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## OUR INSPIRATIONS



*From the Desk of*



**Dr. Deepak Jain**

President, Federation of Indian Industry

**T**oday, technology Startups are shaping the world. In this fast-paced digital age, technology startups are not just businesses but catalysts for transformation, disrupting industries and reshaping how we live, work, and interact. From artificial intelligence and biotechnology to fintech and climate tech, startups are pushing the boundaries of what's possible, often with limited resources but limitless ambition. The Republic Day parade has shown a glimpse of it. This is the Rise of the New India- Samarth Bharat, Karmath Bharat.





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## MISSION JALDHARA



### मिशन जलधारा - बुझाओ धरती की प्यास

**What is Mission Jaldhara?**

Mission Jaldhara is a joint society initiative – to revive groundwater table level.

**We call it a "Mission"**

- ➊ Because it is our fight against the drastically falling groundwater levels.
- ➋ Because our entire focus is to revive the groundwater table and the overall water ecosystem which is necessary for a healthy life.
- ➌ Because we are determined to provide safe and healthy drinkable water to every household in India.

With this vision in mind, we are pleased to introduce "Mission Jaldhara" with you.

**Why Mission Jaldhara?**

According to reports, the over exploited areas were concentrated in Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab and Haryana. To quantify the facts, there has been an 82% decline in the ground watertable in Distt. Gurugram between 2018 – 2020 and it has further declined by over 50 percent in 2022.

**The groundwater table in these parts of the country is rapidly going into the dark zone. This level is dangerously low and requires immediate action.**

**How do we plan to achieve a sustainable water ecosystem?**

Our dream is big. Our vision is to make India a drought free, hydro – ecologically balanced and environmentally sustainable Nation.

And we have just begun..

Our campaign is starting in Gurugram and will spread across states in India.



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**Our panel of experts have designed the following plan of action for achieving this dream:**

- 1.** Revival of dry & dysfunctional rainwater harvesting wells across District Gurugram. Different stakeholders constructed these wells in the pre-covid era to jumpstart rainwater harvesting initiative. The project however was put on halt due to corona crisis due to which most of the wells became dysfunctional. With our intervention, these wells shall be revived to their optimum functional levels, and will be maintained by our team of contractors.
- 2.** Revival of rural water ecosystem bodies in and around District Gurugram. The falling groundwater level affects the agricultural economy and day-to-day life of people residing in these villages.
- 3.** Judicious use of water resources. This is possible through mass awareness of the current situation arising through India and how every individual can contribute through lifestyle changes.

**Why is it close to us ?**

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children."

We want to leave a clean, sustainable environment for our future generations. The world is moving towards cleaner, greener fuels. There is marked awareness about leaving smaller carbon footprint. And all of this becomes possible, when there is clean and safe water for one and all. Unless we take action today, we are headed towards a colossal crisis. And our next generations may have to pay the price for it.

It is time for us to join hands and come together to revive Jaldhara. Remember, the time is now! "Jai hai to Jeevan hai"





**What do you get?**

- ➊ Safer and cleaner water for generations to come!
- ➋ Mission Jaldhara shall also award the Title of "Gurugram ka Arjun" in various categories to the stakeholders who make the maximum visible and most impactful contribution to the revival of ground water levels.

**What do we need from you?**

**We want you to join the movement.**



**Become a Donor**  
Your donation will help us keep going. It will boost the ground work that we do – maintaining rainwater harvesting wells – which directly seeps into the groundwater table.



**Register as a Motivator**  
Sign up with us and motivate corporates/ teams to join the movement. Corporates can adopt wells under their company's CSR initiatives and we would maintain the wells on their behalf.



**Register as a Volunteer**  
Register on the website and help create more awareness. Tell your friends and family about this movement and spread the word.

**Why are we looking for your contribution?**



Simply because, Mission Jaldhara was and will always be a joint community project. Our vision is to have as many people join the movement. Clean and safe water is a basic right for everyone and thus, it is important to create awareness about it. We dream this dream for every Indian citizen and hence, we need you.

**Track your donation**



As a Donor, Motivator or a Volunteer, you will be enrolled for our monthly free newsletter subscription. You will be able to keep a track of the progress being made on ground. The location of every well shall be provided through Google maps and will be easily accessed by donors and interested parties. We believe in complete transparency and utter commitment towards our work.



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**About Us**

Federation of Indian Industry (FII) is a professional Industry Association. Its objective is to nurture further and give impetus to India's Economic, Business and Industrial outreach.

We have FII Chapters in 42 Nations of the world and 22 Indian states with 5000 members mainly Industrialists, Professionals, Key-Opinion Leaders, Philanthropists.

We are helping towards the making of Atma Nirbhar Bharat and working towards creating business opportunities and bolstering India's industrial and business outreach globally.

**FII CSR Initiatives:**

- ➊ Rural Healthcare Dispensary Establishment during Corona Crisis
- ➋ Free Eye Surgeries for 300+ People in Rural Areas
- ➌ Skill Development for Women in Rural Areas
- ➍ Skill Development for Youth in Rural Area (Computer Training Centre)
- ➎ Free COVID Vaccination camps (35000+ vaccinations)

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Every Thursday

18:00 PM (IST)

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MR.SANJEEV ARORA

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How Harmonious Industrial Relations Lead to Organizational Success ?

Strategies for Harmonious Industry Relations

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Chairperson  
Media & IT Committee, FII

**Dr Dravya Jain**  
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Future of Bio-Technology as Entrepreneur

From Passion to Profession: Building a Career in Sports

Moderator Guest Speaker

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Chairperson  
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**Dr Shailendra Vyas**  
Chairperson - Startup Committee &  
Skill Development Committee, FII

Hosts Speaker

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## प्रिंटिंग और पैकेजिंग के छात्रों का उद्योगों से बनाया तालमेल



हिमाचल प्रदेश प्रिंट एंड पैक एक्ससिएशन के पदधिकारी प्रोफेसर कंवरदीप को सम्मनित करते = सोमज्य एडोसिस्टेशन

जागरण रंभादर केंद्र, बड़ी : हिमाचल प्रदेश प्रिंट एंड पैक एक्ससिएशन बड़ी ने कुरुक्षेत्र विश्वविद्यालय के मीडिया संस्थान के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में 'इंडस्ट्री-एकेडमिया मीट' के तहत वर्ल्ड प्रिंटिंग डे मनाया। इस कार्यक्रम में भाग लेने के लिए बड़ी, बरोटीवाला, नालागढ़ व हिमाचल के अन्य हिस्सों से 15 प्रिंटिंग और पैकेजिंग उद्योगों के प्रतिनिधिमंडल कुरुक्षेत्र विश्वविद्यालय पहुंचे। हिमाचल प्रिंट पैक संगठन के इस मंडल में फेडरेशन आफ इंडियन इंडस्ट्री हिमाचल के सचिव डा. आरएस राणा भी हिस्सा रहे।

संगठन ने कार्यक्रम के संयोजक डा. कंवरदीप शर्मा को सम्मनित किया। डा. शर्मा समय-समय पर ऐसे शिक्षण संस्थान व उद्योगों के बीच तालमेल बनाए रखने के लिए कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन करते रहते हैं। इससे छात्रों, शिक्षकों व उद्योगों को लाभ होता है। कार्यक्रम के तकनीकी

