



सत्यमेव जयते

ENVOY

Ereignisse, Neuigkeiten, Verbindungen, Opportunitäten, und Zusammenarbeit

Embassy of India Newsletter

Issue 132

January 2024



EMBASSY OF INDIA
VIENNA

सत्यमेव जयते



INDIA &
AUSTRIA

75 years of
Diplomatic
Relations

Find Inside:



Focus Sector: Science & Technology



HIMACHAL
TOURISM



A monthly newsletter published by the Embassy of India, Vienna

75th Republic Day of India Celebrations

On the occasion of India's 75th Republic Day, the Embassy of India in Vienna, Austria commemorated a cultural and culinary reception on the 24th January 2024. H.E. Nikolaus Marschik, Austria's Secretary General of Foreign Affairs, graced the event, which also commemorates 75 years of diplomatic ties between India and Austria. He praised India's numerous accomplishments and spoke of the great status of their bilateral ties.



On the 75th Republic Day of India, flag hoisting Ceremony was celebrated with patriotic fervour by the Embassy of India, Vienna. Ambassador H.E. Jaideep Mazumdar unfurled the tricolour with a large number of fellow Indians and friends from Austria who joined the celebrations. Ambassador Shri Mazumdar also read out the address to the nation by the Hon'ble President on the eve of the Republic Day. The ceremony witnessed melodious rendition of patriotic songs and spectacular display of cultural performances by Indian and Austrian artists.



Snapshots

- 1** India's electronics exports to the US soar to US\$ 6.6 billion, marking a two-fold increase, reflecting a shift from Chinese imports to the US.
- 2** In 2023, India emerged as a major recipient of global liquidity, attracting approximately US\$15 billion from global mutual funds exclusively into Indian equities, as outlined in a report by Elara Capital.
- 3** Luxury car sales soar to record highs in India, up 20% in 2023; evolving lifestyle preferences drive sustained growth
- 4** Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated Kochi infrastructure projects, boosting India's maritime sector with projects worth over US\$ 481.2 million.
- 5** Despite global challenges, India's engineering exports grew 10.20% to US\$ 10.04 billion in December 2023, facing uncertainties amid geopolitical tensions and economic projections for 2024.
- 6** The Indian government plans US\$ 1.2 billion allocation for supercomputing and quantum computing hubs, fostering public-private partnerships for high-performance computing accessibility.
- 7** India is poised to take the lead in global natural diamond demand, outpacing major purchasers such as the US and China, according to insights shared by Mr. David Kellie, CEO of the Natural Diamond Council (NDC).
- 8** PLI Schemes attract US \$ 12.4 billion investments, driving US\$ 103.6 billion production, 678000 jobs, and US\$ 38.5 billion exports across sectors.
- 9** India aims to double agriculture exports to US\$ 100 billion by 2030, with the current value exceeding US\$ 50 billion, driven by sector growth and global demand.
- 10** The Indian toy industry flourishes with a 52% import drop and 239% export surge, driven by government initiatives and global integration.
- 11** In 2023, India's residential real estate sales surged by 33%, with record-high new supply, led by Mumbai, Pune, and Hyderabad.
- 12** India and the United States signed an MoU to support Indian Railways' Mission to Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2030, fostering collaboration on energy solutions and knowledge sharing.
- 13** During the fiscal year 2022-23, the Indian real estate sector witnessed a significant upswing in investment inflows, attaining its highest point since 2020, as reported by the esteemed real estate consultancy Colliers.
- 14** In 2024, India is positioned to maintain its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy, propelled by strong consumer demand spurring heightened investments across various sectors, including construction, hospitality, and critical infrastructure like railways and aviation.

News Articles

PV segment likely to see record 18-20 % growth in FY24: Report; IBEF

In its recent report, CareEdge forecasts a robust 18-20% growth in the Passenger Vehicles (PV) segment volumes for the current fiscal year. Despite rising vehicle prices, the stabilization of pent-up demand is the key driver. CareEdge anticipates this growth momentum to continue into the next fiscal, citing a strong order book and supply chain improvements.

