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## India at a Glance

# Know India

India has a unique culture and is one of the oldest and greatest civilizations of the world. India has achieved all-round socio-economic progress since its Independence. India covers an area of 32,87,263 sq. km, extending from the snow-covered Himalayan heights to the tropical rain forests of the south. As the 7th largest country in the world, India stands apart from the rest of Asia, marked off as it is by mountains and the sea, which give the country a distinct geographical entity. Bounded by the Great Himalayas in the north, it stretches southwards and at the Tropic of Cancer, tapers off into the Indian Ocean between the Bay of Bengal on the east and the Arabian Sea on the west.



Lying entirely in the northern hemisphere, the mainland extends between latitudes 8° 4' and 37° 6' north, longitudes 68° 7' and 97° 25' east and measures about 3,214 km from north to south between the extreme latitudes and about 2,933 km from east to west between the extreme longitudes. It has a land frontier of about 15,200 km. The total length of the coastline of the mainland, Lakshadweep Islands and Andaman & Nicobar Islands is 7,516.6 km.

## Did you know!!



*The National Flag is a horizontal tricolour of India saffron (kesaria) at the top, white in the middle and India green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of width of the flag to its length is two to three. In the centre of the white band is a navy-blue wheel with 24 equally spaced spokes which represents the Ashoka Chakra.*

*The design of the National Flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India on 22 July 1947.*



*The State Emblem is an adaptation of the Lion Capital of Asoka at Sarnath. In the original, there are four lions, mounted back to back, on a circular abacus, which itself rests on a bell-shaped lotus. The frieze of the abacus has sculptures in high relief of an elephant, a galloping horse, a bull and a lion separated by intervening Dharma Chakras. The profile of the Lion Capital showing three lions mounted on the abacus with a Dharma Chakra in the centre, a bull on the right and a galloping horse on the left, and outlines of Dharma Chakras on the extreme right and left was adopted as the State Emblem of India on January 26, 1950. The bell-shaped lotus was omitted. The motto Satyameva Jayate, which means 'Truth Alone Triumphs', written in Devanagari script below the profile of the Lion Capital is part of the State Emblem of India.*

## Embassy News

A MoU was signed between India's Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership of Department of Atomic Energy and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) by Ambassador Shri Jaideep Mazumdar and IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi. This latest development would enhance India's support for IAEA's training and capacity building activities in nuclear tech, safety and security.



Left: Ambassador of India H.E. Jaideep Mazumdar; Right: IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi

Ambassador Shri Jaideep Muzumdar called on H.E. Mr. Jakov Milatovic, President of Montenegro & H.E. Mr. Milojko Spajic, Prime Minister of Montenegro during his visit to Montenegro. They discussed ways to deepen the historic relations between the two countries, enhancing bilateral cooperation in education, culture, trade, investment & people to people connect.



Left: Ambassador of India H.E. Jaideep Mazumdar;  
Right: H.E. Mr. Milojko Spajic, Prime Minister of Montenegro



Left: Ambassador of India H.E. Jaideep Mazumdar;  
Right: H.E. Mr. Jakov Milatovic, President of Montenegro.

## Snapshots

- 1** Total installed thermal power capacity is expected to be 283 GW and non-fossil-fuel-based capacity to be 500 GW by 2031-32: The Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Mr. R.K Singh performance and promising trends.
- 2** Government adjusts e-2W subsidies to 15% under FAME India Scheme Phase-II, resulting in 7,34,760 registrations, aligning with the growing EV market.
- 3** Luxury home sales in India surged by 75%, doubling their share, driven by heightened demand and increased new launches.
- 4** Ministry of Defence achieves US\$ 12 billion order value milestone on Government e-marketplace, enhancing efficiency and self-reliance.
- 5** UPI transactions reached an all-time high of US\$ 221.9 billion in January, showcasing a resilient 1% growth, while the overall digital payment landscape displayed robust
- 6** India's services sector PMI hit a six-month high in January at 61.8, driven by robust business activity amid strong domestic and global demand.
- 7** Microsoft's CEO, Mr. Satya Nadella, praised India's embrace of AI and announced the company's commitment to providing AI skills to 2 million individuals, highlighting the transformative impact and unique use cases of AI in India.
- 8** The Indian FMCG industry saw a 6.4% year-on-year volume growth in Q4 23, narrowing the urban-rural consumption gap, and is expected to grow between 4.5% and 6.5% in 2024.
- 9** India ranks 38 out of 139 countries on the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index Report 2023; India's rank has improved by sixteen places from 54 in 2014.
- 10** The Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Mr. R. K. Singh, is driving efforts to integrate green hydrogen with solar and wind energy for uninterrupted power supply, underlining the potential for substantial future initiatives.
- 11** Investment in technology by banks to boost enterprise fintech market; projected to reach US\$ 20 billion by 2030.
- 12** Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Mr. Piyush Goyal announced India's innovation surge as the Indian Patent Office (IPO) granted a record 75,000 patents in the past 10 months, demonstrating India's adeptness in innovation and its swift advancement.
- 13** The Indian auto component aftermarket is set to surge to US\$ 14 billion by 2028, according to a report by ACMA and Ernst & Young.
- 14** India reduces import duties on mobile phone components to boost exports; aims to compete globally with China and Vietnam.
- 15** Reliance Industries leads Indian companies in global rankings; five firms hit the US\$1 trillion mark globally.

