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POLITY & GOVERNANCE

India Ranks Among World's Most Equal Societies

According to the recently released World Bank's Gini Index - an index that measures the extent to which the distribution of income or consumption by households in an economy deviates from a perfectly equal distribution, India is the world's fourth most equal society, more equal than every member of the developed G7 and the wider G20. India's progress towards greater income equality is backed by a series of focused government initiatives that aim to improve financial access, deliver welfare benefits efficiently, and support vulnerable and underrepresented groups.

Read more: World Bank Report; India's Story on Bridging Inequality (PIB)

India's TPDS One of the World's Largest Social Assistance Programs - ILO Report

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO)'s World Social Protection Report (WSPR) 2024-2026, India's Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) stands out as one of the world's largest in-kind social assistance programs. It legally ensures food security for nearly 800 million people. The report highlights how TPDS plays a central role in India's broader social protection framework by reaching a vast segment of the population with essential food supplies. India's social security coverage has increased from 19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025, an unprecedented 45 percentage point surge over the past decade.

Read more: <u>ILO - World Social Protection Report 2024-26</u>

India takes over BRICS Presidency

Following the 17th Summit in Brazil, India would be taking over the Chair of BRICS next year. In this context, Prime Minister stated that India would give priority to the global south in its agenda and focus on people-centric and "humanity first" approach. Prime Minister further stated that under India's presidency, it would endeavor to present BRICS in a new form and the acronym would stand for - Building Resilience and Innovation for Cooperation and Sustainability.

Read more: **PMO**

ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

NITI Aavog launches 'Chemical Industry: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains'

National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), the apex public policy Think Tank of the Government of India released a report titled "Chemical Industry: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains". This report offers an extensive analysis of India's chemical sector, highlighting both opportunities and challenges, and outlining a pathway for positioning India as a key player in global chemical markets.

Full report: Chemical Industry: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains

India Launches US\$ 120 billion Employment-Linked Incentive Scheme to Create 35 Million Jobs

India's Union Cabinet approved around one lakh crore rupees (~ US\$ 120 billion) Employment-Linked Incentive scheme to boost employment generation in the country. The scheme is aimed at incentivising the creation of over 35 million jobs in the country over a period of two years. Out of these, 19.2 million beneficiaries will be first timers, entering the workforce. The scheme also aims to generate employment and provide social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector.

Read more: ELI Scheme (PIB)

India's Steel Sector Powers Infrastructure Boom and Green Growth

India's revitalized steel sector is playing a crucial role in the country's infrastructure growth and economic transformation. With production nearly doubling since 2014, steel is now central to projects like highways, airports, metro networks, and housing. Government initiatives have boosted domestic use, reduced imports, and attracted major investments. The sector is also aligning with clean energy goals through green steel initiatives. Positioned as a pillar of self-reliance, sustainability, and innovation, steel is driving India's rise as a global economic force.

Read more: Article by Minister Of Heavy Industries and Steel

MSME Sector Drives India's Economic Engine with Growth and Employment

MSME sector accounts for 30.1% of India's GDP, 35.4% of manufacturing and 45.73% of exports in the country. India's Union MSME Minister addressing a press conference said that about 65 million MSME units have together provided employment opportunities to 280 million people till date and that the number of MSME units have increased fifteen times in the last five years.

Read more: PIB

Bharat Mobility Global Expo

The third edition of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo (BMGE) is scheduled to be held from 4th to 9th February 2027 in the National Capital Region of Delhi. The event aims to bring together various stakeholders from across the mobility spectrum, including industry representatives, policymakers, and technology experts. BMGE has evolved as a comprehensive platform for showcasing developments across the automotive and mobility value chain.

Read more: About the Expo

India Launches RDI Scheme to Power Innovation in Sunrise and Strategic Sectors

In a transformative step to bolster research and innovation ecosystem, India approved the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme with a corpus of one lakh crore rupees (~ US\$ 120 billion). Aimed at encouraging R&D in sunrise and strategic sectors, the scheme will support high-tech projects, critical technology acquisition, and establish a Deep-Tech Fund of Funds. It seeks to enhance self-reliance, global competitiveness, and support India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Read more: <u>About RDI Scheme (PMO)</u>

Global Corporations Expanding Operations in India in 2025

India witnessed a historic \$81 billion worth of foreign investments in FY24-25, reinforcing the country's status as a top global investment destination. Driven by strong economic growth, a growing middle class, and supportive policies, major multinational companies are expanding operations across India. Key international corporations such as Airbus, Microsoft, Apple, Foxconn, Amazon, Samsung, NTT Data (digital infrastructure), Nissan-Renault and Nestlé are investing billions into manufacturing and local expansion. These moves underscore India's rising importance in global supply chains and technology ecosystems.

Read more: Article by Invest India; About Invest India

Amazon to invest US\$ 233 Million to strengthen India operations network

Amazon will invest over US\$ 233 million in India in 2025 to strengthen its operations network, focusing on infrastructure upgrades, employee well-being, and advanced technology. Amazon had already established a significant presence in India over more than a decade, building one of the country's most expansive logistics and operations networks. Amazon's first fully owned campus ourside USA is located in Hyderabad, India which is also its largest office building globally. The new investment aims to improve speed, safety, and efficiency across all serviceable pin codes in India. Amazon is also introducing tools to enhance route planning, earnings transparency, and safety, demonstrating a strong commitment to inclusive growth and operational excellence.

Read more: <u>Amazon News/Operations</u>

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Indian Scientists Develop Advanced Supercapacitor Material

In a breakthrough that could redefine how we store and use energy, Scientists from Bengaluru, in collaboration with Aligarh Muslim University, have engineered a next-generation energy storage material that dramatically enhances supercapacitor performance. At the heart of modern energy storage lies the supercapacitor - a device that can rapidly store and release large amounts of energy making them crucial for powering everything from mobile devices and electric vehicles to renewable energy systems.

Read more: Science Direct - Journal of Alloys and Compounds

Axiom Mission 4

Indian Pilot Shubhanshu Shukla and other members of the Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) crew recently connected with Axiom Space Chief Scientist Dr. Lucie Low for an on-orbit science briefing, offering a glimpse into the cutting-edge research unfolding aboard the International Space Station. Shukla's research includes stem cell studies, investigations into how microgravity affects crop seeds, and assessments of cognitive load on astronauts, leading to valuable insights for long-duration spaceflight. The Ax-4 mission exemplifies the power of international collaboration and scientific ambition.

Read mode: Axiom Mission 4