The demand for premium PV variants is expected to stay strong, while entry-level variants may see moderation due to higher interest rates and an inflationary environment. Significant volume growth has been noted in the Electric Four-Wheeler (E4Ws) segment, constituting 6% of the total EV market sales.

Major OEMs plan to introduce more EV models for the domestic market, aiming to boost adoption and increase market competition. Research Director at CareEdge, Ms. Tanvi Shah, Research states, "The PV industry is poised for a volume growth of around 18-20% in FY24 as pent-up demand normalizes amid increased vehicle prices."

Production Linked Incentive Schemes witness over US\$ 12.4 billion of investment till November 2023: PIB

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes have attracted investments exceeding US\$ 12.4 billion as of November 2023, resulting in a noteworthy production/sales value of US\$ 103.6 billion and the generation of over 678000 in direct and indirect employment. Notably, exports under the PLI Schemes

have crossed US\$ 38.5 billion, with significant contributions from sectors such as Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals, Food Processing, Telecom, and networking products.

746 applications across 14 sectors have received approval, indicating an anticipated investment of over US\$ 36.1 billion. Among the beneficiaries of the PLI Schemes, 176 MSMEs operate in sectors including Bulk Drugs, Medical Devices, Pharma, Telecom, White Goods, Food Processing, Textiles, and Drones. Many MSMEs play vital roles as large corporations' investment partners or contract manufacturers.

Underlining the success of the PLI Schemes, an incentive amount totaling around US\$ 531.1 million has been disbursed for eight sectors, namely Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing (LSEM), IT Hardware, Bulk Drugs, Medical Devices, Pharmaceuticals, Telecom & Networking Products, Food Processing, and Drones & Drone Components.

14-18 Age Group Marks 86.8% Enrollment In Educational Institutions: Report; NDTV

The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), released on Wednesday, showed that over 86.8 per cent of youngsters aged 14 to 18 in the country are enrolled in educational institutions, with more than half of them choosing the humanities stream.

The report highlighted minor gender differences in enrollment but identified significant variations among different age groups. It also revealed that older youths are more likely to be not enrolled, with 3.9 per cent aged 14 and 32.6 per cent aged 18.

According to the report, over 55 per cent of students in Classes 11-12 prefer humanities as their stream of

choice, followed by science and commerce.

It further highlighted that fewer females are choosing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics streams compared to males.

Contrary to concerns, the report dismissed the notion that numerous older students dropped out of school during the Covid-19 pandemic due to a loss of livelihood.

The previous year's report showed that enrollment levels for children aged six to 14 increased from 96.6 per cent in 2010 to 96.7 per cent in 2014 and from 97.2 per cent in 2018 to 98.4 per cent in 2022.

Karnataka signs investment deals worth US \$ 2.6 billion at Davos summit: IBEF

On the second day of the World Economic Forum 2024, Karnataka inked memoranda of understanding (MOUs) totaling US\$ 2.6 billion with industry giants Microsoft, Web Werks, Hitachi, and four other prominent companies. As an official statement highlights, these strategic partnerships are anticipated to propel the state toward a new era of technological advancement, infrastructure development, and economic growth.

Mr. M B Patil, the Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, engaged in discussions with key players such as Sony, HP, Nestle, Honeywell, Lulu Group, Inox Group, Takeda Pharma, Coinbase, Tillman Global, BL Agro, and others. The primary focus of these discussions is to establish cutting-edge infrastructure, leveraging the robust existing ecosystem and highly attractive market dynamics prevalent in the region.

One of the significant

News Articles

collaborations involves a Memorandum of Understanding between the Karnataka government and Microsoft, outlining a digital skilling initiative. This initiative, named Microsoft RISE, aims to enhance livelihood opportunities for under-served youth in India, job seekers, individuals with disabilities, small entrepreneurs, and those residing in regions with low workforce participation and remote areas. The digital skilling program is set to provide 70 hours of virtual instructor-led training through its non-profit partner, AISECT.

Credit score maker Fico eyes bigger share in India's consumption story: The Livemint

US-based analytics company FICO, the maker of FICO credit score used by lenders to assess credit worthiness of borrowers, sees business opportunities in the upbeat consumption potential of the Indian economy, chief executive officer Will Lansing said in an interview.

