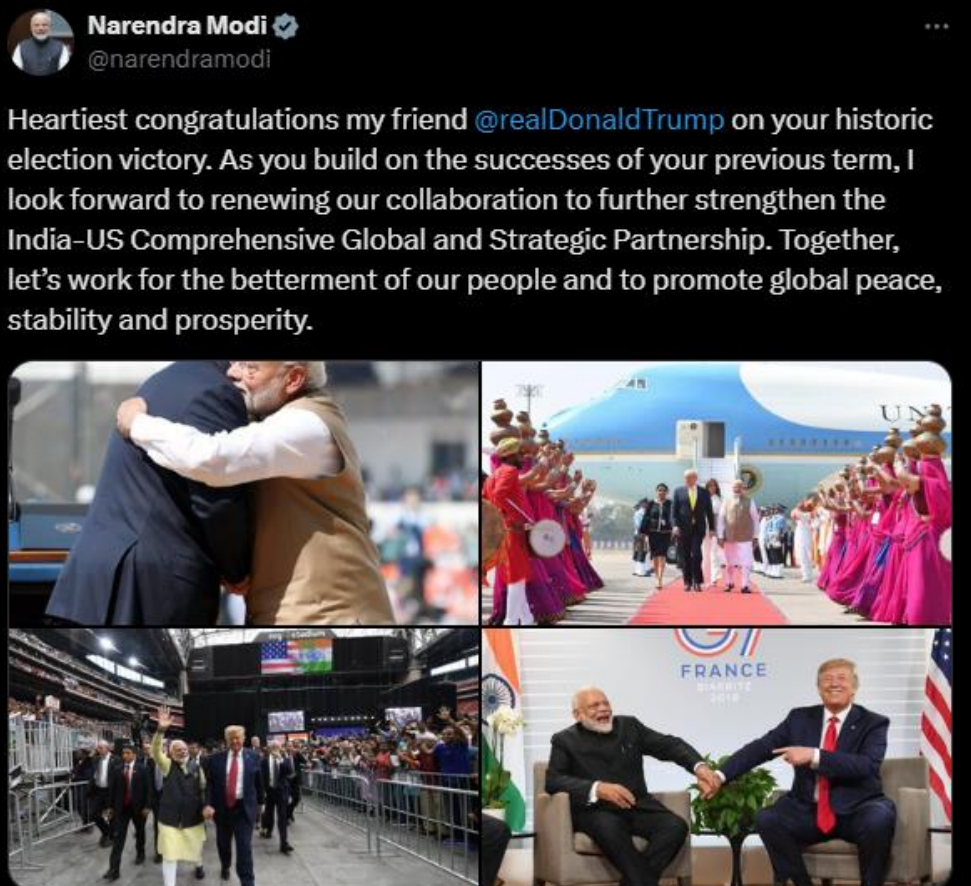


  
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# Newsletter

## Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Donald Trump on his historic victory in the US Presidential Election

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## India's potential to become the largest provider of skilled workforce to the world

With over 65% of its youth in the working age group, India has an advantage of a demographic dividend unlike any other country in the world. However, the full benefits of this dividend can be realised only if the youth is equipped with the right kind of skills, skills that are required to meet the demands of modern, cutting-edge jobs. Under these circumstances, focus on innovation, education, and nurturing talent would be key in making India the skill capital of the world. The Indian government has been conscious of this potential and has undertaken various initiatives to bridge the skill gap to develop a formidable workforce.

### Creating a Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

To this end, for the first time since Independence, a separate Ministry, Ministry for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship was created in 2014 to ensure that the youth can keep up with the changing needs of the job market thereby enhancing their productivity and employability. The Modi government accordingly launched the Skill India Mission in 2015 to focus on skilling, re-skilling, and up-skilling, through short-term and long-term training programs.

The Mission offers courses in almost 40 sectors across India specifically designed to equip individuals with hands-on knowledge and practical skills required for their job, so that once employed, their employer would not be required to make further investments in their training and capacity development.

The Mission ensures that these courses are in line with the standards recognised by both the public and private sector under the National Skill Qualification Framework. Common norms have also been developed across skill development programmes so that they are aligned to pursue singular objectives.

### About Skill India Digital Hub

Skill India Digital Hub is specially designed and developed to skill, reskill and upskill Indian individuals through an online training platform, API-based trusted skill credentials, payment and discovery layers for jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities. The improved version of the platform has Udyam, e-Shram, NCS and ASEEM portals interlinked for G2C, B2C and B2B services. It will act as a bridge between the employees and employers and allow educational institutes to create/modify curricula as per industry demands.





