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India will hold the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. The Maha Upanishad, a prehistoric Sanskrit scripture, serves as the inspiration for the theme of India's G20 Presidency "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth, One Family, One Future". The theme essentially emphasizes the importance of all life—human, animal, plant, and microorganism—as well as their interdependence on Earth and across the cosmos.

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Snapshots

1 According to the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023, India moved up two spots to take eighth place out of 63 nations.

2 Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi said at the G20 meeting in Indonesia that India is on pace to meet its goal of producing 50% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

3 According to International Data Corporation (IDC), businesses investing in digital transformation helped India's IT and business services industry grow 7.4% in the first half of 2022.

4 Auto component suppliers are likely to have 8-10% revenue growth this fiscal year, supported by solid domestic OEMs and pent-up aftermarket demand, according to research from credit ratings agency ICRA.

5 India and Finland have agreed to advance bilateral collaboration

and expand cooperation in areas like digital education, future mobile technologies, and the digital partnership in ICT.

6 According to the newest figures by Federation of Automobile Dealers Association of India (FADA), retail electric car sales in India increased by around 185% in October over the same month last year.

7 Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Mr. Hardeep S Puri, inaugurated the Transport4All Challenge Stage-2 and Citizen Perception Survey 2022.

8 India is poised to experience the world's largest roll-out of 5G infrastructure with multi-billion dollar investments by the nation's top telecoms over the coming years.

9 India's agricultural and processed food exports increased by 25% to US\$ 13,771 million in Q2 of the current fiscal (2022-23).

10 A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Denmark on collaboration

in the area of water resources development and management, and this knowledge was shared with the Union Cabinet, presided over by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi.

11 According to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI conducted 7.3 billion transactions worth US\$ 146.6 billion in October 2022.

12 India Space Congress, 2022 (ISC'22) announced a number of initiatives to showcase excellence, including partnering with Microsoft to extend Founders Hub benefits to the 15 shortlisted startups and engaging with the 'iDEX 75 Space Challenges' announced by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi during the Defence Expo.

13 The region of Jammu and Kashmir has seen 16.20 million tourists in 2022, the highest in India's 75 years of independence.

14 According to Meta, India is the most important country in terms of all the new features that are available on Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp.

India, EU ink pact on climate, quantum tech: Livemint

India and the European Union (EU) signed an agreement on cooperation in areas such as climate modelling and quantum technologies, building on the Trade and Technology Council launched by the two sides earlier this year.

The "Intent of Cooperation on High-Performance Computing (HPC), Weather Extremes and Climate Modelling and Quantum Technologies" was signed by India's ministry of electronics and IT (MeitY) and the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) during a virtual ceremony.

The agreement builds on commitments by both sides for deepening technological cooperation on quantum and high-performance computing during the India-EU leaders meeting on 8 May.

"Moreover, the signing of the agreement assumes significance in the context of the decision to set up EU-India Trade and Technology Council (TTC)" on 25 April, an EU statement said.

The agreement signed aims to facilitate collaboration on high-performance computing applications using Indian and European supercomputers in areas such as bio-molecular medicines, covid-19 therapeutics, mitigating climate change, predicting natural disasters and quantum computing, the statement said.

The agreement was signed by MeitY secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma and Roberto Viola, director general of the Directorate General of

Communication, Networks, Content and Technology.

India's food service market to reach \$79.65 bn by 2028: Business- Standard

India's food service market is expected to reach USD 79.65 billion by 2028, growing at a CAGR of 11.19 per cent from USD 41.1 billion in 2022, according to a report.

Despite over 2 million jobs lost during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the industry is expected to reach employment figures of 10 million by 2025, as per the Food Service and Restaurant Business Report 2022-23, by Francorp and restaurantindia.in.

The restaurants and food service market in the country is divided into two segments with the unorganised segment accounting for the major share, the report said, adding that the organised sector also grew at a strong rate between 2014 and 2020.

"India's food service market is anticipated to project robust growth in the forecast period with an impressive CAGR of 11.19 per cent and reach USD 79.65 billion by 2028," it said.

It further said that the country's quick service restaurants (QSR) market is estimated to be USD 690.21 million in 2022 and is expected to reach USD 1069.3 million by 2027, growing at a CAGR of 9.15 per cent.