Founded in 1956, the company uses predictive analytics, artificial intelligence (AI) and data science to improve operational decisions of businesses, primarily in the financial services space. On Tuesday, FICO launched its cloud-based platform in India with lenders like HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and AU Small Finance Bank, being the early users.

"We are in a moment in time when the Indian economy is poised to spring with consumer consumption and credit, unsecured lending, all of which are to happen in a significant way." Lansing said the platform was built over a decade ago and has been sold to 100 of the top

300 global financial institutions. He said the data used by the platform will reside in India.

Indian single malts beat global brands, capture 53% sales in 2023: Report

In a groundbreaking achievement, Indian single malt sales have reportedly outpaced global competitors, marking a significant milestone, per early estimates by the Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC). The agency's projections indicate that Indian single malts comprised nearly 53% of the total sales in 2023, as reported by Times of India on Monday.

According to CIABC Chief Vinod Giri, domestic brands witnessed an impressive growth of approximately 23% in 2023, surpassing the 11% growth observed by imported brands. The total sales of single malts, estimated at around 6,75,000 cases (each of nine Liters), saw Indian-origin makers contributing 3,45,000 cases to this notable achievement.

Indian economy to grow 7.3% in FY24: Govt's first advance estimates: Business Today

The National Statistical Office (NSO) has projected a robust growth of 7.3% for the Indian economy in the fiscal year 2023-2024, surpassing the Reserve Bank of India's estimate of 7%. This optimistic outlook assumes an investment-led recovery in the fifth-largest global economy. The projection exceeds prevailing Street estimates, with most economists anticipating GDP growth between 6.5% and 6.7% for the ongoing financial year, following a 7.2% expansion in FY23.

In the first half of FY24, the Indian economy exhibited notable growth,

recording a 7.7% expansion, as per data released on November 30, 2023. The First Advance Estimates of GDP, released by the NSO, factor in industrial production data for an additional month (October) and certain lead indicators until November and December. These estimates imply a GDP growth of 6.95% in the current financial year's second half (October-March).

Thermal power plants' capacity utilization to rise to 69% in 2024-2025: ICRA

The capacity utilization of thermal power plants is anticipated to witness a one-percentage-point increase, reaching 69% in 2024-2025. This growth is attributed to the rising demand for electricity and limited additions to thermal capacity, according to the analysis by the rating agency ICRA. ICRA has affirmed a 'Stable' outlook for the thermal power segment, supported by a commendable enhancement in the thermal plant load factor (PLF). Additionally, the reduction in outstanding payments from state distribution utilities (discoms) has been facilitated by the implementation of the Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) scheme since August 2022.

Senior Vice President and Group Head of Corporate Ratings at ICRA, Mr. Girishkumar Kadam, highlighted that the ongoing construction of thermal capacity stands at approximately 30 G.W., predominantly within the Central and state-owned generation segments. This capacity is expected to be operational over the next two to four years. Mr. Kadam emphasized the necessity for additional capacity beyond the existing pipeline, particularly if the annual electricity demand growth surpasses 6.0% until 2030, even after accounting for renewable capacity additions. Addressing the potential scenario of more robust annual demand growth at 7.5% until 2030, Mr. Kadam asserted that meeting such demands would necessitate an incremental thermal capacity requirement as substantial as 70 G.W.

Industry Report

Science and Technology

www.dst.gov.in

Modern India has had a strong focus on science and technology, realising that it is a key element for economic growth. India ranks third among the most attractive investment destinations for technology transactions in the world. With more and more multinational companies setting up their R&D centres in India, the sector has seen an uptrend in investment in recent years.

India is among the top countries globally in the field of scientific research, positioned as one of the top five nations in the field of space exploration. The country has regularly undertaken space missions, including missions to the moon and the famed Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). India is likely to take a leading role in launching satellites for the SAARC nations, generating revenue by offering its space facilities for use to other countries.

The government has introduced multiple policies aimed at projecting India as a science and technology powerhouse and promoting both public and private sector involvement in the R&D practice. As a result, India's gross expenditure on R&D (GERD) has been consistently increasing over the years. The government has also implemented several fellowship schemes to nurture the human capacity for advanced research in the country.