## Emerging opportunities: Sunrise sectors to invest in India



**India is the fastest-growing large economy and is set to become the world's third-largest economy by 2030–31. The below-mentioned sectors are some of the key sectors which will play a significant role in India's growth.**

### **Agriculture & Allied sector**

India stands as a beacon of opportunity for manufacturers across diverse sectors. With a burgeoning economy and proactive government policies, investing in India presents unparalleled advantages for companies looking to expand their footprint and tap into dynamic markets. Here is a brief information on some of the sunrise sectors to invest in India.

### **Electronics and semiconductors**

India's electronics industry is at the forefront of global innovation, driven by initiatives such as the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme and the SEMICON India Program. India offers an enticing landscape for investors seeking technological advancements and market expansion as the semiconductor market poised to triple by 2026 with an expected production value of \$300 billion by FY26.

### **Electric Vehicles (EV)**

India's ambitious push toward electric mobility is creating vast opportunities for investors, propelled by initiatives like FAME II and 100% FDI allowance. The EV sector — buoyed by 12000+ operational EV charging stations — presents compelling investment prospects across manufacturing and infrastructure development.

### **Renewable energy**

Setting a target to achieve 500 GW of non-fossil fuel-based energy by 2030, India offers immense potential for investors seeking to capitalize on the global shift towards clean energy. Initiatives like the National Green Hydrogen Mission and Offshore Wind Energy targets provide frameworks for sustainable growth, attracting investments in green technologies.

### **Agro and Food Processing (A&FP)**

Initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana and liberalized FDI norms offer attractive investment avenues for both domestic and international investors. From enhancing agricultural productivity to promoting food processing capabilities, India's agricultural landscape presents diverse opportunities for value addition and exports. Schemes like the PLI Scheme for Food Processing Industry further incentivize investment in food processing infrastructure and technologies.

### **Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals**

In India, the healthcare and pharmaceutical sector represents a nexus of innovation and growth, driven by dynamic factors such as increasing healthcare expenditure and groundbreaking technological advancements. Projecting the Indian medtech industry to grow to \$50 billion by 2025, this sector offers a wealth of investment opportunities across its diverse segments.

## Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

### IMF maintains India's growth forecast at 7% for 2024-25

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has maintained its GDP growth outlook for India at 7% for the financial year 2024-25 and 6.5% for 2025-26, according to its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) report. These projections ensure India retains its status as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies.

### India set to become fourth-largest consumer durables market by 2030

India is on track to become the fourth-largest market for consumer durables by 2030, potentially creating 500,000 new jobs, according to a recent report by EY-Parthenon and CII. The report, titled Vision 2030: India's Rise as a Global Force in Consumer Electronics and Durables, projects the sector will grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 11%, reaching a market size of INR 3 lakh crore by 2029. The report also highlights a shift in consumer habits, with more people investing in premium and value-added products. While India lags behind other markets in online sales, with only about 14% of sales happening online, the sector is expected to witness growth in this area. As per the report, online sales will likely expand as the supply infrastructure develops, particularly in tier-2 and tier-3 cities and rural regions, bolstered by government initiatives such as the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

### India's digital transformation poised to create a US\$1 trillion economy by 2028

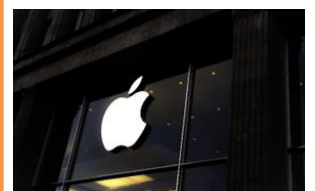
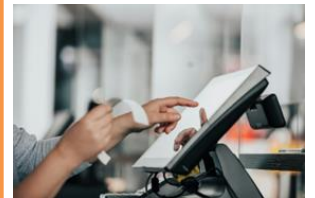
India's financial ecosystem has undergone a paradigm shift driven by the government's digital initiatives and the widespread adoption of efficient and affordable 4G and 5G services. According to a report by Ask Capital, the country is on course to becoming a US\$1 trillion digital economy by 2028, with increased internet penetration and homegrown technological innovations such as UPI playing pivotal roles. The digital economy, which accounted for 4.5% of GDP in 2014, is expected to contribute 20% by 2026, with sectors like finance, healthcare, and education undergoing large-scale digital transformation.

### India's per capita income set to surge by US\$2,000 in five years: FM Sitharaman

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has expressed optimism about India's economic prospects, forecasting a US\$2,000 increase in the nation's per capita income over the next five years. While it took India 75 years to reach a per capita income of US\$2,730, the next leap is expected to occur much faster. Sitharaman underscored the importance of consumption, which constitutes over 60% of India's GDP, and highlighted the country's youthful population, with 43% of citizens under 24. This demographic is poised to drive organic consumption growth, which the Finance Minister identified as a key factor in boosting the economy.