Over FY20-25, the QSR chain market is estimated to be the highest-growing sub-segment -- at 23 per cent CAGR -- in the entire food service market, not just the chain market.

This will be on the back of large food service chains such as McDonald's, Burger King, and Domino's, among others, deepening their reach in India's smaller cities and benefiting from a younger demographic.

Under the agreement, Airbus will deliver the first 16 aircraft in 'fly-away' condition from its final assembly line in Seville, Spain within four years and the subsequent 40 aircraft will be manufactured and assembled by Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) in India as part of an industrial partnership between the two companies.

India and Finland agree to carry mutual cooperation between the two countries to a new level and enhance partnership in areas such as Digital Partnership in Future ICT, Future Mobile Technologies and Digital Education: PIB

India and Finland have agreed to advance bilateral collaboration and expand cooperation in areas like digital education, future mobile technologies, and the digital partnership in ICT.

Mr. Petri Honkonen, Minister of Education and Culture of Finland, met with Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science and Technology on November 14, 2022 at North Block to discuss ways to improve bilateral collaboration between the two nations in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI).

Mr. Honkonen praised Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi for handling the Covid-19 pandemic and the Government of India's efforts to ensure the development of vaccines and vaccination for all citizens while Dr. Singh reaffirmed India's commitment on partnership even in start-ups.

In the fields of science, technology, and innovation, India and Finland have close ties. The Department of Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland, along with Business Finland and Academy of Finland, have been working together successfully for more than ten

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years within the framework of the S&T agreement.

Government plans to roll out PLI scheme to encourage container manufacturing: IBEF

To promote container manufacturing in India, the Center is developing a new production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme. Funding for the scheme might come in part from savings from PLI schemes that are already in place.

In order to fund the new PLI scheme, a portion of the savings totaling US\$ 1.42 billion will be redistributed, according to a decision made by a powerful group of secretaries led by Cabinet Secretary Mr. Rajiv Gauba.

India currently imports a sizable portion of its containers from China because it lacks a thriving market for container manufacturing. Container supply from China had suffered significantly during the pandemic, sparking a huge frenzy in container markets around the world. An official claimed that the container market was more negatively impacted by global trade uncertainties than by the general slowdown in the economy.

It is anticipated that domestic container production will lessen India's reliance on China while also reducing logistics expenses.

India's agricultural and processed food products export up by 25% to US\$ 13,771 million in Q2 of the current fiscal (2022-23) compared to the same period last year: PIB

Exports of agricultural and processed food items increased by 25% in the first six months of the current fiscal year 2022-23 (April-September) compared to the same period in FY 2021-22. According to preliminary data issued by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), overall exports of agricultural and processed food goods increased by 25% in US\$ from April-September 2022.

The total export of Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) products climbed to US\$ 13,771 million from US\$ 11,056 million in the previous fiscal year in April-September 2022. The actions implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry through APEDA have assisted the country in meeting 58% of its total export target for 2022-23 within the first six months of the current fiscal year. APEDA has set an export target of US\$ 23.56 billion for the agricultural and processed food products basket for the fiscal year 2022-23, with the export of US\$ 13.77 billion already reached in the first six months of the current fiscal.

According to DGCI&S preliminary data, processed fruits and vegetables increased by 42.42% (April-September 2022), while fresh fruits increased by 4% compared to the same months the previous year. In addition, processed food products such as cereals and other processed items increased by 29.36% compared to the first six months of the previous year.

With 1.17 billion subscribers, India is world's 2nd largest telecom market, says TRAI chairman Dr. PD Vaghela

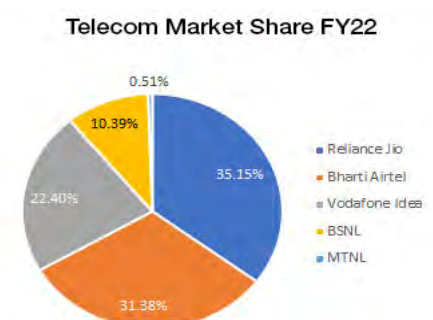
With 1.17 billion telecom users and 825 million broadband subscribers, India is currently

the second-largest telecom market in the world, according to Dr. P. D. Vaghela, Chairperson of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) organised a workshop on "Vision for Socio-Economic Transformation in NE States - Role of 5G Technologies and Digital Infrastructure" in Guwahati to help people better understand and address the problems and obstacles associated with bringing transformational technology to all of the Northeastern Region's states.

