



## Snapshots

**1** The Quality Council of India (QCI), India's national certifying body, was recently placed 5th worldwide in the Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021. The 184 economies in the world are ranked by the GQII according to the quality of their infrastructure (QI).

**2** Latest data by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) showed bank credit grew at 16.3% year-on-year (YoY) in the fortnight that ended January 27 to US\$ 161 billion, moderating marginally from the growth witnessed till last fortnight (16.5%).

**3** The automotive electric two-wheelers (E2W) industry grew by more than 300% in the calendar year 2022 (CY22), according to CyberMedia Research (CMR)'s report - 'India Electric 2-Wheelers (E2W)'.

**4** India added more than 1,300 active digital companies in the past

year, bringing the country's total to 25,000–27,000. India is still home to the third-largest worldwide ecosystem for tech startups (after the US and China).

**5** The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has achieved US\$ 18 billion (Rs. 1.5 lakh crores) worth of Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) in FY23 alone, as on February 1, 2023. GeM is expected to exceed its annual target of US\$ 21 billion, going with the current run rate.

**6** According to the Union Minister of State for Textiles, India's exports of 207 technical textile goods increased from US\$ 2.21 billion in 2020–21 to US\$ 2.85 billion in 2021–22, representing a growth rate of 28.4%.

**7** The leasing activity in India's industrial and logistics sector grew by 8% year-on-year (YoY) to touch 31.6 million square feet in 2022, despite global headwinds, as per a report by a real estate consultant-CBRE. This is the second-highest leasing activity recorded in the sector after the 2019 peak of 32 million square feet.

**8** According to the Food and Agriculture Organization Corporate Statistical Database (FAOSTAT) in 2021-22, India was the largest milk producer in the world, contributing about 24% to global milk production. Additionally, India has registered an increase of 221.1 million tonnes which is a 51% rise, from 2014-15 to 2021-22.

**9** Indian coffee exports spiked by 38% to US\$ 1.01 billion during 2021-22 with a global share of 6% of coffee exports. India became the 5th largest exporter in FY22.

**10** India has become the third largest aviation market in the world, after the number of airports in the country increased from 74 in 2014 to 147 in 2022.

**11** Under the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS), which is a flagship scheme under the Startup India initiative, about US\$ 58.3 million have been approved for 133 incubators.



## **The 1st Agriculture Deputies Meeting (ADM) of the Agriculture Working Group under India's G20 Presidency concluded successfully in Indore.**

The first Agriculture Deputies Meeting under the Agriculture Working Group (AWG), G20 spanning across three days, concluded on 15th February, 2023. The event was an amalgamation of experiences rich in culture, cuisine, and history, and the greater responsibility of participating in meaningful deliberations during the meetings.

Countries' intervention on the proposed agenda by the Indian Presidency was well received and discussed. The final day of the event started with technical theme-wise sessions wherein, deliberations were held on four themes covering: "food security and nutrition", "sustainable agriculture with climate smart approach", "inclusive agricultural value chains and food systems", and "digitalization for agricultural transformation".

For discussion on technical session of Food Security and Nutrition, the opening remarks were delivered by Smt. Shubha Thakur, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) followed by context setting by World Food Programme (WFP). Dr. AbhilakshLikhi, Additional Secretary, DA&FW presented the Global Framework on Food Security and Nutrition, followed by

an introduction to the Millet International Initiative for Research and Awareness (MIIRA) by Smt. Shubha Thakur, Joint Secretary, DA&FW.

Sh. Franklin L. Khobung, Joint Secretary, DA&FW delivered the opening remarks for technical session on Sustainable Agriculture with Climate Smart Approach, followed by context setting by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Technical session on Inclusive Agricultural Value Chains and Food Systems was opened by Dr. AbhilakshLikhi, Additional Secretary, DA&FW and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) set the context for discussion.

For technical session on Digitalisation for Agricultural Transformation, opening remarks were delivered by Dr. P.K. Meherda, Additional Secretary, DA&FW. The discussion context was set by ICRISAT.

During each theme-based technical session, there was an open house discussion involving intellectually rich exchange of ideas, suggestions and observations. Insightful presentations paved way for agricultural transformation and importance of digitalization in agriculture with a special emphasis on smallholder farmers.

The session co-chair Dr. Smita Sirohi, Joint Secretary, DA&FW, summed up each session, highlighting the concrete points made during the sessions.

Concluding remarks and way forward was presented by the session chair Sh. Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, DA&FW emphasizing the need to have greater convergence and collaboration among the G20 member countries on agricultural research and development aspects. The chair assured to carry forward the discussions on G20 agricultural issues in the upcoming AWG meetings.

## **PM Modi's video message at 1st G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting**



## **Hon'ble PM Modi inaugurated India Energy Week 2023 in Bengaluru on 6th February 2023**

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi opened the inaugural India Energy Week under the theme of Growth, Collaboration, Transition – the first major event of G20 under India's Presidency.