## News Articles

### IT industry to grow 3.8% in FY24 to cross US\$ 250 billion, says Nasscom

The Indian information technology (IT) industry is projected to reach US\$ 253.9 billion in FY24, growing at a rate of 3.8% year-on-year. Amidst a slowdown in growth, the Indian IT industry faces challenges in achieving its US\$ 350 billion target by 2026. Projections indicate that the sector growth will drop from the 8.4% growth observed in the previous financial year. This decline in growth is particularly evident in the reduced incremental revenue addition, with FY24 seeing a decrease from US\$ 19 billion in FY23 to US\$ 9.3 billion.

According to reports from Nasscom, global tech spending has plummeted by approximately 50%, accompanied by a 6% decline in tech contracts in 2023. Nasscom President, Ms. Debjani Ghosh, highlighted the need to reevaluate the US\$ 350 billion target based on the industry's recent performance and upcoming trends. Despite these challenges, Nasscom's "Strategic Review 2024" underscores India's status as the world's largest sourcing hub, contributing 1% to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) through digital public infrastructure. Mr. Rajesh Nambiar, Chairperson of Nasscom and Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant, acknowledged the industry's continued growth in FY24. Despite the downturn, the Indian tech industry remains a net hirer, with a focus on upskilling. While hiring numbers are expected to decrease to 60,000 in FY24 from 290,000 in FY23, efforts to enhance skills persist.

### India outpaces peers in light vehicle sales growth: S&P Global Mobility

India's light vehicle sales surged by 35% in CY23 compared to pre-pandemic levels of CY19, marking one of the most rapid recoveries among the top 10 global markets, as per research conducted by S&P Global Mobility. The research encompasses passenger vehicles and light commercial vehicles within the 'light vehicles' category worldwide. While major global markets such as the US, Japan, and Germany are still lagging at pre-pandemic levels, China stands out with a 2.6% growth in 2023 from its pandemic levels in 2019.

S&P Global Mobility forecasts India to drive the global automotive growth narrative in the next decade, with projections indicating growth from an estimated 4.9 million units in CY24 to 8.2 million units by CY35. Consequently, India's global light vehicles market share is anticipated to rise from 5.5% in CY23 to 8% in CY35. In contrast, the US, Japan, and Germany are expected to witness declines in new vehicle sales by CY35. While China's growth is expected to slow, Brazil is poised for significant growth during the same period. Mr. Puneet Gupta, director at S&P Global Mobility for the India Subcontinent and ASEAN region, describes India's automotive market as "cruising at a fast pace," with consistent growth projected in the coming years according to S&P Global Mobility sales forecasts.

### India's merchandise exports in Jan 2024 registered 3.12% growth at US\$ 36.92 billion over US\$ 35.80 billion in Jan 2023

In January 2024, India's combined merchandise and services exports amounted to an estimated US\$ 69.72 billion, marking a growth of 9.28% over January 2023. Conversely, imports for the same period totalled US\$ 70.46 billion,

reflecting a 4.15% positive growth. The overall trade balance in January 2024 indicated a deficit of US\$ 0.74 billion. For the cumulative period of April-January 2023-24, India's combined exports stood at US\$ 638.37 billion, with marginal negative growth (-0.19%) compared to the same period in 2022-23. Imports during this duration amounted to US\$ 708.79 billion, resulting in an overall trade deficit of US\$ 70.43 billion.

