

# Newsletter

## POLITY & GOVERNANCE

### **PM MODI, AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR CHRISTIAN STOCKER HOLD DELEGATION-LEVEL TALKS, SIGN KEY AGREEMENTS**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Austrian Chancellor Christian Stocker held delegation-level talks during the visit of the latter to India (14-17 April 2026), resulting in the signing of several key agreements to boost bilateral cooperation. The discussions emphasized economic engagement, technological collaboration, and strengthening ties in sectors such as green energy, digital innovation, and infrastructure development. Both leaders also exchanged views on international issues, including geopolitical developments in West Asia and the ongoing Ukraine conflict. The agreements signed during the visit are expected to provide a structured framework for long-term cooperation and increased trade and investment between the two countries.

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### **STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA H.E. LEE JAE MYUNG TO INDIA**



President of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Lee Jae Myung, is on a State Visit to India from 19-21 April 2026. The visit is aimed at strengthening the India-Republic of Korea Special Strategic Partnership. The visit includes high-level meetings with Indian leadership, focusing on expanding cooperation in trade, defence, technology, and supply chains. Discussions are also expected to cover regional security, Indo-Pacific cooperation, and global challenges. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening economic ties and enhancing collaboration in emerging sectors such as semiconductors, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing.

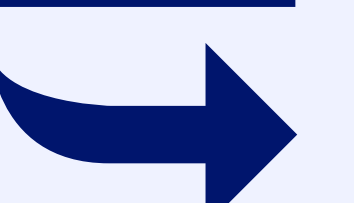
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### **INDIA SENDS 13 TONNES OF BCG VACCINES TO SUPPORT AFGHANISTAN'S CHILD IMMUNISATION DRIVE**



India has announced that it has supplied 13 tonnes of Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccines along with related dry materials to Afghanistan, aimed at strengthening the country's child immunisation programme against tuberculosis. The consignment was delivered to Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health and is intended to augment Afghanistan's ongoing efforts to protect children from tuberculosis through vaccination.

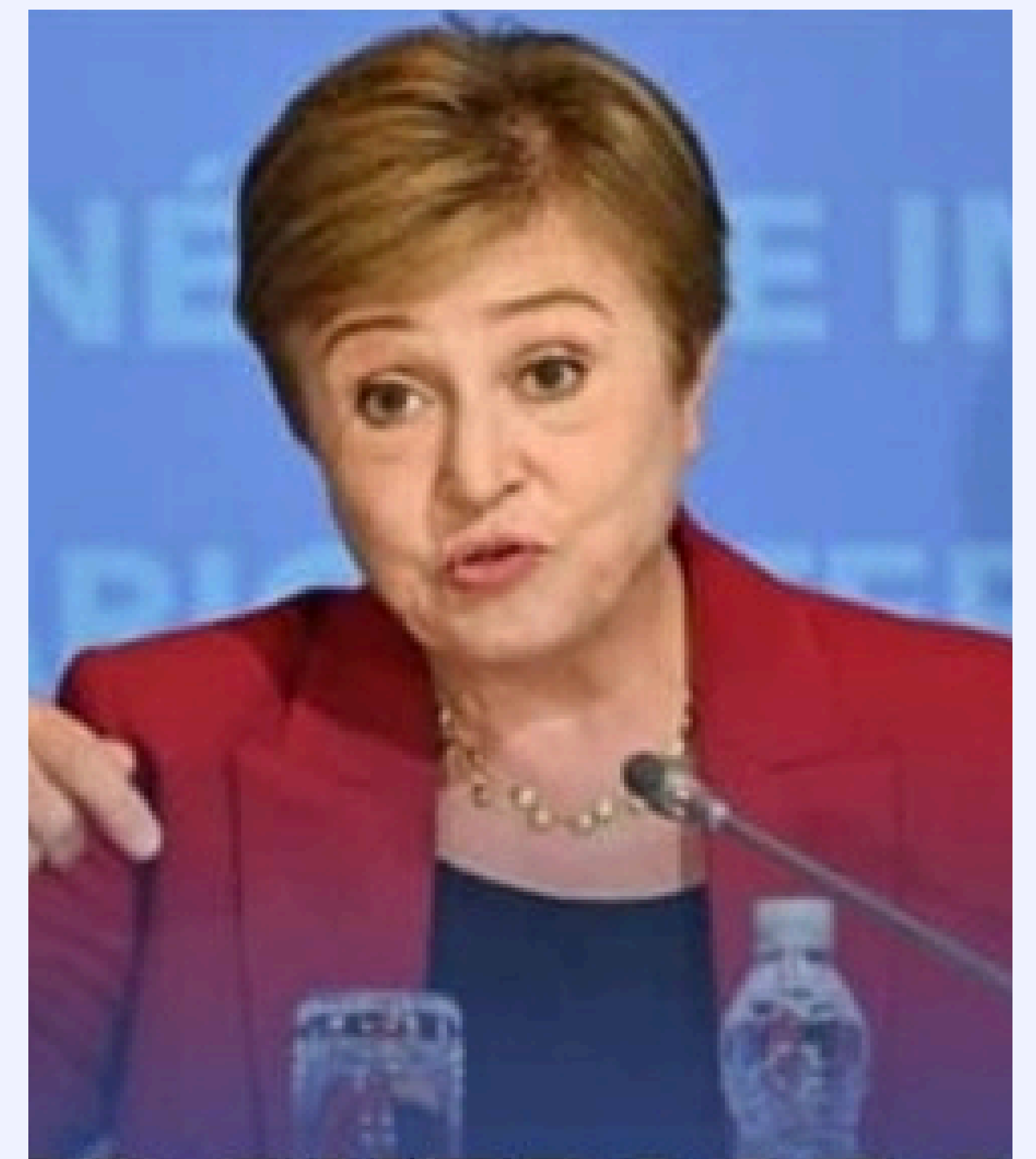
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## **ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT**