Held under the patronage of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India, at the highest level of Indian government with participation from all the Public Sector Undertakings, and officially supported by the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI), India Energy Week convened more than more than 500 international speakers, over 30,000 energy professionals and 8,000 international delegates from more than 100 countries, to discuss India's pioneering approach towards diversifying its energy mix.

Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, Prime Minister Modi said: "The energy sector plays a major role in deciding the future of the world in the 21st century. India is one of the strongest voices today in developing new resources of energy and in the energy transition. The country which is also all set to become a developed nation, has unprecedented possibilities for the energy sector."

## **Air India seals record order for almost 500 Airbus, Boeing jets: Reuters**

Air India unveiled deals on 14th February for a record 470 jets from Airbus and Boeing, accelerating the rebirth of a national emblem under new owners Tata Group as Europe and the United States hailed deepening economic and political ties with New Delhi.

The provisional deals include 220 planes from Boeing (BA.N) and 250 from Airbus (AIR.PA) and eclipse previous records for a single airline as Air India vies with domestic giant IndiGo to serve what will soon be the world's largest population.

U.S. President Joe Biden called the agreement "historic" and discussed it by telephone with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi - part of a flurry of high-level reactions as the scale of India's needs provided a rare bonanza for both competing plane giants in an industry where the winner usually takes all.

"This important deal shows, along with the deepening of relations between India and France, the successes and aspirations of the civil aviation sector in India," Modi said during a video ceremony with French President Emmanuel Macron.

The Airbus order includes 210 A320neo narrowbody planes and 40 A350 widebody aircraft, which Air India will use to fly "ultra-long routes", Tata Chairman N Chandrasekaran said.

## **India will see US\$ 18 billion worth of investment in data centres in the next six years: IBEF**

As per a report, India is expected to witness 4,900-5,000 megawatts (MW) of capacity with an investment of US\$ 18 billion in the next six years.

The industry revenues are expected

to increase at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 17-19% during FY23-FY25, supported by an increase in capacity utilisation and ramp-up of new data centres, according to credit rating agency Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited (ICRA).

Indian corporations like the Hiranandani Group, the Adani Group (in a joint venture with EdgeConnex), and the Reliance Group, as well as foreign investors like Blackstone, CapitaLand, Princeton Digital Group (PDG), and big tech companies like Amazon and Microsoft, have begun to invest heavily in data centres in the nation to meet the growing demand.

Mr. Anupama Reddy, Vice President and Co-Group Head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA expects the sector to witness a six-fold increase in capacities in the next six years, with Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Delhi-NCR to account for 70-75% of the installed DC capacity.

Mumbai and Chennai have maximum landing stations, with the former being the preferred location for a data centre operator. The other key emerging locations are Hyderabad and Pune, wherein some of the large hyper scalers are setting up huge data centres closer to their operational bases in India

The government's focus on e-governance and digital India, the adoption of new technologies (Cloud computing, IoT, and 5G, etc.), and the rising user base for social media, gaming, e-commerce, and over-the-top (OTT) platforms are the main causes of India's digital explosion.

## **India's TWS shipments register 85% growth in 2022, boAt leads: Report; Business Standard**

India's TWS (True Wireless Stereo earbuds) shipments registered 85 per cent (year-on-year) growth in



2022, with boAt leading the market for the third time in a row.

According to Counterpoint Research, boAt registered 89 per cent (year-on-year) growth, contributing two-fifths of the total shipments. The Airdopes 131 remained the top-selling model for the second consecutive year with a 10 per cent share of the total TWS market shipments.

Moreover, for the first time, the top five spots in the India TWS market were captured by local brands.

"Four-fifths of the total market was captured by Indian brands, their highest-ever share. For the first time, the top five spots were taken by local brands, which captured two-thirds of the total TWS shipments in India," said Senior Research Analyst Anshika Jain.

"Chinese brands captured a 13 per cent share in 2022 driven by the good performance of OnePlus' feature-rich devices Nord Buds and Nord Buds CE. realme and OPPO also supported the growth of Chinese brands. Global brands took an 8 per cent share led by Apple, Samsung and JBL," she added.

Noise rose to the second spot with 2x (year-on-year) growth, while, Boulton Audio grabbed the third spot with a 7 per cent share and 167 per cent (year-on-year) growth.

Mivi grew 544 per cent (year-on-year) this year and took the fourth position in the rankings for top-five brands for the first time, driven by its full-fledged made-in-India TWS portfolio, according to the report.

pTron again took the fifth spot with a 5 per cent share of the total TWS shipments.

"Domestic manufacturing saw rapid growth, contributing 30 per cent of the total shipments in 2022, compared to just 2 per cent in 2021," said Associate Director Liz Lee.