सत्र में उद्योगों से आए हुए सभी विशेषज्ञों ने छात्रों व शिक्षकों के समक्ष अपना वक्तव्य रखा। हिमाचल से पहुंचे प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने कुरुक्षेत्र के गीता उपदेश स्थल ज्योतिसर, ब्रह्म सरोवर, तिरुपति बालाजी मंदिर, भद्रकाली मंदिर व अन्य धार्मिक स्थलों का भ्रमण किया।

इस मौके पर एक्ससिएशन के प्रधान अजय कुमार भारद्वाज, एक्ससिएशन हिमाचल के सलाहकार सुरेंद्र कुमार, रिचि पैकेजिंग के निदेशक मुकेश जैन, अपरेशन एंड प्लांट इड मिशनरी संगठन से प्रशांत वल्लभ, निदेशक स्पेक्ट्रा अंधाला राशि खन्ना, पैकवेल कंटेनर के निदेशक राजीव गुलाटी, सोईओ शर्मा प्रिंटर्स बड़ी वनज शर्मा, संगठन के जनरल सेक्रेटरी किशोर ठाकुर, कुरुक्षेत्र विश्वविद्यालय संस्थान के निदेशक प्रोफेसर महा सिंह पृथिव्य व संस्थान के छात्र, शिक्षक मौजूद रहे।

### ऑनलाइन : पब्लिसिटी

ऑनलाइन पब्लिसिटी के माध्यम से आप अपने बिजनेस को बढ़ा सकते हैं। हमारे प्लेटफॉर्म पर आप अपने उत्पादों और सेवाओं को प्रदर्शित कर सकते हैं और नए ग्राहकों को खोज सकते हैं।

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## BUDGET VIEWS

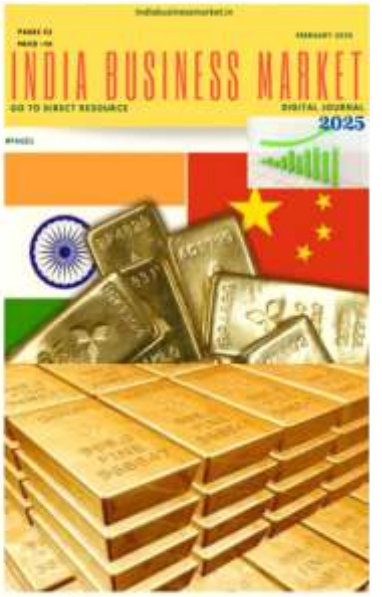
2025

India Budget 2025:  
By Dr Deepak Jain,  
Director General  
Federation of  
Indian  
Industry



On February 1, 2025, the Finance Minister outlined a Budget that has everything good in it for almost everyone. Some of the key areas are worth going to get a big picture view. Others are also having a sense of optimism and hope.

The Union Budget 2025 has been a landmark in the history of the Union. It has been a landmark in the history of the Union. It has been a landmark in the history of the Union. It has been a landmark in the history of the Union.



## बेटी के नाम खरीद सकेंगे 150 बीघा और जमीन

हिमाचल सरकार का लैंड सीलिंग एक्ट में बदलाव, पहले सिर्फ बेटे के नाम रख सकते थे अतिरिक्त जमीन

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दिन से दिनांक तक

## हिमाचल के नए लैंड सीलिंग कानून को राष्ट्रपति की मंजूरी

अब राज्य की बेटियों को भी 300 कनाल तक जमीन रखने का मिला मालिकाना हक

### राज्य में 600 कनाल तक बढ़ेगी लैंड सीलिंग

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Piyush Goyal pitches for liberal visa regime to promote trade, investments between India, UK

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal pitched for a more liberal visa regime for businesses and professionals to promote bilateral trade and investments between India and the UK. He also said that India has "never ever" discussed immigration in any free trade agreement negotiations.



It's time to invest in MP: PM Modi, cites its talent pool and booming industries

Bhopal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that with a strong talent pool and thriving industries, Madhya Pradesh is becoming a preferred business destination and that it is the right time to invest in the state. He spoke after inaugurating the mega 'Invest Madhya Pradesh - Global Investors Summit-2025' at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, located near the picturesque Upper Lake in Bhopal, to showcase the state's infinite possibilities for investors and industrialists.

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UAE-based Sharaf group announces Rs 5,000 cr investment in Kerala

In a significant boost to Kerala's economy and job market, UAE-based shipping and logistics giant Sharaf Group had announced an investment of ₹5,000 crore in the state over the next five years. Sharaf Group Vice Chairman, His Excellency General Sharafuddin Sharaf, had announced at the Invest Kerala Global Summit.



India, Qatar forge strategic partnership, set \$28 billion trade goal at Modi-Al Thani summit

India and Qatar elevated their ties to a strategic partnership and agreed to double their current trade of \$14 billion to \$28 billion over the next five years. The decision was made during a summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Qatar Emir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani.



Mahakumbh generated business worth Rs 3 lakh crore, says trade body CAIT.

The Mahakumbh festival in the holy city of Prayagraj is estimated to have generated business of over Rs 3 lakh crore (USD 360 billion) through goods and services, making it one of the biggest economic events in India, Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Secretary General and Chandni Chowk MP Praveen Khandelwal said.





## Australia unveils ambitious roadmap to boost trade & investment ties with India

Australia unveiled an ambitious roadmap to deepen and diversify its trade and investment ties

with India. The roadmap identified four "superhighways of growth" -- clean energy, education and skills, agribusiness, and tourism. Broadly, it sets out a pathway to focus ongoing efforts, including a boost to two-way investment, and work with Indian-Australian communities and businesses.



## India Established EFTA Desk to Enhance Trade and Investment

India has set up a dedicated EFTA (European Free Trade Association) desk to promote trade, investment, and

business facilitation between the two regions. According to an official statement, the initiative has aimed to strengthen economic ties following the free trade agreement signed between India and the four-nation EFTA bloc on March 10 last year. The desk has been expected to streamline business interactions and boost investment opportunities between India and EFTA member countries.



## India, UK resume FTA negotiations : Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Ministry of Commerce and Industry stated that India and the United Kingdom had resumed negotiations

towards a trade deal between the two countries. The announcement from Minister of Commerce and Trade Piyush Goyal comes at a time when Secretary of State for the Department for Business and Trade of the United Kingdom Jonathan Reynolds is in Delhi.



## Trump Commented on Musk-Modi Meeting, Hinted at Tesla's Interest in India

US President Donald Trump had reacted to the meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and

Tesla CEO Elon Musk in Washington, stating, "I assume he wants to do business in India." During the meeting, Modi and Musk had discussed opportunities in space, mobility, technology, and energy, while also exchanging insights on governance efforts in India and the US. Trump had recently appointed Musk as the head of the newly formed US Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), highlighting his influence in shaping innovation and policy. Musk's engagement with Modi had further fueled speculation about Tesla's potential expansion into the Indian market.



## State received Rs 4.4 lakh crore investment proposals at Business Summit: West Bengal CM

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressed the 8th Bengal Global Business Summit

(BGBS) 2025, announcing that the state government has received investment proposals worth ₹4.4 lakh crore. During her speech, she stated, "We have received investment proposals totaling ₹4,40,595 crore at BGBS 2025."