### **INDIA TO OUTPACE GLOBAL GROWTH DESPITE UNCERTAINTY: IMF**

International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said India is likely to remain a key driver of global growth despite rising uncertainty in the international economic environment. She noted that India's expansion is projected to outpace the global average by a wide margin, underpinned by solid economic fundamentals. Commenting on the outlook, Georgieva said there are no signs of a sharp slowdown in India's growth path, even as the global economy faces headwinds from geopolitical tensions and supply disruptions linked to the West Asia conflict. She attributed India's resilience to factors such as macroeconomic stability and robust domestic demand, which continue to support momentum.



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### **INDIA'S TRADE SURPLUS WITH US NARROWS IN FY26, EXPORTS TO CHINA SURGE**



India's trade surplus with the United States narrowed in the financial year 2025-26 despite marginal growth in exports, as imports from the US rose sharply, according to data released by the Commerce Ministry. India's exports to the US stood at US\$ 87.31 billion during April 2025-March 2026, compared to US\$ 86.51 billion in the previous financial year. However, imports from the US increased significantly to US\$ 52.90 billion, up from US\$ 45.63 billion. As a result, India's trade surplus with the US declined to US\$ 34.41 billion in FY26, from US\$ 40.88 billion in FY25. Despite the dip, the United States continued to remain India's top export destination. Other major export markets included the UAE, China, the Netherlands, the UK, Singapore, Germany, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, and Hong Kong.

Exports to China recorded a strong rise during the year, reaching US\$ 19.48 billion, compared to US\$ 14.25 billion in FY25, marking a growth of 36.7%. China emerged as the fastest-growing export destination among India's major trading partners. However, imports from China remained substantially high, increasing to US\$ 131.63 billion in FY26 from US\$ 113.45 billion in the previous year.