### Apple to boost India presence with new stores, locally made iPhones

Apple is set to strengthen its presence in India by launching four new retail stores and debuting its first 'Made in India' iPhone 16 Pro and Pro Max models. The tech giant, which already has two stores in Delhi and Mumbai, plans to open new outlets in Pune, Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR, and Mumbai next year.



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For more information how to participate visit: <http://bkjquiz.com>



Media coverage locally on India:

## Tinka from Rijeka: "In India, despite their age, people can be who they are"



The Travel blogger Tinka Ines Kalajžić from Rijeka introduces us to the story of India. In the last nine years, she has visited that magical subcontinent four times, where life simply flows differently than in Croatia, but also in the rest of the Western world. This winter, she is once again preparing for a trip to the country where she regularly hunts for eternal summer, which she is already sure she will return to for the rest of her life. During her visits, she explored the many charms of that country - from festivals and spiritual rituals to unique culture and authentic food. Tinka held a travel lecture in Zagreb's Pivana as part of the GRIF IPA: Beer Expedition finale.

Read the full article at the following [link](#).

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India has officially expressed its desire to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2036. Namely, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has officially submitted a letter of intent to the Commission for Future Hosts of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), sources told news agency IANS. In this process, India joined other countries that have expressed interest in hosting the Games in 2036, and there are nine more in addition to India. This action followed repeated expressions of interest by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who sees the Games as a potential benefit to the nation.

"This monumental opportunity could bring significant benefits, spurring economic growth, social progress, and youth empowerment across the country," say supporters of the idea.

Top Indian sports officials were at the Paris Olympics earlier this year to lobby for India's selection as the host country. The sports that are meant for the Olympic games are yoga, kho kho, kabaddi, chess, T20 cricket and squash.

Prime Minister Modi has already emphasized the importance of the Games for India.

"India is preparing to host the 2036 Olympics. In this sense, the contribution of the athletes who played in the previous Olympics is very important. You all must have seen and experienced many things. We want to document it and share it with the government so that we don't miss even a small detail in prepare for 2036," said PM Modi.

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# True essence of India

CIPAM, a professional body under the aegis of the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India developed a GI Digital Catalogue featuring 419 registered GIs. This catalogue includes high-definition photographs, short videos, and engaging descriptions highlighting each GI's name, uniqueness, history, and region. These catalogue can be accessed via the link: <https://dpiit.gov.in/sites/default/files/DPIIT/index.html>



## Indian Geographical Indications: **A JOURNEY THROUGH HERITAGE AND EXCELLENCE**

Dear Reader,

Let us together explore India through its exclusive Geographical Indication (GI) products. Within the pages of this book, we embark on a captivating expedition into the heart of India's rich cultural tapestry, woven intricately with its diverse landscapes, flavours and tradition.

Geographical Indications (GIs) serve as guardians of heritage, symbolising the unique identity and quality inherent to products originating from specific regions. In India, GIs stand as testament to centuries-old craftsmanship, traditional knowledge, and the profound connection between people and their land.

From the majestic slopes of the Himalayas to the sun-kissed shores of its peninsular coasts, each region boasts its own treasure trove of GIs, ranging from aromatic spices and succulent fruits to exquisite textiles and craftsmanship while narrating a unique story of its origin, culture, and craftsmanship.

Through stunning visuals and insightful narratives, this book celebrates the stories behind these iconic products, shedding light on the labour of love that goes into their creation and the communities that sustain them.

As you turn the pages, may you be inspired by the resilience of artisans, the allure of tradition, and the enduring legacy of India's geographical indications. Join us on this odyssey of discovery, as we pay homage to the kaleidoscope of flavours, textures, and hues that define Indian heritage and excellence.





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Mr. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Croatia, presented a copy of his Letter of Credence on 04 October 2024 to Ms. Mirta Jelenc Župan, Chief of Diplomatic Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia.





## Ambassador Arun Goel participated at the 9th Traditional Indian Chariot Festival

Ambassador Arun Goel participated at the 9th Traditional Indian Chariot Festival 'Rathayatra' organized by ISKCON Zagreb on the 5th of October, 2024. It is a joyful and important day when we witness the Historic Ratha-Yatra (Festival of Chariots) pulled through downtown Zagreb passing through main Squares in the heart of Zagreb which replays the 3000-year tradition of Odisha, India. Ambassador Goel congratulated every devotee associated with ISKCON. He highlighted Lord Krishna's teachings and their relevance for our individual & social development.





### Ambassador Arun Goel interaction with Friends of India

Ambassador Arun Goel received former ITEC participant Ms. Izabela Marić, current president of the Croatian Yoga Federation. Izabela expressed her continuous support in the field of yoga and presented yearly activities of IDY across Croatia. Ambassador was pleased to witness the enthusiasm of Friends of India which could be beneficial for the Zagreb-based AYUSH Cell in Croatia.