Market size:

By 2022, R&D expenditure is targeted to reach about 2% of the country's GDP. The engineering R&D and product development market in India is forecast to post a CAGR of 12% to reach US\$ 63 billion by 2025, from US\$ 31 billion in 2019. As per the Economic Survey 2022, India's gross domestic expenditure on R&D (GERD) as a percentage of GDP stood at 0.66%.

The Ministry of Science & Technology has received an allocation of US\$ 1.97 billion in the Union Budget, a nominal increase of 15% from the previous budget estimate.

In India, there are more than 1,250 Global Capability Centres (GCCs), where companies can outsource their product development and receive product engineering services. These GCCs are home to some of the largest companies, many of which have their largest or second-largest R&D centres located in the country.

Accenture offers a framework for assessing the

Major Indian States for Science and Technology

- Maharashtra
- Gujarat
- NCR
- Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu
- Telangana
- Andhra Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh



economic effect of AI for selected G20 countries in its latest AI research studies and forecasts that AI will raise India's annual growth rate by 1.3% by 2035. India's National Artificial Intelligence Strategy prepared by NITI Aayog outlined a way forward to harness the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in different fields. State University Research Excellence (SERB-SURE) to create a robust R&D ecosystem in state universities and colleges; Fund for Industrial Research Engagement (SERB-FIRE) to support research and development to solve critical problems that are relevant to industries in a public-private partnership mode.

Government Initiatives:

The Indian Space Policy-2023: Approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security, the Indian Space Policy 2023 permits non-government entities (NGEs) to offer national and international space-based communication services, through self-owned, procured or leased geostationary orbit (GSO) and non-geostationary satellite orbit (NGSO) satellite systems. NGSO is a reference to low earth orbit or medium earth orbits that are home to satellites providing broadband internet services from space.

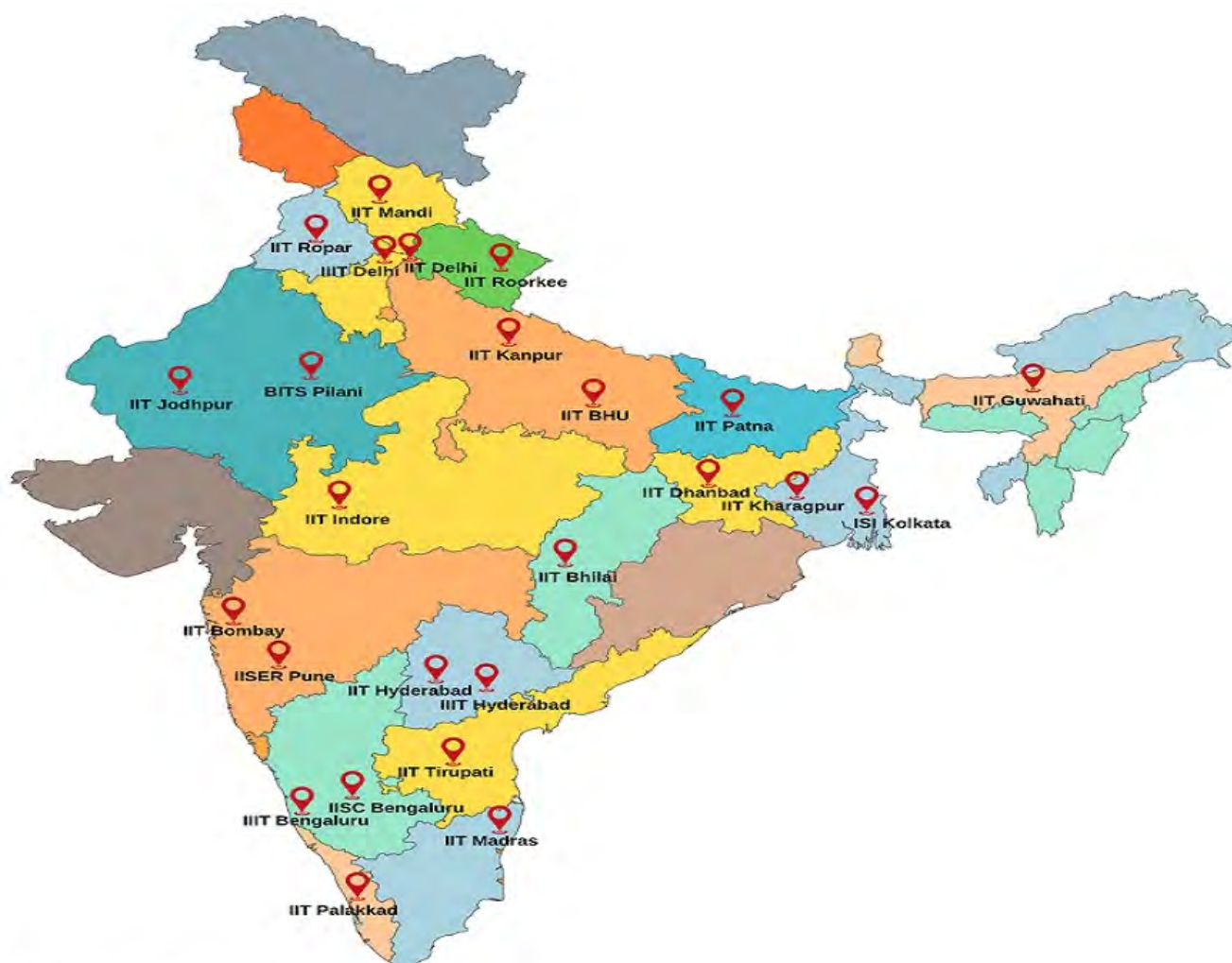
The Technology Interventions for Disabled and Elderly (TIDE) programme is a unique initiative of DST to create inclusiveness and universal accessibility for Divyangjan and the Elderly, through the promotion and development of various assistive tools, technologies, techniques, affordable & adaptable to the Indian milieu.