## Brigade Group to invest Rs 1,500 cr in Kerala to expand real estate business

Brigade Group has announced plans to invest ₹1,500 crore in Kerala to expand its real estate

business. The investment is expected to generate employment opportunities for approximately 12,000 people over the next five years. Brigade Enterprises Ltd, the flagship company of Brigade Group, has submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) at the Invest Kerala Global Summit 2025, the company stated.

## POLITICAL NEWS



**Excise policy caused Rs 2K cr loss:** Delhi Assembly speaker Vijender Gupta Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta had expressed concern over the tabled CAG report on the excise policy, which had revealed a revenue loss of around Rs 2,000 crore. He also discussed the upcoming CAG report on 'Public Health Infrastructure & Management of Health Services'.



**Bihar will never forgive leaders of 'Jungle Raj' who mocked Maha Kumbh: PM**  
In an apparent dig at RJD supremo Lalu Prasad's recent Maha Kumbh jibe, PM Narendra Modi said that the people of Bihar will never forgive the "leaders of Jungle Raj" who had mocked and ridiculed Hindu religion. Addressing a rally, Modi had stated, "Leaders of Jungle Raj had ridiculed the Maha Kumbh Mela and Hindu religion. People of Bihar would never forgive them."



**Bihar's economy has increased to Rs 8.54 trn in 2023-24: D y C M Choudhary**  
Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary stated that the size of the state's economy at current prices had increased 3.5 times, from Rs 2.47 trillion in 2011-12 to Rs 8.54 trillion in 2023-24. Choudhary, who holds the Finance portfolio, tabled the Bihar Economic Survey report for 2024-25 in the state assembly on the opening day of the budget session.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS



**DeepSeek had emerged as a global force in China's rapidly growing AI industry**

When small Chinese artificial intelligence (AI) company DeepSeek had released a family of extremely efficient and highly competitive AI models last month, it rocked the global tech community. The release had revealed China's growing technological prowess. It showcased a distinctly Chinese approach to AI advancement.



**Xiaomi launches 15 Ultra flagship smartphone priced from \$894**

Xiaomi, the world's third-largest smartphone maker, launched its new flagship smartphone Xiaomi 15 Ultra, with the base model starting at 6,499 yuan (\$894.19). The handset is equipped with a 1-inch ultra-large main camera sensor, featuring a 200MP periscope telephoto lens to tackle the industry's common challenge of low-light telephoto imaging.



**Meta in talks to build \$200 billion data centre for AI projects:**

Report Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, had been preparing to invest a staggering \$200 billion in a new data centre for its artificial intelligence (AI) initiatives, according to a report by The Information, citing sources familiar with the matter. The report revealed that Meta had been in advanced talks to bring the ambitious project to fruition.



## BANKING AND FINANCE



**Adani Green Energy engaged in talks with PFC to restructure \$1.1 bn loan in rupees**

Adani Green Energy Ltd., controlled by Indian billionaire Gautam Adani, had been in talks with local lenders including Power Finance Corp. to refinance as much as \$1.1 billion worth of dollar debt in rupees, according to people with knowledge of the matter.



**India delivering 'good returns': FM Nirmala Sitharaman on FII selloff**

The Indian economy is currently delivering good returns to investors who are booking profits, which partly explains the outflows observed in the equity market by foreign institutional investors (FIIs), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday at a post-Budget press conference. Additionally, the finance minister highlighted that India is looking to be an investor-friendly country.



**Create an ecosystem for banks to offer equity support to startups: CS Setty** SBI Chairman C S Setty pitched for creating an "ecosystem" where banks

can offer "equity support" to startups in the country. He said the government is also looking at a guarantee scheme where support for loans up to Rs 100 crore will be provided to the startups. "We need to work out an ecosystem where the equity support from the banking system is also available to the startups,"

## INDUSTRY



**India signed MoU with Israel and Saudi Arabia for critical minerals**

India signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Israel and Saudi Arabia to explore and process critical minerals, to strengthen New Delhi's domestic supply and reduce dependence on imports, Union Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy. The agreement with Israel involves a technology transfer that will enable the extraction of potassium from seawater, as well as the incorporation of artificial intelligence in mining processes.



**Govt unveils consortium of public sector companies to operate global ports**

Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled the ambitious Bharat Ports Global — a consortium of public sector companies that will bid for international opportunities and increase India's left in the global maritime economy.



**India should push for provisions in FTA to address EU's carbon tax: GTRI**

India should push for inclusion of protective provisions in its proposed free trade agreement (FTA) with the European Union to safeguard its interests against the EU's carbon tax, think tank GTRI said. The EU has decided to impose Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), or carbon tax, which will come into effect from January 1, 2026.

## START-UP



**Funding squeeze hit brakes on startups' unicorn race in 2024:** Tracxn Startups in India that became unicorns in 2019 took over 10 years on average to reach the milestone of a \$1 billion valuation. But just four years later, in 2023, the average time to achieve the same status was cut in half to just five years, as private equity and venture capital (PE/VC) firms poured cash into these companies to scale their businesses without focusing much on profitability, according to data from research agency Tracxn.



**Green Frontier Capital to invest Rs 100 cr in climate-tech firms this year**

Green Frontier Capital, India's first climate tech-focused venture capital firm, is ramping up its investments to drive the country's low-carbon transition. In an interview with Udisha Srivastav, founder & co-managing partner, Sandeep Bhammer, shared insights into the firm's investment strategy, key focus areas for 2025, and plans for deploying a Rs 1,500 crore corpus under its newly launched SEBI-approved Category II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF), the Green Frontier Capital India Climate Opportunities Fund.



**Adani group teams up with Singapore's ITEES to build a talent powerhouse for India's future**

Adani Group announced that it had partnered with ITE Education Services (ITEES) of Singapore to develop a highly skilled workforce equipped to cater to sectors such as Green Energy, Manufacturing, Hi-tech, Project Excellence, and Industrial Design.

## AGRICULTURE



**Operative Kisan Credit Card loans hit Rs 10 trn, benefiting 77.2 mn farmers** The finance ministry said the amount under operative Kisan Credit Card (KCC)

accounts had crossed Rs 10 trillion, benefiting 77.2 million farmers as of December 31, 2024. The operative KCC amount stood at Rs 4.26 trillion in March 2014. This indicates a significant increase in the quantum of affordable working capital loans provided to farmers for agriculture and allied activities, the finance ministry said in a statement.



**MP inks 19 MoUs in co-operative sector to boost farmers, industry:** Govt

Madhya Pradesh signed 19 MoUs in the co-operative sector intending to boost farmers' income while offering raw material sourcing avenue for private companies. These MoUs were signed in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav at the ongoing Madhya Pradesh Global Investors Summit (MP GIS) 2025. Yadav said the Centre and the state government are taking steps to promote cooperative movement in the country.



**Over 57,000 degraded forest land marked for green credit scheme:**

Govt Seventeen states had so far set aside more than 57,700 hectares of degraded forest land for tree plantation under the Green Credit Programme, according to government data.