"Key homegrown brands boAt, Mivi and pTron ramped up their local manufacturing capabilities to account for 73 per cent of the domestic shipment volume in 2022. Other key players like Noise, Truke, Boulton Audio, Wings, Gizmore and Play also manufactured made-in-India devices for the first time this year," she added.

### **India to record the highest number of cashless transactions in the world: Jaishankar at Raisina @ Sydney: IBEF**

At the Raisina @ Sydney Business Breakfast, Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. S. Jaishankar stated that India is on track to have the most cashless transactions worldwide.

"If you look at our cashless transactions, the UPI, I think we record the largest number of cashless transactions in the world. So there's been a kind of a technology leapfrogging in the psyche of people, and that's been actually a very big difference," Jaishankar said at the Raisina@Sydney Business Breakfast.

"We encouraged people to register bank accounts, often with no money, so that we could ensure the integrity of delivery and transaction, which would not have been possible equally on the financial side without the use of digital technology. During the same period, we again put money into the bank accounts of 415,000,000 people who are the lowest income in the country. And if you ask me how I got through COVID, I can't stress enough how crucial it is to provide them with food and financial help and to

make sure that this actually works" said he.

Mr. Jaishankar also stated that digital governance has become the basic mechanism today for socioeconomic delivery.

"India is trying to demonstrate that the country can construct a social, comprehensive social welfare system, even at the scale of income. And the scale of income is US\$ 2,000 per capita," he said.

### **UPI-PayNow linked to ease payments with Singapore: The Hindu**

India's Unified Payments Interface — better known as UPI — and Singapore's PayNow were officially connected on 21st February, allow for a "real-time payment linkage". The virtual launch was led by a phone call between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong.

"Today is a special day for India-Singapore friendship and for our efforts to deepen collaboration in FinTech and innovation. The participation of my friend PM Lee Hsien Loong made this morning's programme even more special," Mr. Modi said. The linkage is set to ease financial transactions for the Indian diaspora.

Singapore has now become the first country with which cross-border Person to Person (P2P) payment facilities have been launched. "This will help the Indian diaspora in Singapore, especially migrant workers/students and bring the benefits of digitalisation and FINTECH to the common man through instantaneous and low-cost transfer of money from Singapore to India and vice-versa," said the Ministry of External Affairs. UPI payments through QR codes are already taking place in Singapore, though at a limited number of outlets.

# India's National Hydrogen Mission

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## **IOC plans to set up green hydrogen plants at all refineries by 2047; aims to achieve net zero emission; Business Today.**

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) Chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidya revealed that the company is planning to set up green hydrogen plants at all its refineries by 2047. This is part of a ~ 12 billion US\$ green transition plan to achieve net-zero emissions, news agency PTI reported.

IOC is restructuring its business with a greater emphasis on petrochemicals to hedge volatility in the fuel business, while also transforming petrol pumps into energy outlets that offer EV charging points and battery swapping options in addition to conventional fuels as it strives to become future-ready, he said.

As India's oil consumption rises from 5.1 million barrels per day to 7–7.2 million bpd by 2030 and 9 million bpd by 2040, the company is looking at plans to increase its refining capacity to 106.7 million tonnes per year from 81.2 million tonnes.

Hydrogen is considered to be the fuel of the future as it is seen as the cleanest known fuel that emits just oxygen and water when burned. However, it is more costly than alternative fuels and limits its use in businesses. Refineries that convert crude oil into fuels like gasoline and diesel use hydrogen to reduce the sulphur content in diesel fuel.

This hydrogen is created utilising fossil fuels such as natural gas. IOC intends to split water using electricity generated from renewable sources such as solar to produce green hydrogen.

IOC now emits 21.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMT $\text{CO}_2\text{e}$ ) per year, the majority of which comes from its refining operations. After accounting for planned expansions and the emissions of its subsidiaries, this figure will climb to 40.44 MMT $\text{CO}_2\text{e}$  by 2030.

## Banking

As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's banking sector is sufficiently capitalised and well-regulated. The financial and economic conditions in the country are far superior to any other country in the world. Credit, market and liquidity risk studies suggest that Indian banks are generally resilient and have withstood the global downturn well.

The Indian banking industry has recently witnessed the rollout of innovative banking models like payments and small finance banks. In recent years India has also focused on increasing its banking sector reach, through various schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana and Post payment banks. Schemes like these coupled with major banking sector reforms like digital payments, neo-banking, a rise of Indian NBFCs and fintech have significantly enhanced India's financial inclusion and helped fuel the credit cycle in the country.

The digital payments system in India has evolved the most among 25 countries with India's Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) being the only system at level five in the Faster Payments Innovation Index (FPII). India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has also revolutionized real-time payments and strived to increase its global reach in recent years.

### Market size:

The Indian banking system consists of 12 public sector banks, 22 private sector banks, 46 foreign banks, 56 regional rural banks, 1485 urban cooperative banks and 96,000 rural cooperative banks in addition to cooperative credit institutions. As of September 2021, the total number of ATMs in India reached 213,145 out of which 47.5% are in rural and semi urban areas.