The Department of Science & Technology (DST) has revamped the FIST (Fund for Improvement of S & T Infrastructure in Universities and Higher Educational Institutions) programme to align it with the objective of Atmanirbhar Bharat by developing R&D infrastructure for use by start-ups, manufacturing companies, and MSMEs, in addition to R&D operations in academic organisations.

Industry Report

The National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) is transforming ideas, concepts and prototypes into market-ready products and boosting new and emerging technologies to power national initiatives in key areas. The 25 Technology Innovation Hubs (TIH) set up across the country under the mission are bringing about the transformation by actively coordinating, communicating, and facilitating technology transfer to industries. The 25 Technology Innovation Hubs (TIHs) have been established in reputed institutes across the country in advanced technologies

covering areas like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Robotics, Cyber security, Data Science, Quantum Technologies and so on. Each hub follows a technology life cycle approach, addressing all stages of technology development namely, knowledge generation-technology development-translation commercialization. With close collaborations with the startup ecosystem, industrial sectors and governmental organizations, the hubs are bringing out several technological solutions for people-centric problems. Several technologies and technology platforms established under the mission have helped push impact in multiple sectors.



Map courtesy: Survey of India, GOI

World Economic Forum

Article: WEF 2024-Bridging Divides & Building Cooperation



The World Economic Forum (WEF) convened its 54th Annual Meeting in Davos - Klosters, Switzerland, from January 15-19, 2024, on the theme 'Rebuilding Trust,' emphasising the need for global cooperation and shared solutions in a world undergoing critical challenges like climate change, geopolitical issues, and more.

The Forum provided a crucial space to step back and focus on the fundamental principles driving trust, including transparency, consistency, and accountability at three fundamental levels: into the future, within societies, and among nations.

Representatives from over 100 governments, foremost international organisations, 1000 partner corporations, and luminaries from diverse avenues, encompassing media and more, came together at WEF 2024 to seek pathways towards a more resilient and equitable future.

The WEF platform buzzed with discussions on various interconnected themes:

- Achieving Security and Cooperation in a Fractured World
- Artificial Intelligence as a Driving Force for the Economy and Society
- Creating Growth and Jobs for a New Era
- A Long-Term Strategy for Climate, Nature, and Energy

A Global Gathering of Minds at WEF

The 54th Annual Meeting of the WEF brought together various influential figures and leaders worldwide across the public and private sectors, civil society, and academia, from sectors including renewable energy, AI, automobiles, textiles and others, sharing diverse perspectives and insights for enhanced global cooperation and trust.