## SKILL DEVELOPMENT



**Centre to spend Rs 4,800 cr for waterways development in Assam in 5 years: Sonowal** Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that the Centre will spend Rs 4,800 crore for developing waterways and related infrastructure in Assam over the next five years. He added that work is on to make India a leading maritime nation by the turn of the decade.



**HAL signs MoU with BEML for strategic collaboration in learning, development** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited signed an MoU with BEML Ltd to collaborate on leadership and technical training programmes aimed at skill development and professional excellence. As part of this strategic collaboration, the HAL Management Academy will design and deliver induction training, middle and senior management training, specialised workshops, and certification programmes in key areas such as six sigma, quality, reliability, data analytics, and industry 4.0, the company stated.



**Cabinet approves Rs 8800 crore Skills India Programme for 2022-23 to 2025-26**

The union cabinet approved the Rs 8800 crore Skill India Programme for 2022-23 to 2025-26, paving the way for industry-aligned skills training across the country. In another decision, the Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval to reorganise the railway zones and divisions structure in Andhra Pradesh. This move will lead to speedier approvals for railway projects.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



**India's 'Data for Development' takes centre stage at AI Summit in Paris**

As artificial intelligence continues to redefine global economies, India is taking a bold step in shaping the future of AI policy and governance. At the AI Action Summit Paris 2025, AI4India and the Center for Policy Research and Governance (CPRG) will co-host a pivotal panel discussion, "Data for Development: Building AI in the Global South," bringing together leading experts and policymakers to discuss the transformative role of AI in emerging economies.



**First 'Made in India' semiconductor chip expected by 2025: Vaishnaw**

Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the first 'Made in India' semiconductor chip would be ready for production by 2025. He announced on the second day of the 'Global Investors Summit 2025' organised in Bhopal.



**Amgen opens \$200 million technology and innovation hub in Hyderabad**

US drug major Amgen announced opening a new technology and innovation hub, Amgen India, Hyderabad. With a planned investment of \$200 million through 2025, the facility aims to accelerate the company's medicine pipeline and enhance global operations through advanced artificial intelligence (AI) and data science capabilities.

## AUTO TECHNOLOGY



**Rs 69K cr capital expenditure to fuel Suzuki's India growth engine** Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) had unveiled an ambitious road map for India, earmarking 1,200 billion yen (Rs 69,320 crore) for its subsidiary Maruti Suzuki India (MSIL) between FY26 and FY31. The corpus will be directed towards expanding production capacity, establishing manufacturing units, and achieving carbon neutrality goals, the Japanese auto major said in its outlook.



**Number of operational EVs in India likely to cross 28 mn mark in 2030: IESA**

The number of operational electric vehicles (EVs) in India is likely to cross the 28 million-mark by 2030, fuelled by increasing demand and incentives, the India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) said in a report.



**Rapido to launch 'pink' bikes in Karnataka, creating 25,000 jobs for women** Ride-hailing service provider Rapido is set to roll out its new fleet of 'Pink

Rapido' bikes in Karnataka -- all driven by women, for women -- by the end of this year. The company's co-founder, Pavan Guntupalli, revealed this ambitious plan while answering a query at the 'Global Investment Summit'. "Our goal is to provide 25,000 job opportunities for women by introducing women captains on Rapido bikes. If a woman can safely travel with an unknown driver, reach her destination with ease, it can be considered our success," Guntupalli said.

## CSR



**India's top 4 business families anchor for a fifth of CSR contributions**

India's top four business families — Tatas, Ambanis, Adanis, and the Birlas — accounted for 20 per cent of the total corporate social responsibility (CSR) contributions made by family-owned or family-run companies, according to the data for 2023-24 (Fy24).



**Vedanta Launches Initiative To Drive Net Zero Aspiration, Upskill Over 100,000 Employees**

Vedanta Group announced the launch of VEDAS (Vedanta Academy for Sustainability) in collaboration with AXA Climate, a climate risk and resilience services. This initiative is set to equip over 100,000 employees and business



**Piyush Goyal calls for businesses to focus on inclusive development through better CSR initiatives**

The Union Commerce and Industry Minister urged businesses to cater to the agenda of inclusive development through better CSR initiatives, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.



## DEFENCE NEWS



### Safran and BEL forge partnership for manufacturing HAMMER weapon in India

Bharat Electronics Limited and Safran Electronics & Defense, France have signed a MoU to create a joint venture for manufacturing, customising, sales and maintenance of HAMMER, a precision guided air-to-ground weapon, in India.



### This is the right time to invest in India': PM Modi invites French businesses

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had invited French businesses to invest in India, saying that when France's technology and India's talent unite a global transformation. Addressing the India-France CEO Forum here, Modi said this is the right time to come to India as it offers countless opportunities for investments and collaborations in areas such as defence, advanced technology, fintech, pharma among others.



### MoD signs Rs 10k cr deals to boost Army's PINAKA with new rockets, upgrades

Contracts for advanced munitions for the indigenously developed PINAKA Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS), totalling Rs 10,147 crore, were signed between the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and private player Economic Explosives Limited (EEL) and defence public sector undertaking (DPSU) Munitions India Limited (MIL) to enhance the Indian Army's firepower. A separate contract for software upgrades to the system was also signed with Navratna DPSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).

## ENERGY AND POWER



### EIL in talks with stakeholders to enter nuclear sector, targeting SMRs: MD State-owned Engineers India Limited

(EIL) is in talks with global players to raise its nuclear energy play, both in the conventional nuclear space as well as for small modular reactors (SMR), said Chairperson and Managing Director (MD) Vartika Shukla.



### PFC inks pact to provide Rs 26,800 crore finance to MP power utilities

State-owned Power Finance Corporation said that it has inked an initial pact to provide Rs 26,800 crore finance to power utilities of Madhya Pradesh. This funding will support capital expenditure projects for entities such as Madhya Pradesh Power Generation Company Ltd (MPPGCL), Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company Ltd (MPPTCL), and MP discoms (distribution companies), PFC said in a statement.



### Power minister Khattar urges industry to work on innovative solutions

Union Power Minister Manohar Lal urged industry stakeholders to work on manufacturing innovative solutions to strengthen India's journey towards Viksit Bharat.

India's ambitious target of 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030 provides various opportunities, the minister said, while addressing the Elecrama 2025 event organised by industry body IEEMA in Greater Noida.

## INITIATIVES BY GOVT



**India, US call for more collaboration in space exploration; launch new innovation bridge**

Calling for ramping up collaboration in space exploration, including on long-duration human spaceflight missions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump hailed 2025 as a "pioneering year for US-India civil space cooperation.



**RIL establishes REC sustainable energy solutions in Singapore to support new energy initiatives**

RIL said it has incorporated a wholly owned subsidiary, named REC Sustainable Energy Solutions in Singapore, to set up a global capability centre (GCC) for consolidating R&D activities, facilitating recruitment of global talent and providing technical and procurement services to support the company's new energy initiatives.



**Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Unveils Major Infrastructure and IT Initiatives at Advantage Assam 2.0**

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Railways, Electronics & Information Technology, and Information & Broadcasting, participated in the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit held in Guwahati. During the event, he announced several key initiatives and projects aimed at accelerating the growth of the railway and IT industries in the region.