In 2020-2022, bank assets across sectors increased. Total assets across the banking sector (including public and private sector banks) increased to US\$ 2.67 trillion in 2022.

In 2022, total assets in the public and private banking sectors were US\$ 1,594.51 billion and US\$ 925.05 billion, respectively.

During FY16-FY22, bank credit increased at a CAGR of 0.62%. As of FY22, total credit extended surged to US\$ 1,532.31 billion. During FY16-FY22, deposits grew at a CAGR of 10.92% and reached US\$ 2.12 trillion by FY22. Bank deposits stood at US\$ 2.12 trillion as of November 4, 2022.

According to India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra), credit growth is expected to hit 10% in 2022-23 which will be a double digit growth in eight years. As of November 4, 2022 bank credit stood at US\$ 1,585.09 billion.

As of November 4, 2022 credit to non-food industries stood at US\$ 1.58 trillion.

### Latest Developments:

On June, 2022, the number of

bank accounts—opened under the government's flagship financial inclusion drive 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)'—reached 456 million and deposits in the Jan Dhan bank accounts totaled US\$ 21.56 billion.

In April 2022, India's largest private bank HDFC Bank announced a transformational merger with HDFC Limited.

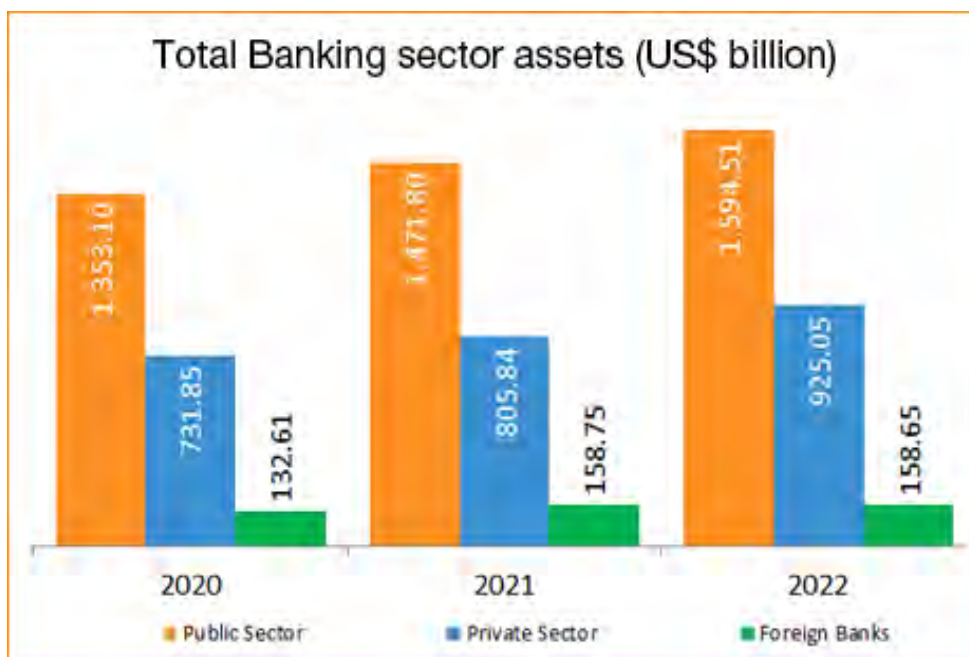
### Government Initiatives:

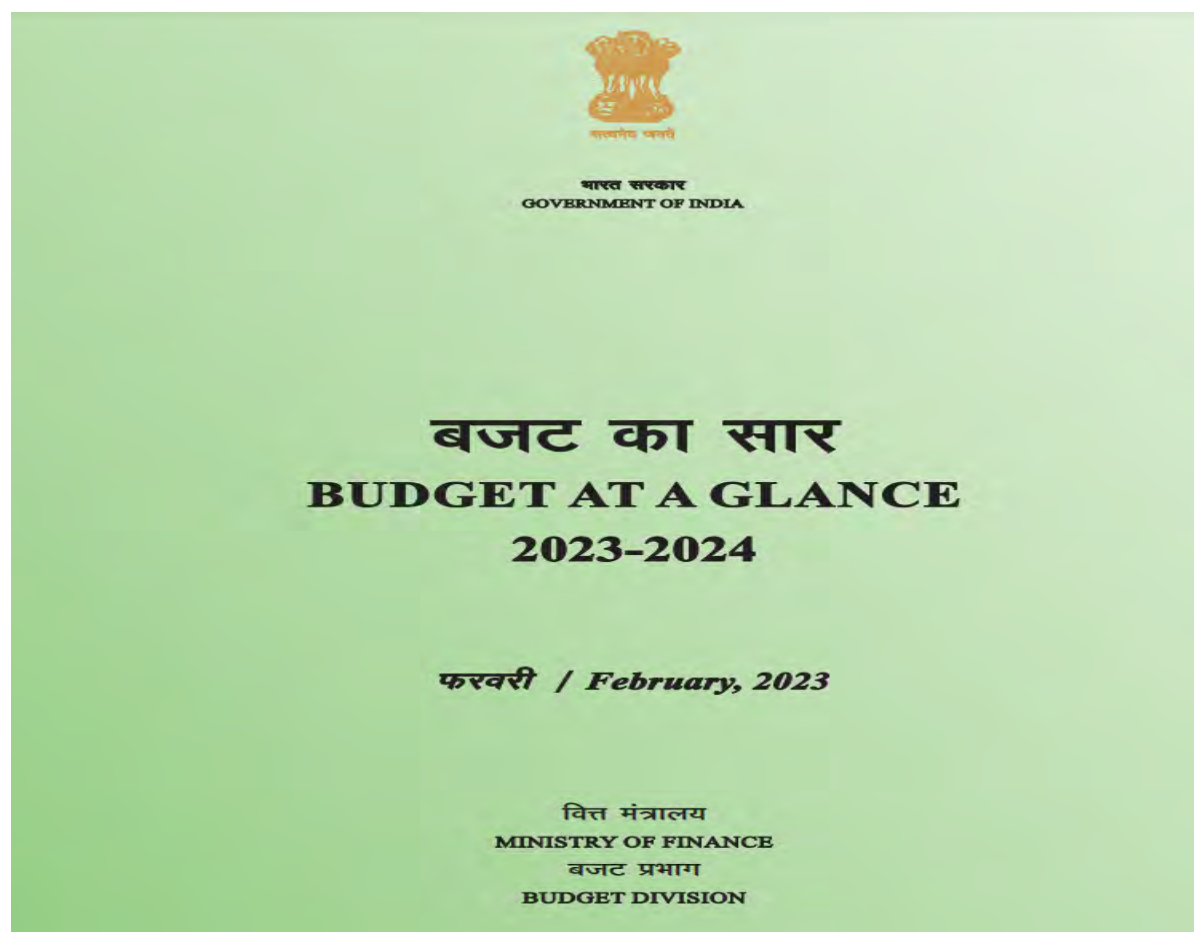
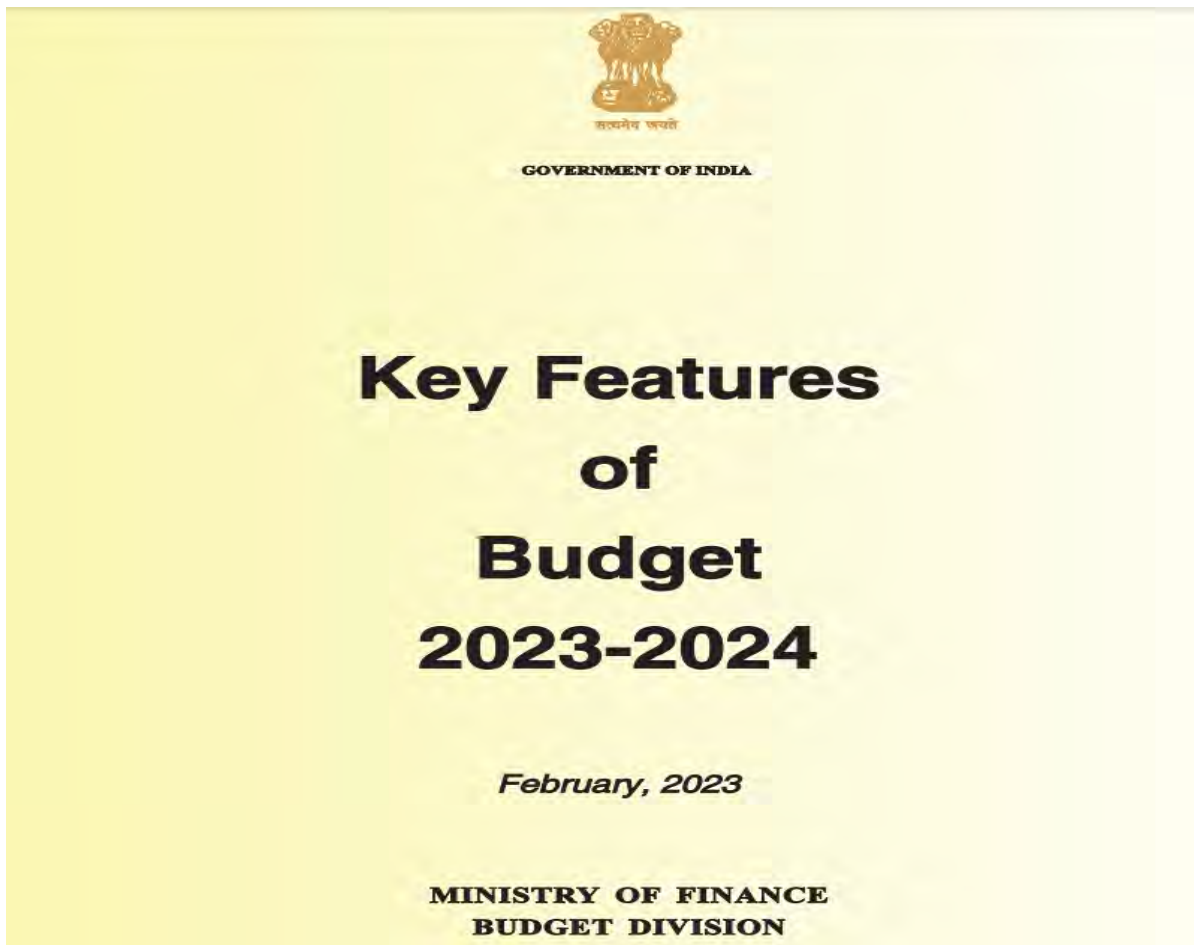
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National payments corporation India (NPCI) has plans to launch UPI lite this will provide offline UPI services for digital payments. Payments of upto US\$ 2.67 (Rs. 200) can be made using this.