WEF: A Platform for Dialogue and Action

To translate discussions into action, India at WEF hosted a multitude of events and panels. The sessions fostered public engagement with panel discussions, roundtables, fireside chats, and interactive sessions.

India's presence at WEF was vibrant and impactful, reflecting its commitment to global cooperation and progress. A strong contingent of government officials, business leaders, and thought leaders engaged in insightful discussions, showcasing India's growing global importance.

India's presence at WEF 2024 was inspired by the mantra 'Engage, Experience, Invest'. Building on its successful G20 leadership, India championed the theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' – One Earth, One Family, One Future – acting as a unifying voice for the Global South.

Aligning with the WEF theme, 'Rebuilding Trust', India

emphasised the importance of global cooperation and shared solutions to address pressing challenges like climate change and economic inequality.

While actively contributing to WEF discussions on key issues, India also took centre stage by hosting sessions on its pioneering climate action goals and inclusive development programs.

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs; Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology, and Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum & Natural Gas, registered their presence at the WEF 2024, conveying India's message of global cooperation and world good. Government officials, including Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, and Shri Balamurugan D., Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, participated in sessions and shared India's evolving role in the global landscape.

Business leaders from media, tech, aerospace, and other sectors participated in discussions, showcasing India's growing entrepreneurial spirit. Some leading companies present included HCL Tech, Schneider Electric, Greenko, Builder.AI, Garuda Aerospace, Stride Ventures and others.

State Economic Profile

www.kerala.gov.in

Kerala

Kerala is one of the few states to have marketed its natural beauty successfully to the leisure tourism sector. The state's unique heritage and cultural diversity have attracted tourists from around the world. BBC Travel survey has rated Kerala as the top favourite tourist destination among foreign travellers in 2018. At current prices, Kerala's total GSDP is estimated at US\$ 124.18 billion in 2022-23, an increase of 12.2% over FY22. The state's GSDP recorded a CAGR of 8.84% between 2015-16 and 2022-23. Kerala has a wide range of fiscal and policy incentives for businesses under the Industrial and Commercial Policy and has well-drafted sector-specific policies.

agriculture, services, and tourism. The state's economic landscape exhibits a promising trajectory, driven by abundant natural resources, sustainable industrial policies, social development initiatives, developmental missions, and infrastructure advancements. Once dominated by traditional industries like coir, cashew, handicrafts, and handloom, Kerala's economy has evolved significantly. Today, alongside these traditional sectors, modern industries and

innovative business ventures are bolstering the state's economic growth. The combination of a high literacy rate, industry-friendly policies, and a robust healthcare system has made Kerala an attractive destination for foreign investment. Furthermore, Kerala's extensive coastline, four airports, and well-developed road networks serve as crucial conduits connecting the state's economy to the rest of the world.

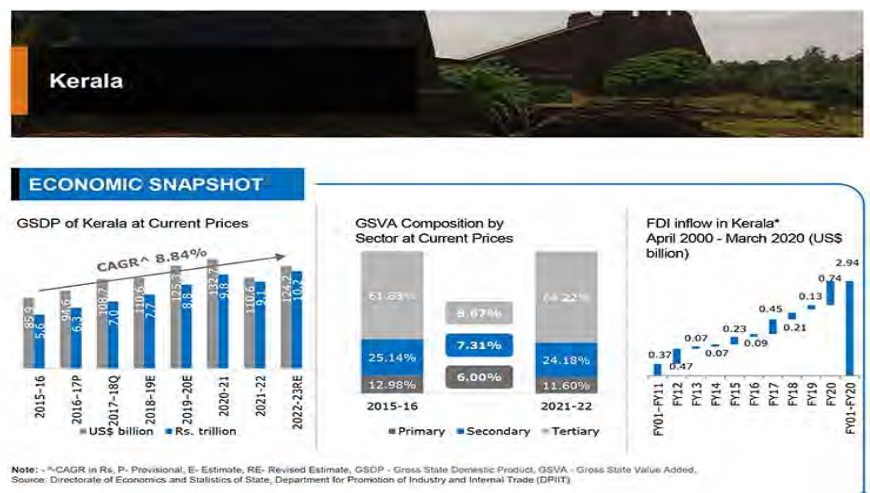
In September 2023, the state had a total installed power generation capacity of 6,493.79 MW, of which 2,232.01 MW was accounted by state utilities, 2,323.41 MW by central utilities, and 1,938.37 MW by the private sector. Thermal power contributed 3,077.87 MW to the total installed power generation capacity, followed by hydropower at 1,864.15 MW, renewable energy at 1,189.77 MW, and nuclear energy at 362 MW.