## INVEST INDIA



**Australia to invest \$16 mn in joint trade and investment fund with India**

Australia launched a roadmap to strengthen and diversify its trade and investment ties with India. To jumpstart this plan, Canberra is investing \$16 million in the Australia-India Trade and Investment Accelerator Fund.



**India to introduce new policies for toys, footwear manufacturing:** Piyush Goyal Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, announced

that the government will soon introduce new policies to promote the manufacturing of toys and footwear in India. The aim is to make the country a global leader in these sectors. Speaking at the Invest Karnataka 2025 - Global Investors Meet in Bengaluru, Goyal highlighted the success of the government's focused efforts in the toys industry.



**Govt looking at procedural easing to further promote FDI: Official**

The government is looking at further easing of procedures in certain sectors to attract more foreign direct investments (FDI) into the country, a government official said.

The department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) has held stakeholder consultations with different government departments, regulators, industry associations, advisory and law firms, pension funds, private equity and venture capitals.



## DIPLOMATIC POSTINGS



Shri Y.K. Sailas Thangal, a distinguished officer of the 1996 batch of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan. Prior to this appointment, he served as an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). His extensive diplomatic experience is expected to further strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Kazakhstan. He is anticipated to assume his new role shortly.



Shri Suresh K. Reddy, a distinguished officer of the 1991 batch of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt. Prior to this, he served as the Ambassador of India to the Federative Republic of Brazil, assuming that role on September 13, 2020.



Shri Yogeshwar Sangwan, a 1994 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Prior to this, he served as India's Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced his appointment on February 11, 2025, stating that he is expected to assume his new responsibilities in Vientiane shortly.

## MEA



Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India (EAM), visited Oman on February 16, 2025, to participate in the 8th Indian Ocean Conference. During the conference, EAM delivered the keynote address in the inaugural session, underscoring India's commitment to strengthening regional cooperation and ensuring a stable and prosperous Indian Ocean region.



**Mr. Elon Musk, Head of the U.S. Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and CEO of Tesla, called on PM Modi.**

PM and Mr. Musk discussed strengthening collaboration between Indian and US entities in innovation, space exploration, artificial intelligence, and sustainable development. Their discussion also touched on opportunities to deepen cooperation in emerging technologies, entrepreneurship, and good governance. Mr. Musk was accompanied by family members for the meeting.



The first round of India-Equatorial Guinea Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) was held on February 10, 2025, in Malabo, Republic of Equatorial Guinea. It was co-chaired by Shri Sevala Naik Mude, Additional Secretary (Central and West Africa), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and Mr. Matias Nguema Mba Medja, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Diaspora, Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

## FII holds Insightful session on Union Budget 2025 on 6th February 2025 in Association with SGT University



The Federation of Indian Industry (FII), in collaboration with SGT University, successfully organized a session on the Analysis of Union Budget 2025, bringing together industry leaders, academicians, and finance experts.

Key speakers, included CA Vinod K Bapna, Dr. Deepak Jain, Sh. Gulshan Khanna, CA Atul Gupta, CA Yatinder Khemka, and Dr. Gunjan Tripathi, shared insights on the budget's impact across various sectors. The session, moderated by Dr. Shailendra Vyas, facilitated dynamic discussions.

Special appreciation was extended to Sh. Uditendu Verma for delivering the Vote of Thanks, Prof. (Dr.) Madan Chaturvedi for his gracious hospitality, and Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Bhalla for organizing and coordinating the event.

The event successfully fostered meaningful discussions and collaboration, with sincere gratitude conveyed to SGT University for their support and hospitality.



## Lean Awareness Program: 7th February 2025, FII Yamunanagar, Haryana Chapter, organises Lean Awareness Program in association with MSME, DFO Karnal



Lean Awareness Program, organized by the Federation of Indian Industry (FII) in association with MSME-DFO Karnal, was a tremendous success. The event brought together industry leaders and experts for an insightful discussion on the significance of lean manufacturing in enhancing efficiency and productivity. It was an engaging and inspiring session that provided valuable knowledge to all attendees. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this program a meaningful learning experience. We are confident that the insights shared will empower professionals in their respective fields and drive continuous improvement within organizations.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Smt. Sunita Katyal, Joint Director, District MSME Centre, Yamunanagar, Sh. Mukesh Verma, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO, Karnal, Sh. Vijay Kumar, Lean Consultant, Quality Council of India, Sh. Ashu Gupta, President, FII Yamunanagar Unit, Sh. Madhav Chandra, Secretary, FII Yamunanagar Unit, and Sh. Raman Saluja, Co-chair, MSME Committee, FII for their invaluable contributions. Their expertise and insights added immense value to the discussions, reinforcing the importance of lean manufacturing in today's dynamic business environment.

## FII team welcome's Dr. Vibhuti Jha, President FII US Chapter at meet and greet event on 18th February 2025



Federation of Indian Industry (FII) Meet & Greet, 18th Feb, 2025 was an enriching and insightful gathering, uniting industry leaders, experts, and changemakers under one roof. The event fostered dynamic discussions, strategic networking, and valuable exchanges of ideas, reinforcing FII's commitment to creating opportunities and building the nation.

The event was honored by the presence of esteemed attendees, including Dr. Deepak Jain, Director General, FII, Dr. Vibhuti Jha, President, USA Chapter, FII, Dr. Shailendra Vyas, Chairperson, Start-Up Committee, FII, Sh. Sanjay Gupta, Chairperson, Corporate Insolvency & Restructuring Committee, FII, CA Yatinder Khemka, Chairperson, Banking & Finance Committee, FII, Sh. Sanjeev Arora, Chairperson, Media & IT Committee, FII, Sh. Daman Chopra, President, FII Faridabad Unit, Dr. Rimika Kapoor, Joint Director, ESG Committee, FII, Ms. Ritu Jain, Strategy Expert, member of MSME Committee-FII, Sh. Mukesh Sakhujia, Coordinator, FII Delhi Chapter, and Sh. Sanjay Singh, Executive Director, FII.

The event was hosted by Sh. Sanjay Gupta, whose warm hospitality and invaluable support played a key role in making it a grand success.

As we continue our journey toward industrial excellence and economic growth, we look forward to more such impactful engagements that strengthen our industry, foster collaboration, and drive innovation.



## FII team in meeting with MCG Commissioner



Dr. Deepak Jain, Director General of the Federation of Indian Industry (FII), and Mr. Hitender Mehta, Chairman of the International Affairs Committee - FII, had the privilege of meeting Sh. Ashok Kumar Garg, IAS (Commissioner, MCG), to discuss mutual interests and explored potential cooperation between FII and the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram on social welfare activities.

## Dr. Deepak Jain, DG-FII Attended Networking Dinner Hosted by H.E. Dr. Shankar P. Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal to India



Dr. Deepak Jain, Director General of the Federation of Indian Industry (FII), was invited for a dinner graciously hosted by H.E. Dr. Shankar P Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal to India and his wife, provided a networking platform for fostering bilateral relations and exploring opportunities for collaboration.

The evening brought together esteemed members of the Nepal Embassy team, including the Deputy Chief of Mission, Defence Attache, and other top officials, facilitating insightful discussions aimed at strengthening ties between the two nations.