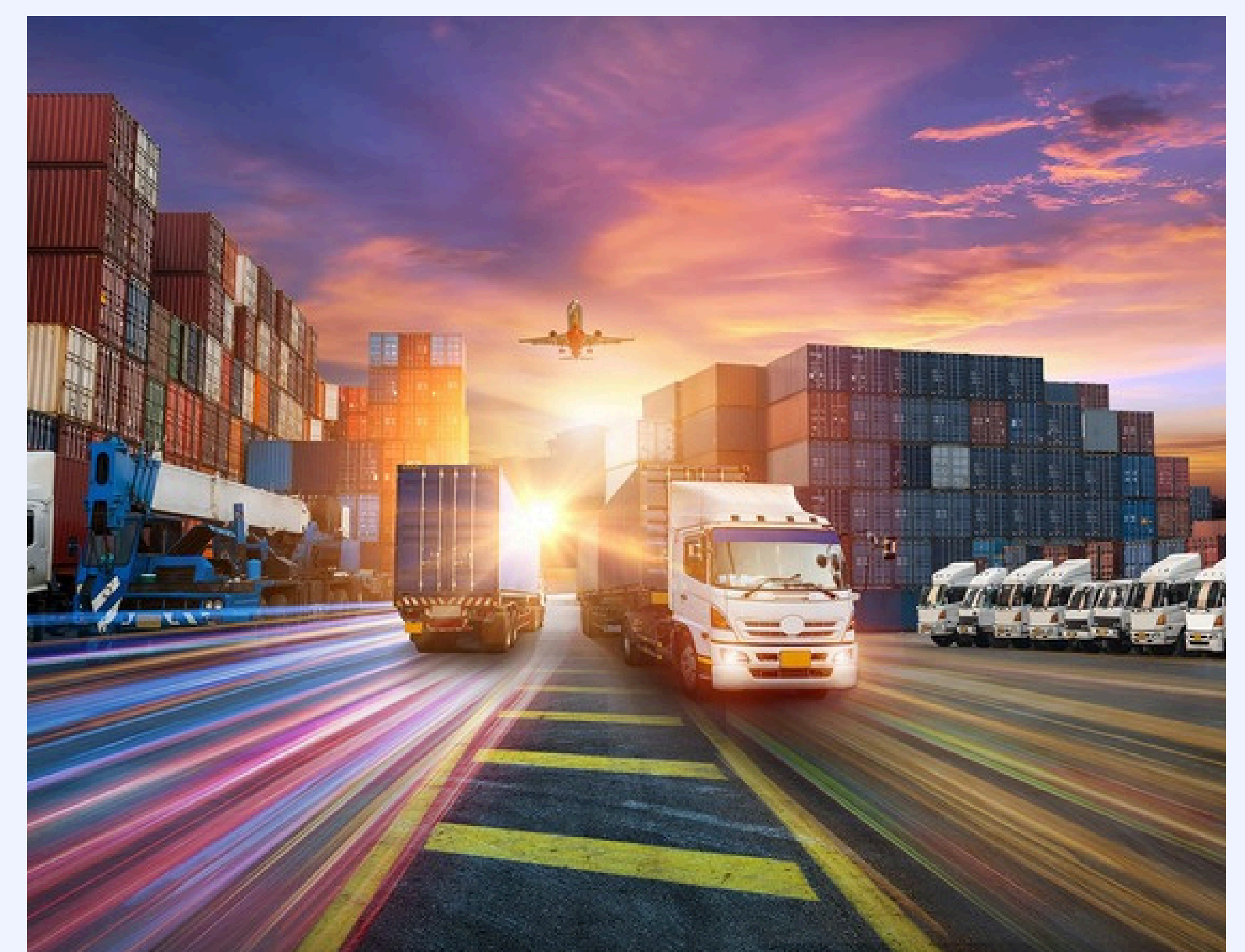
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## **INDUSTRY & SECTORAL INSIGHTS**

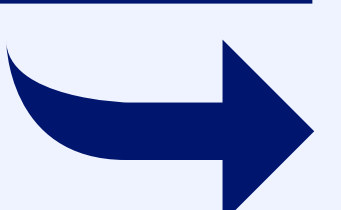
### **INFRASTRUCTURE & LOGISTICS: THE BACKBONE OF INDIA'S NEXT DECADE OF GROWTH**

In an article, Invest India - the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency of the Government of India, highlighted how as the fastest-growing major economy globally, India is expected to grow by 6.6% in 2025 and 6.2% in 2026. The country's long-term growth is increasingly influenced by the scale, quality, and depth of its infrastructure systems.

It explained that from a predominantly consumption-driven economy to one anchored in large-scale capital formation, India's growth strategy has undergone a structural shift. This transition has placed infrastructure at the heart of national planning, with sustained investments directed towards modernising the country's connectivity backbone. Over the past decade, the government has launched major initiatives to develop an integrated network covering roads, railways, aviation, ports, inland waterways, metros, urban mobility, and multimodal logistics.



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## INDIA CHAIRS BRICS HEALTH MEET, PITCHES LIFESTYLE, MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS



India's Union Health and Family Welfare held the first Health Working Group (HWG) meeting under the BRICS framework for 2026 on 15 April 2026, bringing together senior health officials and delegates from nine member nations to advance cooperation on public health priorities ranging from tuberculosis research to digital health architecture and mental wellness. The virtual meeting, which was chaired by Union Health Secretary Punya Salilla Srivastava, with participation from Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, the United Arab Emirates, and Indonesia, reflected the expanded BRICS membership that now spans four continents. As BRICS Chair for 2026, India has anchored its presidency around the theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability', a framework rooted in the people-centric approach.