Examining merchandise trade specifically, January 2024 saw exports of US\$ 36.92 billion and imports of US\$ 54.41 billion, leading to a trade deficit of US\$ 17.49 billion. Over April-January 2023-24, merchandise exports were US\$ 353.92 billion, with imports reaching US\$ 561.12 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of US\$ 207.20 billion. The data underscores India's trade dynamics, highlighting strengths and challenges in its economic engagements on the global stage.

### RBI's MPC pegs India's FY25 growth at 7%, raises quarterly estimations

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) rate-setting panel has forecast Indian economy to grow at 7 per cent in FY25, Governor Shaktikanta Das announced on Thursday. The MPC has forecast each of the quarters in FY25 to grow at 7.2 per cent, 6.8 per cent, 7 per cent and 6.9 per cent respectively.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) in its December meeting had forecast Indian economy's FY24 growth rate at 7 per cent. Q3FY24 and Q4FY24 GDP growth rates were pegged at 6.5 per cent and 6.0 per cent while real GDP growth rate for Q1FY25, Q2FY25 and Q3FY25 were pegged at 6.7 per cent, 6.5 per cent and 6.4 per cent respectively.

Das also announced that the MPC in its February meeting has kept the benchmark lending rates unchanged at 6.5 per cent for the



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sixth consecutive time. The stance too has remained unchanged, with the panel focusing on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation progressively aligns to the target, while supporting growth.

The Centre through its First Advance Estimate forecast the Indian economy to grow at 7.3% in FY24. If realised, this could be the third straight year India grew at 7 per cent or above, Das noted.

India's economy had grown at 7.2% in FY23. The Indian economy managed to retain the tag of fastest growing major economy in 2023.

"Domestic economic activity is exhibiting resilience. Real gross domestic product grew year-on-year by 7.6 per cent in Q2FY24, underpinned by robust investment and government consumption, which cushioned the drag from net external demand. On the supply side, gross value added (GVA) rose by 7.4 per cent in Q2, driven by buoyant manufacturing and construction activities," the MPC had noted in the previous meeting.

India's economy remains resilient amidst a global economic slowdown and six central bank rate hikes since 2022, supported by vigorous consumer and government spending, a thriving services sector, and increased manufacturing. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration has escalated infrastructure spending, and foreign companies are increasingly investing in India, particularly in technology manufacturing, seeking alternatives to China.

**The Ministry of Defence records US\$ 12 billion total order value on the**

### **Government e-marketplace since the portal's inception**

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has achieved a significant milestone, surpassing US\$ 12 billion in total order value through the Government e-marketplace (GeM) portal, known as Gross Merchandise Value (GMV). In the current fiscal year alone, transactions worth approximately US\$ 5.5 billion have been awarded, ranging from general store items to critical defense acquisitions like missile systems. GeM has facilitated over 547000 orders, showcasing the Ministry's commitment to optimizing public spending and supporting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a self-reliant India.

This achievement positions the Ministry of Defence as the first central government entity to cross this noteworthy figure, emphasizing its dedication to embracing change and fostering self-reliance. Notably, 50.7% of orders of US\$ 7.3 billion have been awarded to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), contributing significantly to India's economic self-sufficiency. With nearly 19,800 MoD buyers nationwide, including remote areas, placing trust in GeM, the portal has become an integral part of the procurement landscape. The engagement of Defence PSUs on the GeM platform has streamlined processes and facilitated sales, marking a transformative shift in procurement practices, further underscored by GeM's commitment to cost-effective and efficient government transactions through demand aggregation modules.

**India launches UPI payment services in Sri Lanka, Mauritius; Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi says 'our policy is neighborhood first'**

On February 12, India's Unified

Payment Interface (UPI) services were extended to Sri Lanka and Mauritius in a virtual ceremony attended by Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, Mauritian Prime Minister, Mr. Pravind Jugnauth, and Sri Lanka's President, Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe. This digital initiative signifies the deepening economic bonds between India and these island nations, fostering cross-border transactions and connections.

Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi emphasized the historic occasion, stating that it establishes a modern digital link to strengthen long-standing relations. Through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), India aims to facilitate cross-border transactions and fortify cross-border connections, fostering partnerships with Sri Lanka and Mauritius. The expansion of digital public infrastructure in India, enabling even the smallest businesses in remote villages to engage in convenient and speedy digital payments, reflects the transformative impact of technology. Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi reiterated India's commitment to a "neighborhood first policy," emphasizing that the country's development is intricately linked to the peace, security, and progress of the entire region, as encapsulated in the maritime vision of 'SAGAR' (Security and Growth for All in the Region).