According to Dr. Vaghela, 5G technology will help India realise its aim of empowering its citizens digitally and enhancing their quality of life. According to him, the adoption of 5G technology would result in major network performance gains, as well as a likely transformation of society and industry that would propel the nation on a never-before-seen growth trajectory. He noted that 5G would have a significant impact on a number of industries as well as the general economy.

He emphasised how the stakeholders can work together to speed up the development of the infrastructure needed for 5G, taking into account the problems and difficulties in the NE states. According to him, the government's top priority is to ensure that every segment of society has connectivity at all costs by giving everyone, particularly those who are underserved, access to the internet and other digital technologies.



New Generation Technique for Efficient Superabrasive Tools Fabrication of Low-cost LCD Devices

A research team at IIT Madras has developed new-generation multi-point/single-layer superabrasive tools for advanced grinding applications. They used advanced chemical bonding technology with an application-specific novel formulation of filler material and controlled spacing of grits on the tools by an indigenously developed semi-automatic grit-printing device. The novel formulation offers an excellent blend of strength, wear resistance, and wetting characteristics. The grit-planting setup allows a manufacturer to print grit in a customised pattern to suit the requirement of an application. The recommended coating enhances the durability of the bond, thus adding life to the developed tools. The joint strength and wear-resistant characteristics of the bonds of these tools are superior to those of their commercial counterparts. The technology can produce new-generation tools with versatile geometries.

ISRO Cryogenic Engine Tested Successfully

ISRO carried out a hot test of its upgraded CE-20 cryogenic engine on 9 November to achieve a thrust of 21.8 tonnes, an increase from 19 tonnes. This enables India's heaviest launcher LVM3 to lift heavier payloads. The higher thrust is obtained by increasing the quantity of fuel being stored in the tanks and by increasing the rate of flow of fuel to the engine. The major modification carried out on this test was the introduction of a Thrust Control Valve (TCV) for thrust control. In addition to this 3D-printed liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen turbine and exhaust casings were used for the first time.

A team of scientists from the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru conceptualized and implemented a novel way of employing 2D materials to overcome the drawbacks of current methods. Using h-BN nanoflakes as the specific material, the group employed a procedure called solution-processed deposition technique and found it to be effective in getting the LC alignment over a much larger area. They also found the resultant crystals to be quite robust with no evidence of decay in LC orientation over several months. It was noted that the method demonstrating a non-conventional and contact-free route for getting unidirectional alignment of LC, is also much simpler, scalable, flexible for adaptation, and cost-effective.

Gene Editing in Temperature Sensitive Organisms, Plants and Crops

In order to advance CRISPR-Cas9 platform into the forefront of biomedical and analytical biotechnology, scientists of Raman Research Institute (RRI), have explored temperature-dependent binding and release of cleaved products by the Cas9 enzyme. The team demonstrated that the Cas9 enzymes strongly bind to the target at very low temperatures and remains bound to the cleaved DNA products even after the enzyme has done its job. Subsequently, the bound products were released in a controlled fashion using high temperature or chemical denaturants (that make proteins and DNA lose their 3-dimensional structure and become non-functional). The research expands possible application of the Cas9-based genetic toolbox to a previously unexplored temperature

range that would be compatible with long-term storage of biological samples. Their observations on high efficiency of Cas9 binding to target at very low temperatures also provide opportunities to edit genomes of the less explored organisms called cryophiles with an optimal growth temperature of 15°C. The results on Cas9-DNA binding and release mechanics will provide valuable insights for developing temperature-dependent applications of the CRISPR-Cas9 technology. It also builds a quantitative understanding of the product release mechanism of this enzyme system.