## FII Business Delegation Visits Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Greece



Thessaloniki, Greece – February 7, 2025 - A delegation of Indian-origin businessmen, led by Mr. Muralidhar Neeraj Kumar from the Federation of Indian Industry (FII), visited the Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce & Industry (TCCI) to explore trade and investment opportunities.

The delegation, including Ninder Singh Chauhan, Arun Chauhan (Kabana Hotel Group), and Nitin Pandya (Jabsons), was welcomed by Mr. Konstantinos Moraitidis, Mr. Panagiotis Menexopoulos, and Mr. Theodoros Axilithiotis from TCCI. Key discussions focused on defense industry collaboration, labor opportunities, tourism investments, and steel sector revival. Thessaloniki is seeking aviation and industrial investors, and interest was expressed in strengthening Indo-Greek business ties.



Prime Minister of Bhutan H. E. Dasho Tshering Tobgay paid an official visit to India from 20-21 February 2025 to participate in the inaugural Leadership Conclave of the School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL), which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

During the visit, Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay had a meeting with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting, and Electronics and IT Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw; Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Shri Kiren Rijju; Minister of State for External Affairs Shri Pabitra Margherita, and other senior officials of the Government of India called on the Prime Minister of Bhutan.

India and Bhutan enjoyed exemplary ties of friendship and cooperation, based on trust, goodwill, and mutual understanding at all levels. The visit of the Prime Minister of Bhutan was in keeping with the tradition of regular high-level exchanges between India and Bhutan, a hallmark of the special partnership.



## Official visit of Prime Minister of Bhutan to India (February 20-21, 2025)



## State Visit of His Highness the Amir of the State of Qatar to India (February 17-18, 2025) Concluded Successfully



At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Amir of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, paid a State Visit to India on 17-18 February 2025, accompanied by a high-level delegation. This was his second visit, the first being in March 2015.

He was accorded a ceremonial welcome at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 18 February 2025 and held discussions with President Smt. Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on bilateral relations.

India and Qatar shared strong historical ties, which continued to strengthen across various sectors. The Indian community in Qatar was appreciated for its contributions. The visit further strengthened the multifaceted partnership between the two nations.



## Visit of Prime Minister to France and United States of America (February 10-13, 2025)



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had paid an official visit to France and the United States of America from February 10-13, 2025. During his visit to France, he held high-level discussions with President Emmanuel Macron, focusing on strengthening bilateral cooperation in defense, trade, and technology. He also addressed business leaders and the Indian diaspora. In the United States, Prime Minister Modi met President Donald Trump to discuss strategic partnerships, including trade, clean energy, and digital innovation. He also engaged with key stakeholders from business and technology sectors. The visit reinforced India's strong ties with both nations and further deepened cooperation across multiple domains.



## Visit of Prime Minister to France and United States of America (February 10-13, 2025)





## Visit of External Affairs Minister to Johannesburg, South Africa for the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (February 20 - 21, 2025)



External Affairs Minister Shri S. Jaishankar had paid an official visit to Johannesburg, South Africa, from February 20-21, 2025, to participate in the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

During the visit, he engaged in discussions on key global issues, including multilateral cooperation, economic growth, sustainable development, and geopolitical challenges. He also held bilateral meetings with counterparts from various countries to strengthen diplomatic ties and enhance collaboration.

The visit underscored India's commitment to global governance and reinforced its strategic partnerships within the G20 framework.



## PM Modi inaugurated Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on February 14, 2025.



PM Modi inaugurated Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on February 14, 2025. The event brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and global stakeholders to highlight India's advancements in textile innovation, sustainability, and manufacturing excellence.

The exposition featured over 5,000 exhibitors and emphasized investment opportunities, emerging technologies, and strategies to strengthen India's position as a global textile hub. Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh and Minister of State for Textiles Shri Pabitra Margherita attended the event and contributed to discussions on export growth and domestic manufacturing.

Bharat Tex 2025 aimed to boost India's textile exports, reinforce its manufacturing sector, and promote its rich textile heritage on the international stage.



PM Modi inaugurated Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on February 14, 2025.







Rekha Gupta was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Delhi in a grand ceremony, along with six ministers who became part of her cabinet. The oath-taking ceremony took place at Raj Niwas in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor, senior government officials, and dignitaries.

In her inaugural address, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta expressed her commitment to working towards the development of Delhi, focusing on key areas such as infrastructure, healthcare, education, and public welfare. She emphasized the importance of good governance, transparency, and inclusive growth.

The six newly appointed ministers took charge of their respective portfolios, pledging to work towards the welfare of Delhi's citizens. The new government aimed to strengthen policies on urban development, pollution control, employment generation, and digital governance.

The event was attended by various political leaders, senior bureaucrats, and members of the public who welcomed the new leadership with enthusiasm. With this new administration, Delhi was expected to witness strategic policy decisions and reforms aimed at improving the quality of life for its residents.

Delhi Cabinet 2025: List of Ministers and Their Portfolios

1. Rekha Gupta (Chief Minister) – Finance, Planning, General Administration Department (GAD), Women & Child Development (WCD), Services, Revenue, Land & Building, Information & Public Relations (I&PR), Vigilance, Administrative Reforms (AR), and any other department not allocated to other ministers.
2. Parvesh Verma – Public Works Department (PWD), Legislative Affairs, Irrigation & Flood Control (I&FC), Water, Gurudwara Elections.
3. Ashish Sood – Home, Power, Urban Development (UD), Education, Higher Education, Training & Technical Education.
4. Manjinder Singh Sirsa – Food & Supplies, Forest & Environment, Industries.
5. Ravinder Singh – Social Welfare, SC & ST Welfare, Cooperative, Elections.
6. Kapil Mishra – Law & Justice, Labour, Employment, Development, Art & Culture, Language, Tourism.
7. Pankaj Kumar Singh – Health & Family Welfare, Transport, Information Technology.



## BJP's Rekha Gupta takes oath as Delhi CM along with 6 Ministers





# PM Modi Inaugurates Global Investors Summit 2025 in Bhopal



PM Modi inaugurated the Global Investors Summit 2025 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The event brought together business leaders, policymakers, and investors from across the world to explore investment opportunities in India.

During his address, the PM highlighted India's economic growth, investment-friendly policies, and Madhya Pradesh's emerging role as an industrial hub. The summit featured discussions on key sectors, including infrastructure, manufacturing, renewable energy, and digital innovation.

The event aimed to attract significant investments, fostering economic development and job creation in the region.



## Maha Kumbh 2025 Concludes Successfully with Record-Breaking Devotee Participation.



Maha Kumbh 2025 Concludes Successfully with Record-Breaking Devotee Participation. Prayagraj, March 2025: The Maha Kumbh 2025, one of the world's largest religious gatherings, concluded successfully after welcoming an estimated 400 million devotees over the course of its duration. The festival, which began on January 14, 2025, on the occasion of Makar Sankranti, witnessed a historic turnout of pilgrims from India and across the world, reaffirming its spiritual and cultural significance. Dignitaries including President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi took part in the sacred rituals and offered prayers at the Triveni Sangam. Several international guests, including Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, also participated, highlighting the global appeal of the festival. The administration implemented advanced crowd management strategies, improved sanitation facilities, and enhanced security measures, ensuring a smooth and safe experience for all visitors. Pilgrims were treated to a series of spiritual discourses, cultural programs, and devotional events, making this Kumbh a spiritually enriching experience. With participation from devotees spanning Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Nepal, Russia, the UK, the US, and many other countries, Maha Kumbh 2025 set a new benchmark for global faith gatherings. As the event concludes, it leaves behind a legacy of devotion, unity, and cultural pride, reaffirming India's rich spiritual heritage.