Ambassador Arun Goel received Swami Vivek Puri, President of the Hindu Religious Society of Croatia, and held a fruitful meeting about Swami's actively engaged work for the last 40 years, which is continuously strengthening India-Croatia friendship ties.



### Ambassador Arun Goel interaction with the diplomatic community

Ambassador Arun Goel was welcomed by Ambassador of Qatar, H.E. Ms. Asma Naji Hussein Salim Al. Both officials agreed on the increasing importance of Middle Eastern relations in India's foreign policy. During the meeting were also highlighted historic and friendly relations between the two countries, covering a range of topics including trade, investment, energy, and security.



Ambassador Arun Goel was received by the Czech Ambassador H.E. Mr. Milan Hovorka, on 8 October. Both officials discussed various topics, including the current economic outlook & global scenario. Ambassador Hovorka, who is also a Friend of India, highlighted glimpses of his tenure as the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to India from 2016 to 2021.





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## Ambassador Goel was received by the Mayor of the City of Dubrovnik



Mayor of the City of Dubrovnik, Mato Franković, received the Ambassador of India, Arun Goel, during his inaugural visit to Dubrovnik, during which he also attended the central celebration of the UNESCO World Heritage Year in Dubrovnik on October 26. The Ambassador discussed with the Mayor about the cultural and tourist cooperation between the two countries, the promotion of Dubrovnik among Indian tourists and the possibility of organizing events, such as the International Day of Yoga and the cultural week of "India in Dubrovnik"





## "Mahatma Gandhi & Stjepan Radić Gandhi's Legacy in Post-independence India"

Ambassador Arun Goel gave on the 30th October an introductory speech during the session "Mahatma Gandhi & Stjepan Radić Gandhi's Legacy in Post-independence India" organized by the Croatian Indian Society at the Cultural Centre Napredak. The session attendees witnessed lectures from Mislav Ježić, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, on the topic "Gandhi and Radić" & Ivan Andrijačić, Chair of Indology at the University of Zagreb with the topic "Gandhi's Legacy in Postindependence India". The opening addresses were given by Joginder Singh, Croatian-Indian Society & Dražen Vikić-Topić, Croatian Cultural Society Napredak. In his speech, Ambassador Goel, reflected upon the transformative journeys of both Croatia and India, the threads of progress that connect India and Croatia. Ambassador also highlighted each country's path, marked by resilience, grassroots movements, and the unwavering spirit of great men like the Croatian politician Stjepan Radić, Mahatma Gandhi and Croatian painter and friend of the "Mahatma" Kristijan Kreković, which continues to inspire new generations.



# Discover India: Upcoming Trade Fairs, Conferences & Business Events 2024-2025"

## Explore Opportunities Across Diverse Indian States

### **InnoRail India 2024**

**Date and Venue:** RDSO Stadium Grounds, Lucknow, 28-30 November 2024

**Website:** [www.innorail.in](http://www.innorail.in)

The sixth edition of the International Railway Exhibition and Conference is set to bring together the global railway community for an unparalleled networking and business development experience. This biennial event, first launched in December 2014, has grown into a premier platform for stakeholders in the railway sector.



### **Bengaluru Tech Summit 2024**

**Date and Venue:** Bangalore Palace, Bengaluru, 19-21 November 2024

**Website:** [www.bengalurutechsummit.com](http://www.bengalurutechsummit.com)

The 27th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2024, hosted by the Government of Karnataka, is set to be a significant event for the global tech community. This summit offers a unified platform where industries, governments, academia, and research organizations unite to explore collective technology solutions for global challenges.



### **43<sup>rd</sup> India International Trade Fair**

**Date and Venue:** Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, November 14-27 2024

**Website:** [www.indiatradefair.com/iitf/](http://www.indiatradefair.com/iitf/)

IITF is a premier event organized by the India Trade Promotion Organization, the nodal trade promotion agency of the Government of India. It is the largest integrated trade fair, featuring both B2B and B2C components, and is recognized as one of the biggest trade fairs globally, both in terms of exhibitor and visitor participation. Over the years, it has evolved into an iconic international event, offering a unique platform for trade and industry.



### **Pune Expo 2024**

**Date and Venue:** at Autocluster, Chinchwad, Pune., 13-15 December 2024

**Website:** <https://www.mcciapune.com/events/events-detail-page/2187/>

The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) is organizing the 'Pune Expo 2024, scheduled from 13-15 December 2024 at Autocluster, Chinchwad, Pune, India'. Pune is an important centre for manufacturing, IT, Education, Research and Development among other segments of the economy. It is among the top five exporting districts in the country and the # 1 in Engineering Exports. It is also a prominent destination for Domestic and Foreign Direct Investment.



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