In the Union budget of 2022-23 India has announced plans for a central bank digital currency (CBDC) which will be possibly know as Digital Rupee.

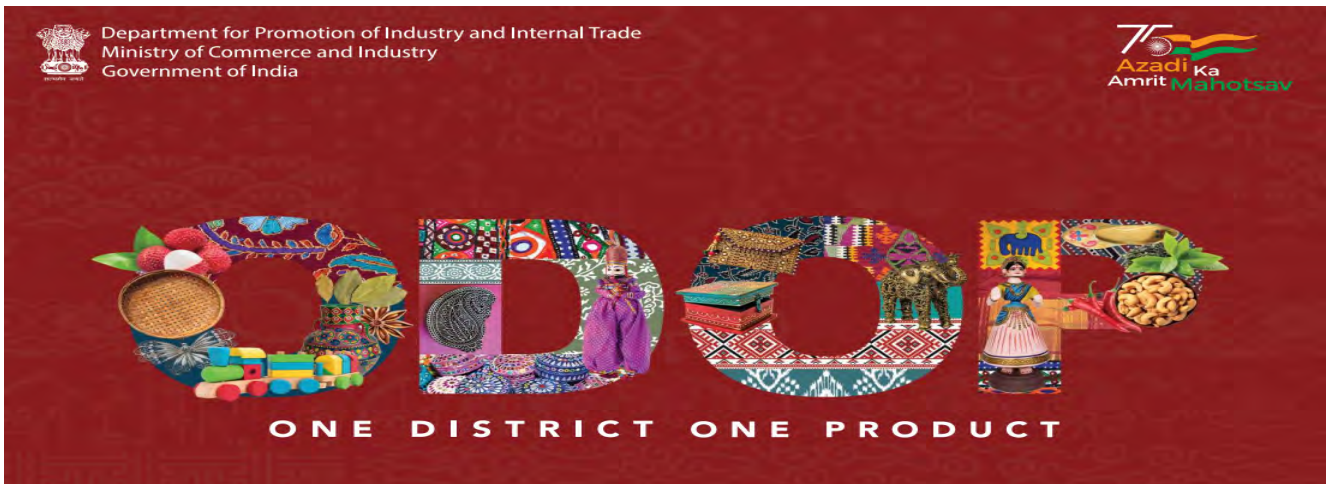
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# One District One Product



## Tea and Coffee



### Nilgiri Tea

The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu

Grown in the sprawling Nilgiri Hills, under the proximity of trees like Blue Gum and Eucalyptus which dot the region, the tea has a slightly fruity and minty flavor. With such a balanced blend of flavor and creamy texture, Nilgiri tea is a "blender's dream". This flavored tea is the perfect remedy on a stressful day.



### Assam Tea

Dibrugarh, Assam

Grown on the rolling plains by the Brahmaputra river and crafted by the region's rich loamy soil, unique climate, and liberal rainfall, Assam tea is known for its rich, deep amber color and smooth malty flavor, making it a perfect tea to wake up to.



### Wayanad Robusta Coffee

Kerala

Wayanad is the top producer of Robusta coffee. The coffee beans from Wayanad are known for high chocolatey notes, full body and medium flavor. This strong-flavored variety of coffee has a diverse profile and can be used for several different blends depending on the consumer's preferences.



### Darjeeling Tea

Darjeeling, West Bengal

Known for its unique muscatel flavor and special aroma, Darjeeling tea is grown in select tea plantations in the foothills of the Himalayas. The Darjeeling tea when brewed gives a color of pale lemon to rich amber. The tea is hand cultivated and produced with tremendous care, experience, and expertise.