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# UNION BUDGET 2025-2026: A REVIEW FROM THE NEEDONOMICS PERSPECTIVE



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The Union Budget for 2025-2026, presented by Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman, amounts to ₹5,065,345 crore, which includes ₹3,394,425 crore for revenue expenditure and ₹1,121,090 crore for capital expenditure. This budget represents a significant step towards realizing India's vision of becoming a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047. In her 60-page speech delivered in 84 minutes, structured into 161 headings, the FM outlined an ambitious roadmap, highlighting the goal of a nation characterized by zero poverty, universal access to quality education and healthcare, a skilled workforce with meaningful employment, increased female participation in the economy, and enhanced agricultural productivity aimed at transforming India into the "food basket of the world."

We must note that the expenditure which brings a change to the government's assets or liabilities (such as construction of roads or recovery of loans) is capital expenditure, and all other expenses are revenue expenditure (such as payment of salaries or interest payments). In 2025-26, capital expenditure is expected to increase by about 10.1% over the revised estimates of 2024-25. Revenue expenditure is expected to increase by 6.7% over the revised estimates of 2024-25.

This comparison shows that the increase in capital expenditure outpaces the growth in revenue expenditure in the Union Budget 2025-26 signifying a robust infrastructure-driven development path as the rate of increase in capital expenditure should surpass that of revenue expenditure.

FM has identified ten key focus areas, including: Spurring agricultural growth and productivity, Building rural

prosperity and resilience, Ensuring inclusive growth, Boosting manufacturing and the "Make in India" initiative, Supporting MSMEs and employment-led development, investing in people, the economy, and innovation, Securing energy supplies, Promoting exports and Nurturing innovation

FM further highlighted four primary drivers of growth—agriculture, MSMEs, investment, and exports—empowered by reforms and guided by inclusivity. The aim is to achieve a "Viksit Bharat."

However, from the perspective of the Needonomics School of Thought, our primary concern lies with the fiscal deficit, which remains above the 3% target prescribed by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act. The projected fiscal deficit for 2025-26 stands at 4.4% (₹1,568,936 crore), raising concerns about the sustainability of this trajectory. Furthermore, the government's expenditure composition is worrisome, with 20% of every rupee spent allocated to interest payments, a non-productive expenditure that has yet to be adequately addressed. Additionally, borrowings and other liabilities contribute 24% of revenue, further escalating the fiscal burden.

Despite Haryana being represented by three ministers in the NDA government, the Finance Minister did not announce any specific provisions for the state. However, Haryana may indirectly benefit from national schemes targeting farmers, women, the poor, and youth.

For the broader vision of "Needo-happiness" and "Needo-health" for the masses—rather than just the classes—of a Viksit Bharat, it is essential that the Finance Minister adopts a Gita-based Needonomics approach which could serve as a form of economic yoga more than so called Yoga.

While the tax slabs and rates aim to reduce the tax burden for middle-class earners, thereby leaving more disposable income for consumption, savings, and investment, the reality is that only 2.2% of the population currently pays taxes. This minority of taxpayers deserves recognition and

equitable treatment in terms of public services and benefits, if not direct financial concessions.

The government's focus on revenue mobilization extends beyond taxes, with an emphasis on optimizing unutilized government assets, such as stadiums and land held by PSUs, for better utilization. Additionally, the government is exploring new revenue streams to offset the revenue forgone due to tax concessions. According to Union Budget documents, 24% of government receipts will come from borrowings and other liabilities, followed by income tax (22%), corporate tax (17%), and non-tax revenue sources like disinvestment (9%).

On the expenditure side, the budget allocates 20% of every rupee to interest payments, 22% to states' share of taxes and duties, 8% for defense expenditure, 16% for central sector schemes, and 8% for centrally sponsored schemes. Expenditures on subsidies and pensions account for 6% and 4%, respectively, with the remaining 8% allocated to other expenditures.

The announcement of five National Centers of Excellence for skilling is commendable. These centers, focusing on curriculum design, trainer training, skill certification, and periodic reviews, align well with the "Make for India, Make for the World" initiative and aim to equip youth with global manufacturing expertise.

The budget's allocation for school education at ₹78,572 crore is the highest-ever allocation for the department. Similarly, the Higher Education Department receives ₹50,077.95 crore, with a substantial increase in student financial aid to ₹2,160 crore. These provisions deserve recognition, as does the emphasis on utilizing the education cess collected from taxpayers to help states implement the National Education Policy.

However, a more concrete action plan is needed to transform citizens from being careless and cared-less to careful, and from useless and used-less to useful, making them active stakeholders in India's growth. A healthy economy with a growth rate of 6.8% requires a mindset shift among all stakeholders, including consumers, who must adopt a philosophy of mindful consumption (needo-consumption).

To compete effectively with China, India must enhance its domestic savings rate, which consistently lags by about

10%. A cultural shift towards needo-saving is essential. Additionally, to support farmers, both the central and state governments must implement a "rainbow revolution" in agriculture, focused on boosting productivity, agro-processing, and agro-product exports.

Reducing the compliance burden requires adherence to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's principles of public expenditure—namely faithfulness, wisdom, and economy in execution. Unfortunately, the provisions for tourism development in Kurukshetra were overlooked.

The path to India becoming a "Viksit Bharat" hinges on resolving critical economic challenges, one of the most pressing being the Consumption-Investment Paradox. This paradox revolves around the relationship between consumption, savings, and investment, and how these factors interact to drive economic growth. From the Needonomics perspective, this paradox highlights that growth cannot solely be driven by supply-side policies (such as investment in infrastructure and industry) without stimulating demand-side factors (such as enhancing consumption through increased purchasing power). The Needonomics approach advocates that demand should align with societal needs, thereby creating a more inclusive economic environment.

In conclusion, while the Union Budget addresses several critical areas, it falls short of presenting a comprehensive and sustainable economic strategy. Greater emphasis is needed on reducing fiscal deficits, enhancing domestic savings, and ensuring equitable resource distribution. Additionally, integrating mindful economic practices and robust agricultural reforms will be crucial to realizing the vision of a prosperous and resilient Viksit Bharat by 2047. To achieve this, the Consumption-Investment Paradox must be addressed, and India must adopt a holistic approach to development—one that aligns consumption with human needs and ensures investments contribute to building an inclusive, sustainable economy. The Needonomics perspective offers a framework for overcoming this paradox, emphasizing that growth should prioritize the well-being of all citizens.

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# GEOPOLITICAL RISK AND ITS IMPACT ON MARKET INVESTMENTS



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### Introduction:

In an increasingly interconnected world, geopolitical risks play a significant role in shaping market investments. From trade wars and sanctions to military conflicts and political instability, these factors can lead to market volatility, capital outflows, and shifts in investor sentiment. Understanding geopolitical risks is crucial for investors seeking to navigate uncertain economic landscapes and mitigate potential financial losses.

