing by 2035.



The NITI Frontier Tech Hub is an action tank for Viksit Bharat. In collaboration with over 100 experts from government, industry, and academia, it is shaping a 10-year roadmap across 20+ key sectors to harness frontier technologies for transformative growth and societal development.

Read Full Report: [India’s Roadmap to Global Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing](#)

ELECTRONICS COMPONENT MANUFACTURING SCHEME: DRIVING INDIA’S ELECTRONICS FUTURE

Indian government has approved Seven projects worth US\$ 63 million have been approved under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), expected to generate over US\$ 5.06 billion in output and create over 5,000 jobs. With this, total investment commitments under ECMS have reached US\$ 13.07 billion, double the original target. The approvals mark a major step in strengthening India’s electronics value chain and boosting domestic production of high-value components.

Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) Status as on 30.09.2025		
Parameter	Target under ECMS	Expected Outcomes (as per target set by the government)
Investment	Rs. 59,350 crore	Rs. 1,15,351 crore (~2X)
Production	Rs. 4,56,500 crore	Rs. 10,34,751 crore (~2.2X)
Employment	91,600 persons	1,41,801 persons (~1.5X)
Incentive Outgo	Rs. 22,805 crore	Rs. 41,468 crore (~1.8X)

Source: Ministry of Electronics and IT

Electronics has already become India's third-largest export category in FY 2024-25, reflecting the sector's rapid expansion. Launched in April 2025, the ECMS aims to attract domestic and global investments, enhance local value addition, and position India as a global hub for advanced electronics manufacturing.

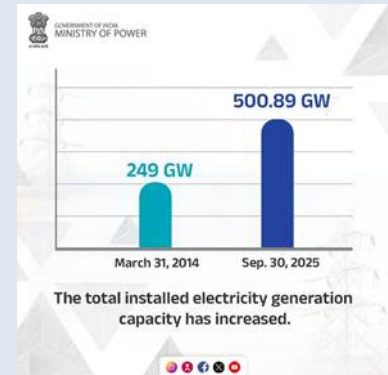
Read More: [Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme](#)

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

INDIA ACHIEVED HISTORIC MILESTONE IN POWER SECTOR: SURPASSES 500 GW AND RENEWABLE GENERATION EXCEEDS 50% OF DEMAND

India's power sector has reached two major milestones, marking steady progress toward a clean, secure, and self-reliant energy future. As of 30 September 2025, the nation's total installed electricity capacity crossed 500 GW, reaching 500.89 GW, a result of sustained policy support, investments, and coordinated efforts across the sector.

Notably, non-fossil fuel sources now account for 256.09 GW, or over 51% of total capacity, surpassing fossil-fuel-based sources at 244.80 GW. Within renewables, solar power contributes 127.33 GW and wind power 53.12 GW, underscoring India's clean energy expansion.



Read More: [India achieved Historic milestone in Power Sector](#)

8th INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE ASSEMBLY IN NEW DELHI



The 8th Session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly was held in New Delhi from 27-30 October 2025. Over 124 countries participated in the event, and over 40 Ministers from across the globe attended the session. The event will bring the global community together to deepen cooperation and accelerate solar adoption for a brighter and sustainable future. The member countries will reviewed progress, address challenges, and align actions toward one vision - affordable solar energy for all.

India is the 3rd world largest Solar Producer and the world 2nd largest market for renewable energy growth. More than 2 million households have already been benefiting from solar power on their rooftop.

Read More: [8th Session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly](#)

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

INDIA LAUNCHES HEAVIEST MILITARY COMMUNICATION SATELLITE CMS-03 FROM SRIHARIKOTA



India's space agency ISRO successfully launched the LVM3-M5 rocket from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on 02 November 2025. The rocket carried CMS-03, the country's heaviest communication satellite ever sent to space. It marked the fifth operational flight of the LVM3 launcher. Weighing about 4,400 kilograms, CMS-03 is India's heaviest communication satellite ever launched to a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO), the satellite will provide multi-band communication services across India and nearby ocean regions and will boost secure data, voice, and video links for both civilian and strategic use.

ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan praised the team and said the launch shows India's strength in building and launching heavy satellites.

Read More: [ISRO successfully launches LVM3-M5](#)

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