# International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023

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The UN General Assembly on 5 March 2021 declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM). The IYM aims to raise awareness about the nutritional benefits of millets as well as promote it as a sustainable food thus contributing towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

*What are millets?*

*Millets are nutritionally superior as their grains contain high amounts of protein, essential amino acids, minerals and vitamins. Millets are known for their high dietary fiber and protein content, and hence preferred as dietary foods for people with diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. Millets contain health promoting phenolic compounds which play a vital role in combating multiple lifestyle related diseases.*



*Millet Recipe of the month:*



#### Preparation Method:

- In a blender/mixer, add buttercream, cheese and blend it.
- Slowly add salt, red chilli powder, and baking powder, mix well.
- Add flour and blend the mixture till the dough forms a smooth texture.
- Chill the dough for at least 15 minutes in a refrigerator.
- Place the dough on a lined sheet and cut with cookie cutters.

- Preheat the oven for 180°C for 15 minutes and bake them at 180°C for 15 minutes.
- Allow them to cool at room temperature.
- Pearl Millet cheese cookies are ready to eat/serve with hot tea.

#### Ingredients:

- Pearl Millet flour-50 g,
- Refined wheat flour/maida-50 g,
- Salted butter-60 g,
- Mozzarella Cheese-40 g,
- Salt-2 g, Red chilli powder-2 g and Baking powder-3 g.

## Assam

Assam is located in the northeast of India. The state shares its borders with Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura, and West Bengal. The state shares international borders with Bangladesh, Myanmar, and the Kingdom of Bhutan. Assam is India's gateway to northeast and acts as a vital link for trade with Southeast Asian countries. The state is known for its tea, petroleum resources, muga silk and biodiversity. It is also becoming an increasingly popular destination for wildlife tourism.

The state is rich in water resources and has vast tracts of fertile land. Assam is also the third-largest producer of petroleum and natural gas in the country and has ample reserves of limestone. With its five national parks and 18 wildlife sanctuaries, the state is a biodiversity hotspot. Other potential areas of investment include power and energy, mineral-based industries, tourism, and crude oil refining.

Assam has adopted numerous investor-friendly policies to attract investments and

accelerate industrial development. Key areas of focus include the IT, tourism, and power sector along with several other initiatives such as the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP) 2007 and the Industrial and Investment Policy 2014. Assam stood 22nd among Indian states in rankings based on ease of doing business and reforms implementation, according to a study by the World Bank and KPMG. The Government has set a target to generate 6,500-megawatt (MW) power in the state by 2030.

At current prices, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Assam is estimated to be at US\$ 56.80 billion in 2021-22. The GSDP increased at a CAGR of 11.28% between 2016-17 to 2021-22.

According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the cumulative FDI inflows in Assam were valued at US \$ 19.9 million from October 2019-June 2022.

Exports from the state stood at US\$ 181.64 million in FY23 (Until August 2022). Assam exported key items such as tea, petroleum products, coal, coke and briquettes and other products. In FY22, the

total tea exports from Assam accounted for US\$ 179.65 million, which was 40% of the total exports.

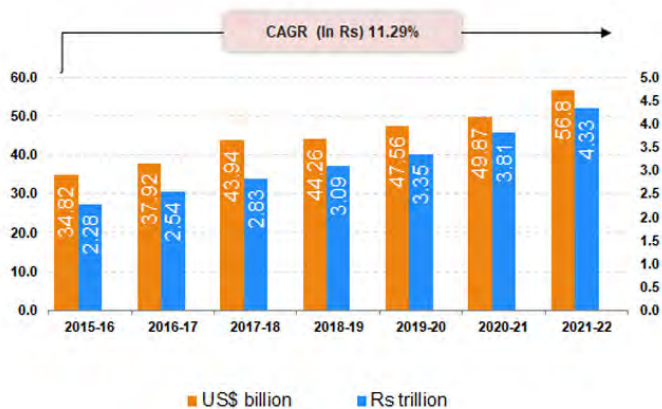
### EODB Assam



Ease of Doing Business in Assam aims to create a platform for providing the best support towards the prospective and existing business community in the state and drives forward the state's vision of prosperity for all - by employing technology, innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability as key factors for development. It provides objective measures of business regulations.

Ease of Doing Business in Assam encourages economies to compete towards more efficient regulation; it looks at domestic small and medium-sized companies and measures the regulations applying to them through their life cycle.