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## TEXTILES MINISTRY LAUNCHES 'VISHWA SUTRA' TO PROMOTE INDIAN HANDLOOMS GLOBALLY

India's Ministry of Textiles has launched an initiative called 'Vishwa Sutra: Weaves of India for the World'. The initiative has been developed by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) in collaboration with the National Institute of Fashion Technology. It aims to present Indian handlooms in a contemporary global design framework. Under this initiative, 30 distinct handloom weaves from across the country have been brought together, each representing a different state. These weaves have been creatively reinterpreted with design inspirations drawn from 30 countries, reflecting diverse cultures and modern fashion sensibilities.



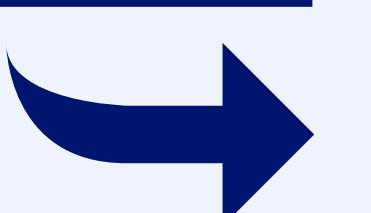
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## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

### INDIA'S DATA CENTRE MARKET TO MORE THAN DOUBLE TO REACH US\$ 22 BILLION BY 2030

India's data centre market, valued at approximately US\$ 10 billion in 2025, is expected to more than double to US\$ 22 billion by 2030, underscoring the strong growth trajectory and rising investor confidence in the sector, a report showed on Monday. India is emerging as a strategic data centre hub within the Asia-Pacific region. India's data centre market is expected to witness sustained expansion over the next decade as digital transformation accelerates across industries. Installed capacity is projected to reach 1.7-2.0 GW by the end of 2026, backed by nearly US\$ 30 billion in investments. This number is further expected to rise to 4-5 GW by 2030, the report said. With single-window clearances, 20-year tax exemptions, GST benefits, and incentives extending to 2047, India is strategically positioned to emerge as a global data centre and AI hub. Between 2020 and 2024, the sector attracted approximately US\$ 13-15 billion in investments, with foreign institutional investors accounting for nearly 80% of the total capital inflows. The investment pipeline remains strong, with announced projects totalling US\$ 6-70 billion over the next five years, largely driven by hyperscale platforms and joint venture developments.

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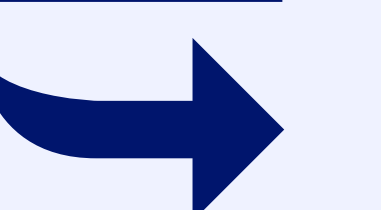


**G20 SATELLITE IS EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED IN 2027: ISRO CHAIRMAN**

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman V. Narayanan has said that the G20 satellite, designed to study climate and air pollution and monitor weather, is expected to be launched in 2027. He said India is the first country to succeed in placing more than 100 satellites using a single rocket without any collision. He said India is taking the lead role in the launch of the G20 satellite for the G-20 countries.

Dr Narayanan also said that ISRO is working towards sending a human to the moon by 2040. He said if ISRO makes it happen by 2040, India will be on par with any other space-faring nation in terms of launcher technology, satellite technology, application area, and human space flight program. According to Dr Narayanan, ISRO is in the process of making a 2.2 metre diameter, 100 mm thick titanium vessel for Samudrayaan, a project for the Deep Ocean Mission.

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## EMBASSY & CONSULATE UPDATES



An India-Türkiye Roundtable on cooperation in films and cinema was held in Istanbul, as part of Istanbul Film Festival's 'Meetings on the Bridge'. The round table discussion was led by Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi and Director General Birol Güven of the Ministry of Culture & Tourism.



Commercial Officer and team attended EXPOMED Eurasia being organised by Tüyap in Istanbul during 16-18 April 2026. They also met and interacted with the Indian companies participating in the event.



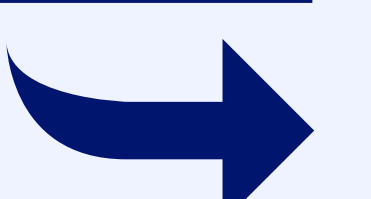
Embassy of India in Ankara held an outreach event for Indian students in Türkiye! Indian students studying in Türkiye came together to talk about their issues, share their experiences, and get in touch with the Embassy.



Mr. Arda Batu, Secretary General, and Ms. Nazan Bütüner, Program Director, from TURKONFED (Turkish Business Confederation) visited the Consulate and met the Consul General



Consulate General of India in Istanbul paid respectful homage to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution and a great social reformer, on the occasion of his birth anniversary.



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Consul General & Commercial Officer met Mr. Emin Fadilliođlu, CEO, Eczacıbaşı Pharmaceutical and Industrial Investment, and his team.

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