### **India to be number 1 auto manufacturing hub in 5 years**

India is poised to emerge as the leading automobile manufacturing hub globally by 2029, according to Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, with projections indicating the nation's rise as the third-largest economy. Mr. Gadkari emphasized the government's commitment to enhancing infrastructure, promoting alternative fuels, and reducing logistics expenses. Highlighting the pivotal role of robust infrastructure in driving economic growth across sectors, he underscored the importance of efficient road networks, power supply, and communication systems.

# Industry Report

## Oil & Gas Industry

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The oil and gas sector is among the eight core industries in India and plays a major role in influencing the decision-making for all the other important sections of the economy.

India's economic growth is closely related to its energy demand, therefore, the need for oil and gas is projected to increase, thereby making the sector quite conducive for investment. India retained its spot as the third-largest consumer of oil in the world as of 2022.

The Government has adopted several policies to fulfil the increasing demand. It has allowed 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in many segments of the sector, including natural gas, petroleum products and refineries, among others. The FDI limit for public sector refining projects has been raised to 49% without any disinvestment or dilution of domestic equity in existing PSUs. Today, it attracts both domestic and foreign investment, as attested by the presence of companies such as Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and Cairn India. The industry is expected to attract US\$ 25 billion investment in exploration and production by 2022. India is already a refining hub with 23 refineries, and expansion is planned for tapping foreign investment in export-oriented infrastructure, including product pipelines and export terminals.

India's crude oil production in FY23 stood at 29.2 MMT.

### Market size:

According to the IEA (India Energy Outlook 2021), primary energy demand is expected to nearly double to 1,123 million tonnes of oil equivalent, as India's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to increase to US\$ 8.6 trillion by 2040.

As of April 2023, India's oil refining capacity stood at 253.91 MMT, making it the second-largest refiner in Asia. Private companies owned about 35% of the total refining capacity.

India is expected to be one of the largest contributors to non-OECD petroleum consumption growth globally. India's consumption of petrol products stood at 222.3 MMT in FY23. High-Speed Diesel was the most consumed oil product in India and accounted for 38.6% of petroleum product consumption in FY23.

India's consumption of petroleum products stood

at almost 4.44 million barrels per day (BPD) in FY23, up from 4.05 million BPD in FY22. India's crude oil production stood at 2.69 MBPD during April-October 2023.

India's LNG import stood at 20.1 million metric tonnes (MMT) in FY23. Gross production of LNG was 2,883 MMSCM in January, 2023. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), consumption of natural gas in India is expected to grow by 25 BCM, registering an average annual growth of 9% until 2024.

### Recent Developments:

- According to the data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), FDI inflows in India's petroleum and natural gas sector stood at **US\$ 8.18 billion** between April 2000-September 2023.

- As of November 1, 2023, India had 10,938 kms of crude pipeline network, with a capacity of 153.1 MMTPA.

- In FY24 (until October 2023), the crude oil production in India stood at 17.17 MMT.

- With 12,235 kms of refined products pipeline in India, the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) leads the segment with 53.17%, as of November 1, 2023.

- The total number of OMC retail outlets increased to 88,248, as of November 1, 2023, from 59,595 in FY17.

- In India, as of November 1, 2023, IOCL owned the highest number of retail outlets (36,792), followed by HPCL (21,482), and BPCL (21,391).

- As of November 1, 2023, there were 25,437 LPG distributors (under PSUs) in India.

Exports of Petroleum Products from India FY22 (MMT)