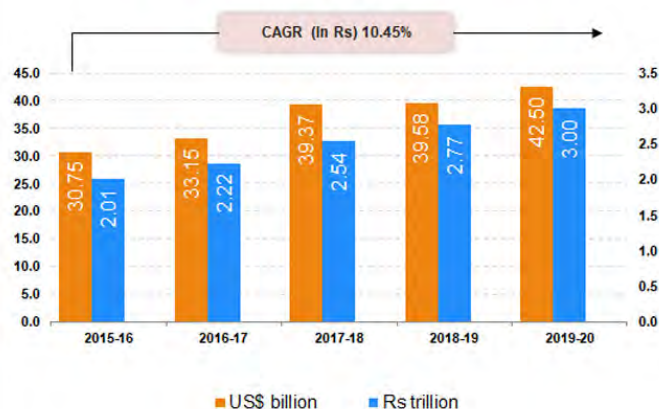
GSDP of Assam at Current Prices



Note: A – advanced estimates

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics of Haryana, MOSPI

NSDP of Assam at Current Prices



Note: Exchange rates used are averages of each year

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics of Haryana, MOSPI

## Embassy Events

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Embassy of India hosted a New Indian Student Orientation Programme on 8th February 2023 at the Embassy premises to support and guide the new Indian students on their academic journey. A Cyber awareness session, brief cultural programme and mentorship talks were also held to help new students settle into their new homes.



Embassy of India, Vienna organized Pranayama Workshop on 17th February 2023, where various types of breathing techniques were explained and demonstrated. Pranayamas covering Relaxation, Energization, Cooling, Warming, & Balancing of the Nervous System were practiced during the session.



## Puducherry

Pristine beaches, spiritual retreat, multi-cultural and well-planned township reminiscent of French colonial rule... Pondy is your perfect weekend getaway. Some places have the power to lure you back again and again. Pondicherry is one such place. Natural beauty with blue waters on one side and greenery on the other, multi-cuisine restaurants, virgin beaches and cheap beer for all this and more, Puducherry is definitely one helluva place, perfect for a weekend getaway.

And the best thing is that being a small town, you don't need a guide and can explore it on your own. Be it the architecture of the buildings or even the patterns of the streets, one can't help but marvel at the colonial style. You can spend half a day admiring many heritage buildings and monuments in Puducherry. Nothing like lazing around by the sea.

The place has quite a few stunningly picturesque beaches. Pondy is also the place for those who love to try exciting stuff of adventurous sports like scuba diving, snorkeling, surfing, etc. Do away with taxis and autos. For a change, hire a bicycle to go round the small town. It's not just cost effective, but eco-friendly too. And, it's also the best way to take in the sights and sounds of the place.

The Union Territory with its tranquil surroundings, quiet lanes and places like Aurobindo Ashram, Manakula Vinayagar Temple and Matri Mandir (located inside Auroville) is a perfect escape for those seeking spiritual gratification. Another place for the spiritual soul is definitely the church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

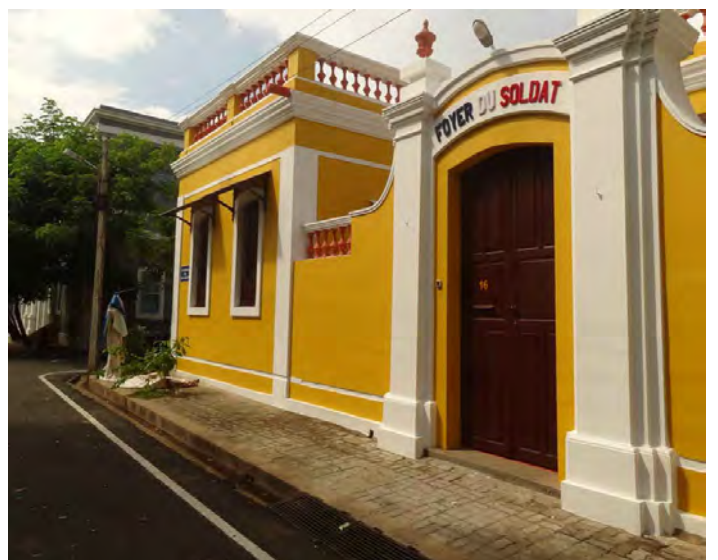
The town has an interesting amalgamation of food — sea food, organic food, Italian, Mexican, French, Continental and Chinese food — you name it and it's there! Pondy offers innumerable accommodation options — hotels, homestays with kitchenette, cottages. You could either opt to stay by the sea or in the city limits where food is more accessible. Lodging is available for every budget, and in some cases, you can book online as well.



Vedha Pureeswara Temple



Dupleix



Foyer Du Soldat



## India- Austria by Air

On 18th February 2023, Air India resumed non-stop flights between Delhi and Vienna. The flight received a warm welcome at the Vienna Airport by dignitaries, including H.E. Mr Jaideep Mazumdar, Indian Ambassador to Austria, gracing the event to commemorate the occasion.



# FLY WITH US NON- STOP TO DELHI

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	Delhi-Vienna	14:35 - 18:45	AI 0153
From 28-Mar-23 until 28-Oct-23	Vienna-Delhi	20:30 - 07:20	AI 0154
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