Organic Semiconductor-based Acidity Tester

Scientists at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER-TVM) Thiruvananthapuram have developed an organic semiconductor-based device that can be used to design disposable, flexible pH meters to test the full-scale acidity and alkalinity of substances. It requires only a drop of the fluid whose pH needs to be measured accurately in a few milliseconds without the need of calibration. The pH sensor uses an organic thin film as the sensing layer made of a semiconducting polymer called P3HT (or poly(3-hexylthiophene-2,5-diyl)). The analyte drop is placed on the P3HT film channel between the source and drain and used as the 'gate dielectric' to measure the pH value from the change of threshold voltage and drain current modulation. The team tested their device and found that it effectively senses pH values ranging from 3 to 12 within a few milliseconds. The device needs no calibration, has a stable performance for 5 minutes and can be used as a single-use, rapid pH meter. The organic ISFET pH sensor can be used to sense the acidity of bodily fluids and may be used to fabricate wearable acidity sensors. The absence of calibrating the pH sensor means that it can be used to make hand-held, disposable pH meters that farmers can use to check the acidity of their soil for optimum harvest.

Metal and Mining

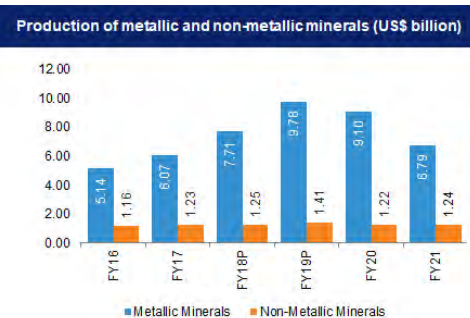
India holds a fair advantage in production and conversion costs in steel and alumina. Its strategic location enables export opportunities to develop as well as fast-developing Asian markets. As of FY22, the number of reporting mines in India were estimated at 1,425, of which reporting mines for metallic minerals were estimated at 525 and non-metallic minerals at 720.

Minerals are precious natural resources that serve as essential raw materials for fundamental industries, so the growth of the mining industry is essential for the overall industrial development of a nation. The vast resources of numerous metallic and non-metallic minerals that India is endowed with serve as a foundation for the expansion and advancement of the nation's mining industry. India is largely self-sufficient in metallic minerals including bauxite, chromites, iron ore, and lignite as well as mineral fuels like coal and lignite.

The industry has the potential to significantly impact GDP growth, foreign exchange earnings, and give end-use industries like building, infrastructure, automotive, and electricity, among others, a competitive edge by obtaining essential raw materials at reasonable rates. Rise in infrastructure development and automotive production are driving growth. Power and cement industries are also aiding growth for the sector. Demand for iron and steel is set to continue given the strong growth expectations for the residential and commercial building industry.

India ranks fourth globally in terms of iron ore production. Production of iron ore in FY21 stood at 204.48 million tonnes. From April 2021- January 2022, iron ore production in India stood at 204 million tonnes (MT).

In FY20, India had a total number of 878 steel plants producing crude steel. India's crude steel production stood at 120 MT in FY22. The steel production in India is projected to increase by 18% to reach 120 million tonnes (MT) by FY22. In Q3 FY22, production of hot metal, crude steel and saleable steel by SAIL stood at 1.55 MT, 1.44 MT and 1.46 MT, respectively.



Combined Aluminium production (primary and secondary) in India stood at 4.1 MT per annum in FY21 becoming the 2nd largest in the world. Aluminium production stood at 3,285,186 tonnes between April 2020 and January 2021.

The Government of India has also helped in the development of the metals and mining sector in India by launching key policy initiatives. The National Mineral Policy, which was approved by the Government in February 2019, has ensured improved regulation and

enforcement, more transparency, balanced social and economic growth, and sustainable mining techniques. The policy grants industry status to the mining activities and boost private sector funding. Additionally, it aims to facilitate the merger and acquisition of mining companies, entice private sector involvement in exploration, and permit the transfer of mineral corridors created specifically for metals and mining leases.