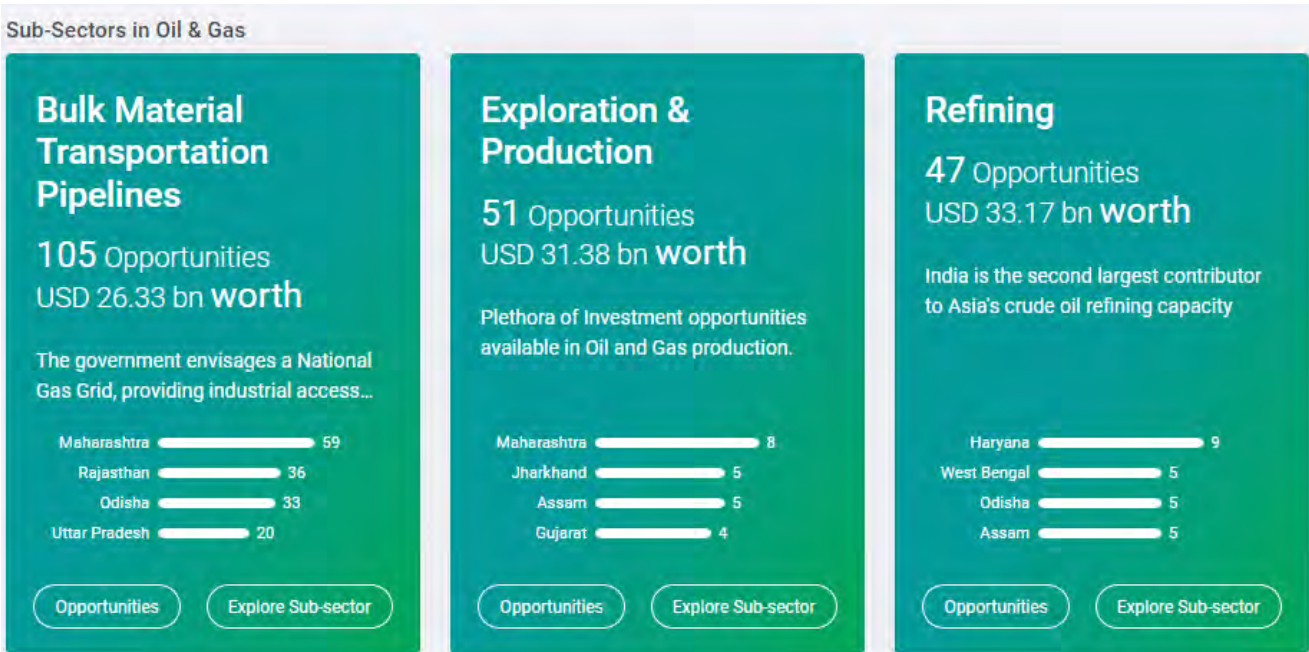
# Industry Report



## Invest in Oil & Gas Sector of India

India is ranked as the second-largest refiner in Asia, and its oil and gas industry has significant influence over important economic corridors. The country's aspirations align with a predicted twofold increase in oil demand, and refining capacity is expected to expand to 439 MT, a remarkable 75% increase. The country has a sophisticated network that includes an 8,228 km petroleum pipeline and a 22,306 km natural gas pipeline.

Four Petroleum, Chemicals, and Petrochemicals Investment Regions have flourished throughout India, setting an example for pioneering success. Alongside expansion, the government supports programs like the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Program, which advances the addition of ethanol to gasoline in order to increase sustainability.



National Infrastructure Pipeline			Projects	Stressed Assets
<p><b>NIP</b></p> <p>Project ID: 701289</p> <p>Capacity Expansion of Panipat Refinery from 15 to 25 MMTPA</p> <p><b>USD 4.81 bn</b></p> <p>State(s)   Haryana</p> <p>Sub Sector   Refining</p>	<p><b>NIP</b></p> <p>Project ID: 604795</p> <p>CBRPL 9 MMTPA Project in JV with IOCL</p> <p><b>USD 3.97 bn</b></p> <p>State(s)   Tamil Nadu</p> <p>Sub Sector   Refining</p>	<p><b>NIP</b></p> <p>Project ID: 604791</p> <p>Numaligarh Refinery Expansion Project 3 MMTPA to 9 MMTPA</p> <p><b>USD 2.39 bn</b></p> <p>State(s)   Assam</p> <p>Sub Sector   Refining</p>	<p><b>NIP</b></p> <p>Project ID: 701329</p> <p>Petrochemical and Lube Integration Project [Lupech] at...</p> <p><b>USD 2.38 bn</b></p> <p>State(s)   Gujarat</p> <p>Sub Sector   Refining</p>	<p>Connect</p> <p>Compare</p>



# State Economic Profile

## Madhya Pradesh

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Madhya Pradesh is located in central India. The state is bound on the north by Uttar Pradesh, on the east by Chhattisgarh, on the south by Maharashtra, and on the west by Gujarat and Rajasthan. It is among the fastest growing states in the country.