According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), cumulative FDI inflows in Kerala were valued at US\$ 807.26 million between October 2019-June 2023.

Exports from the state stood at US\$ 4.37 billion in FY23.

Kerala Economy:

Kerala's economy thrives on a harmonious blend of various sectors, including small cottage industries, large enterprises,



Himachal Pradesh

www.himachaltourism.gov.in

Himalayas in Himachal' or one must say Himachal in Himalayas. 'Him' in Hindi literally means ice or snow and 'alaya' means home, which makes Himalayas 'The Home of Snow' and from there Himachal gets its name meaning 'Land of Snow'.

While traditionally Himachal was known as a summer destination, the Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation Government of Himachal Pradesh has taken special efforts to break the seasonality factor and has developed diversified tourism products to attract tourists in other seasons too. Now Himachal is known as "A Destination for All Seasons and All Reasons". In fact, the Department has laid a special emphasis on the development of activity-based tourism and opening up of new sub destinations. To promote tourism in the countryside and to unexplored areas, appropriate infrastructure is being developed within available resources. By focussing on quality tourists, the Department aims at promoting sustainable tourism and encouraging private sector to develop tourism related infrastructure in the State without disturbing the existing ecology and environment.

Himachal situated in the heart of the western Himalaya, identified as "Dev Bhumi" and is believed to be the abode of Gods and Goddesses. The entire State is punctuated with stone as well as wood temples. The shadowy valleys, rugged crags, glaciers and gigantic pines and roaring rivers and exquisite flora and fauna compose the symphony that is for ever Himachal.



Yula Kanda Lake (Kinnaur)



Hatu Peak, Narkanda (Shimla)



Migratory Birds at Maharana Pratap Sagar Lake (Kangra)



Rock Cut Temples, Masroor (Kangra)

Adventure Tourism Sites Map of India



Embassy Events

Embassy of India, Vienna hosted the 4th Session in IDEASPHERE Series on 18th January 2024. This hybrid session was organized in association with Oberhammer Rechtsanwälte, on the topic - Visa & Immigration. Professionals from law firm 'Oberhammer Rechtsanwälte' gave comprehensive information and guidance on Austrian visa and work permit process to a group of Indian professionals and students. Participants gained a comprehensive understanding of the application process, eligibility criteria, and the benefits associated with Austria's visa and immigration landscape.



India Trade Fairs

INTERESTED IN VISITING A TRADE SHOW IN INDIA?

In case your company is interested in visiting a tradeshow/B2B event in India, be it one listed here or another one that came to your attention, get in contact with us via comm1.vienna@mea.gov.in to get more information about possible assistance/subsidies.



Global Textile Expo
New Delhi | Feb 26-29

TEXTILES
FASHION
SUSTAINABILITY

26 – 29 February 2024

Bharat Mandapam & Yashobhoomi, New Delhi



Delhi International Leather Expo

04-05 March 2024

After the astounding success of **PLEXCONNECT 2023**, we are back.

Now it's even **BIGGER!!**

PLEX²⁰²⁴ CONNECT

JUNE **7-9** 2024 BOMBAY EXHIBITION CENTRE, NESCO, MUMBAI

20,000
SQ. MTRS. SPACE

25000 TRADE VISITORS **500** EXHIBITORS

ORGANIZED BY
PLEXCONCIL
THE PLASTICS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL



BUYER/ EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION



Bharat Mobility GLOBAL EXPO 2024



INDIA INTERNATIONAL FOOD TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2024

7-9 FEBRUARY | KTPO Trade Center, Bangalore

Bulliten- INDIA



Digital India BHASHINI, is India's Artificial Intelligence (AI)-led language translation platform. It seeks to enable easy access to the internet and digital services in Indian languages, including voice-based access, and help the creation of content in Indian languages. Download the app from here:



The Government of India has extended e-Tourist Visa (e-TV) scheme to the citizens of Austria w.e.f. 26th February 2016. This facility is also available to the citizens of Montenegro and the Vatican City. The Indian e-Visa is an electronic travel permit that makes acquiring a visa to visit India easier. After filling out an online form with the traveler's personal information and passport information, the Indian electronic visa can be received fast.