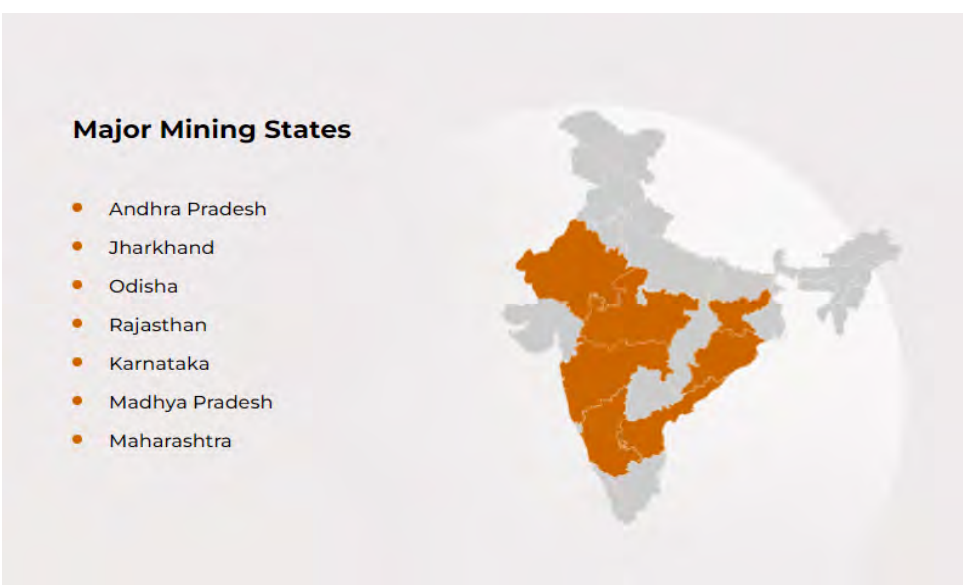
Latest Developments:

- The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for the month of June 2022 stood at 113.4.

- From April 2000-March 2022, FDI inflows in the metallurgical industry stood at (US \$ 17.02 billion), followed by the mining (US\$ 3.24 billion), diamond & gold ornaments (US\$ 1.21 billion) and coal production (US\$ 27.73 million) industries.

- GVA from mining and quarrying stood at US\$ 43.3 billion in FY22, as per the advance estimates.

- NMDC's cumulative iron ore production (until May 2022) stood at 6.35 MT as compared to 5.91 MT (until May 2021).



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1
Fastest Growing G20
Economy

2
Largest Internet
Subscriber Base

2
Crude Steel Producer

1
Producer of Spices,
Pulses, Milk, Tea,
Cotton.

2
Global Retail Index

3
Number of Unicorns

1
Fastest Growing
Startup Ecosystem

3
Largest Consumer
Market



Cumulative FDI
Equity Inflow
US\$ 588.53 billion
(from April 2000-
March 2022)

Trade in Goods
2021:
India-Austria
India's Export: US\$ 1.29 bn
India's Import: US\$ 1.18 bn

India's investment in
Austria: Euro 1145 mn
Austria's investment
in India: Euro 830 mn

More than 2 billion
Covid-19 vaccinations
administered all over
India

Population

1,380,004,385

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US\$ 3.12 trillion
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Sikkim

Sikkim situated in the Eastern Himalayan region with an area of 7,096 sq km and altitude ranging from 300m to 8,586m above sea level is a wonderland blessed with natural abundance from icy cold deserts, flowering alpine meadows, to lush green forests and emerald mountain lakes. The crowning glory of this wonderland is undoubtedly the magnificent Mt. Khangchendzonga (8,586m), the third highest mountain of the world. The mountain is not merely a physical entity but the abode of guardian deity whose benign watchfulness ensures peace and prosperity of the land.

It is possible to move from the sub-tropical heat of the lower valleys to the cold of the rugged mountain slopes that ascend up to the areas of perpetual snow in a matter of few hours. Such a steep rise in altitude over a very short distance, allows the land to host a robust natural heritage and wealth. The snow-capped mountain ranges, lush thick forests, plunging mountain valleys flush with rich flora and fauna, picture perfect villages, groves of rhododendrons, hot -springs, waterfalls, perennial streams and grand rivers Teesta and Rangit all contribute to shape Sikkim as a magical, mystical wonderland.

Keeping in tune with the natural diversity, Sikkim has an equally rich and diverse demographic structure with myriad of communities and religions and intricately knit colourful cultures, the basic connecting factor being the warm, welcoming nature of the people everywhere. The phrase "Atithi Devo Bhava" finds its true meaning in Sikkim. Diverse rituals, songs, dances, traditional dresses, folklores and legends fill up the cultural canvas of the State.

The chimes of bells in the temples and the flutter of prayer flags in the monasteries create a feeling of righteousness and healing of spirit and soul. Feel rejuvenated, energised and spirituality enlightened in this holy land.



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