At current prices, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Madhya Pradesh was estimated at US\$ 160.9 billion in 2022-23. The GSDP increased at a CAGR (in Rs.) of 13.61% from 2015-16 to 2022-23. Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) of Madhya Pradesh was estimated to be about US\$ 147.39 billion in 2022-23. Between 2015-16 and 2022-23, the state's NSDP increased at a CAGR of about 13.93%.

Madhya Pradesh is rich in natural resources - fuel, minerals, agriculture, and biodiversity. It is also the only diamond producing state in the country. Diamond production in the state stood at 38,437 carats in 2018-19.

Madhya Pradesh offers distinctive monetary and strategy/policy incentives for organizations under the Industrial Promotion Policy-2014 other than strategies/policies for information technology (IT), biotechnology, tourism, and special economic zone (SEZs). To pull in investors and promote entrepreneurs, the State Government has selected TRIFAC, an agency that encourages a single window system, for speedy approvals of different clearances and consents.

Exports from the state stood at US\$ 8.21 billion in FY23. According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and

Internal Trade (DPIIT), cumulative FDI inflow in Madhya Pradesh was valued at US\$ 536.11 million between October 2019-June 2023.

### Madhya Pradesh Demographics

About 59% of Madhya Pradesh's population is in the working age group of 15-59 years (according to the 2011 census).

Madhya Pradesh, the 5<sup>th</sup> most populated state in India, is home to 6% of the country's total population. The state's total population is approximately 73 Mn.

### Key Sectors:



### Invest in Madhya Pradesh

**Ranking:** Madhya Pradesh is ranked #8 in the Export Ecosystem Category in Export Preparedness Index 2022.

**Excellent Infrastructure:** With a total land bank of more than 125000 acres, the State contains 96 industrial areas and the state has India's 1st green-field SEZ in Pithampur which covers total area of 1,114 Ha.

**Well connected:** The State has a dense road network of more than 300000 kms, 5 commercial airports operating 100+ flights and 6 major dry inland container depots (ICDs).

**Clean City:** Indore, the State's commercial capital, was ranked the cleanest city for the sixth consecutive year.

**Minerals & resources:** Madhya Pradesh has a strong base of mineral resources and has the highest number of mines in the country. It is a major producer of limestone, copper, bauxite, manganese ore, phosphorite and iron ore.

**Agro-climatic zones:** Home to 11 agro-climatic zones and more than 4500000 hectares of irrigated land, Madhya Pradesh is the leading producer of foodgrains, pulses, oilseeds, vegetables and fruits.

**Investor Friendly:** Investors can find business opportunities in Madhya Pradesh across various domains including food processing, textiles, automobiles, renewable energy, logistics & warehousing, defence, IT and pharmaceuticals.

## Haryana

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The name Haryana means the abode of God. It is a blend of two Sanskrit words 'Hari' which means God and 'ayana' meaning home. It is a land where guests are treated equal to god.

Haryana represents the face of modern India. The one which is heralding the future yet prides itself of being rooted in its magnificent culture. Today Haryana is positioned among one of the wealthiest and most economically developed regions in South Asia.

Haryana is a vivid kaleidoscope of diverse landscapes, showcasing magnificent archaeology and celebrating art and culture. A state that has transcended on a journey and preserved the best of both worlds – the footprints of the bygone era and futuristic vision.

From being referred to as 'heaven on earth' in ancient Sanskrit texts to being the bedrock of Indus valley civilization, Haryana has one of the most unique histories. This land has also witnessed historical battles, including the famous battles at Panipat and has lent canvas for the epic battle of Mahabharata at Kurukshetra.

Today Haryana stands tall with its achievements in agriculture, industrialization and flourishing art and culture. Rich in history, monuments, heritage, flora and fauna, human resources and tourism with well developed economy, national highways and state roads, Haryana is a journey worth experiencing.

Twenty tourism hubs have been created by Haryana Tourism, which are located in Ambala, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Fatehabad, Gurgaon, Hisar, Jhajjar, Jind, Kaithal, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Panchkula, Sirsa, Sonipat, Panipat, Rewari, Rohtak, Yamunanagar, Palwal and Mahendergarh. These are for the convenience of tourists visiting Haryana.

These hubs are well-equipped with modern infrastructure, facilities and services in the areas of commerce, communication, connectivity, hospitality, transportation, medical facilities etc.



# Religious Places in India



## India Trade Fairs

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