Queries related to e-TV; for any assistance call 24x7 Visa support center at +91-11-24300666 or send email to indian-evisa@gov.in or visit www.indianvisaonline.gov.in



Know India Programme (KIP) is an initiative by the Ministry of External Affairs for the Indian Diaspora youth between the age group of 21-35 years. The primary objective of the KIP is to foster a closer connection between Indian diaspora youth and their ancestral homeland by augmenting their understanding of India. The Programme provides a platform for the Person of Indian Origin (PIO) youth to familiarize themselves with the contemporary India, through about three week knowledge tourism programme providing them an exposure to different aspects of the growth and development of India. More information on: www.kip.gov.in

India Perspectives, the flagship magazine of the Ministry of External Affairs. The magazine is printed in 16 languages and goes to 170 countries, disseminating interesting information about India's rich culture and tradition. For a copy of the magazine, mail us at: poip@mea.gov.in or visit www.indiaperspectives.gov.in



The Embassy's library is opened daily from 10 am to 1 pm without appointment. Our collection contains more than 3000 titles in dozens of categories.

For appointments outside the opening hours or other inquiries, please contact us at info.vienna@mea.gov.in or call on 015058666 – 44 .

Download our latest catalog of books under [Library Catalog](#)

Notice Board

EMBASSY'S LIBRARY

- The EMBASSY'S library is open DAILY from 10am to 1pm without appointment.
- For a complete list of books available in our library, visit our website www.eovienna.gov.in .
- For scheduling an appointment outside the opening hours, please contact the information assistant under: info.vienna@mea.gov.in or 01 505 8666 - 44

BUSINESS CENTRE

- The Embassy'S Business Centre is opened DAILY from 10am to 1pm.
- For scheduling an appointment outside the opening hours, please contact the commercial wing under : comm1.vienna@mea.gov.in or 01 505 8666

STUDENTS WELFARE OFFICER

- Ms. Nidhi Dhiman , First Secretary in this Embassy has been designated as Officer to look after welfare of Indian Students in Austria and Montenegro.
- His contact details are: 0043 1 505 866 and multi.vienna@mea.gov.in

YOGA CLASSES

- The Embassy hosts Yoga and Dance Classes in multipurpose hall at Embassy of India, Vienna. To register please send an email to our Cultural Wing at culture.vienna@mea.gov.in

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GOES MOBILE

- Avail services : passport, visa, consular assistance
- Ask your Minister : on the go, anytime, anywhere
- Follow your PM : on his visits abroad
- Find the nearest Indian Mission/Post : for emergency consular assistance
- Be informed : about India's Foreign Relations on the move and form your own opinions
- Know more : about how to undertake Kailash Manasarovar Yatra and Haj Pilgrimage
- Download and watch : pictures & documentaries on India
- Play and Personalize : what you need, when you need
- Share and contribute : your views, pics & suggestions

Ministry of External Affairs proudly presents "MEAIndia" – an integrated smart app for mobile and other hand held devices 'MEAIndia' is now available for download on App Store and Google Play Store.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

- Our Facebook and Twitter (X) pages target the India-Austria community and covers subjects such as Business, Culture, Embassy News, India-related events and programmes in Austria, and much more. We have reached the 19000 followers mark on Facebook !

'Like' our facebook page and be the first to know !

www.facebook.com/IndiaInAustria

www.twitter.com/IndiaInAustria

INDIA NEWSLETTER



**Indische
Botschaft
Wien**



सत्यमेव जयते
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India



Disclaimer: Information collected in our Newsletter is through secondary research and Embassy of India, Vienna is not responsible for any errors in the same.