### Understanding Geopolitical Risk:

Geopolitical risk refers to the potential for political events, international conflicts, or regulatory changes to impact economic stability and market performance. These risks stem from various factors, including:

- Political instability and regime changes
- Trade policies and economic sanctions
- Territorial disputes and military conflicts
- Cybersecurity threats and espionage
- Energy supply disruptions
- Global pandemics and natural disasters

### Impact on Market Investments:

#### 1. Stock Market Volatility

Geopolitical events can lead to sudden stock market fluctuations. For example, conflicts between major economies can result in investor panic, leading to sell-offs and market downturns. Additionally, increased political uncertainty can discourage corporate investments, leading to lower earnings forecasts and reduced market

confidence. Conversely, resolutions or positive diplomatic developments can trigger market rallies, boosting investor sentiment and corporate valuations.

#### 2. Commodity Price Fluctuations:

Global conflicts and supply chain disruptions can lead to price volatility in commodities such as oil, gas, and precious metals. For instance, tensions in the Middle East often lead to oil price spikes, affecting energy stocks and inflation rates. Moreover, supply shortages due to geopolitical instability can drive up the prices of essential raw materials like lithium and rare earth metals, impacting industries dependent on these resources, such as technology and electric vehicles.

#### 3. Currency and Exchange Rate Instability:

Political instability can weaken a country's currency, leading to exchange rate fluctuations. Investors dealing in foreign markets must assess geopolitical risks to hedge against potential currency depreciation. Additionally, shifts in central bank policies due to geopolitical tensions can influence exchange rates, causing instability in global trade and affecting multinational corporations' revenue



#### 4. Investment Sentiment and Capital Flows:

Uncertain political conditions can drive capital flight from emerging markets to safe-haven assets like gold, government bonds, or stable currencies such as the US dollar and Swiss franc. Foreign direct investment (FDI)

may also decline in regions with prolonged geopolitical tensions. Furthermore, geopolitical instability can trigger restrictive government policies, such as capital controls or foreign ownership limits, discouraging foreign investors and stalling economic growth.

### 5. Regulatory and Policy Risks:

Governments may impose tariffs, trade restrictions, or economic sanctions that directly impact businesses operating in affected regions. Such policies can disrupt supply chains, increase costs, and reduce profitability for multinational corporations. Additionally, new regulatory frameworks and taxation policies introduced in response to geopolitical events may increase compliance costs for businesses, further impacting investor returns.

### Strategies to Mitigate Geopolitical Risks:

1. **Diversification** – Investors can reduce exposure to geopolitical risks by diversifying their portfolios across different sectors, asset classes, and geographical regions.
2. **Hedging with Safe-Haven Assets** – Allocating funds to safe-haven assets like gold, US Treasury bonds, or defensive stocks can provide stability during geopolitical crises.
3. **Monitoring Global Events** – Keeping track of international developments, policy changes, and economic indicators can help investors make informed decisions.
4. **Risk Assessment Models** – Utilizing geopolitical risk assessment tools and indices can help quantify risks and predict market trends.
5. **Long-Term Investment Approach** – Focusing on fundamentally strong assets and adopting a long-term perspective can help investors weather short-term volatility caused by geopolitical events.

### Conclusion:

Geopolitical risks are an inherent part of global investing, with the potential to disrupt markets and economic

stability. While these risks cannot be entirely eliminated, investors can employ strategic measures to mitigate their impact. By staying informed, diversifying portfolios, and using risk management techniques, investors can better navigate geopolitical uncertainties and safeguard their investments against unforeseen disruptions.



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# FUTURE OF AI AND INDIA



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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the most influential technologies of the 21st century, rapidly transforming the world. India, emerging as a global leader in technology and innovation, is playing a crucial role in adopting and developing AI. In the coming decades, AI has the potential to revolutionize India's economy, education, healthcare, agriculture, and industries.

## Development of AI in India

The growth of AI in India is accelerating with the collaboration of the government and private companies. Initiatives like the "National Artificial Intelligence Mission" and "Digital India" have been launched to promote AI. The Indian IT sector is already playing a leading role globally in AI and Machine Learning (ML).

## Impact of AI-

### Economy and Employment:-

AI can boost India's economy by making business operations more efficient through automation and data analytics. While AI may replace some traditional jobs, it will also create new opportunities. The demand for data scientists, AI developers, and cybersecurity experts will rise significantly.

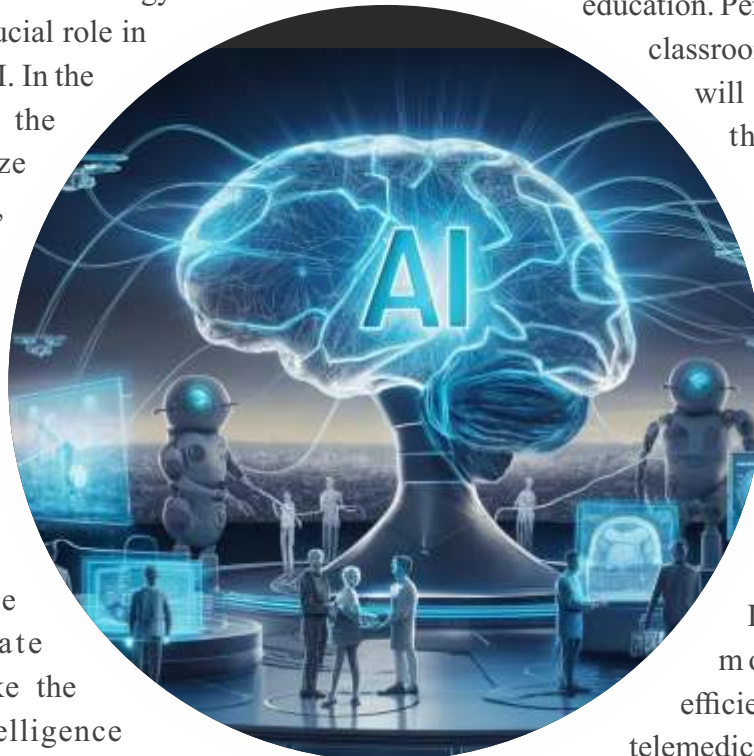
### Revolution in Education:-

AI can bring a significant transformation in education. Personalized learning, smart classrooms, and virtual teachers will allow students to learn at their own pace. Online education platforms in India are already utilizing AI to enhance the learning experience for students.

### Improvements in Healthcare:-

AI is helping to make India's healthcare system more accessible and efficient. AI-based diagnostics, telemedicine, and robotic surgeries can revolutionize the medical sector. In a highly populated country like India, AI can help bridge the gap in the shortage of doctors and improve healthcare services in rural areas.

### Agriculture and Food Security:-



AI can make Indian agriculture more productive and efficient. AI-powered drones, sensors, and data analytics can assist farmers in improving crop production and handling natural disasters. This will increase food production and boost farmers' incomes.

### **Cybersecurity and Defense:-**

AI can play a vital role in strengthening India's cybersecurity. AI-based technologies are being used to detect cyber threats, enhance data security, and protect national defense. The Indian military is also working on AI-powered defense systems and drone technology.

### **Challenges and Solutions--**

Despite its rapid growth, AI comes with challenges such as data security, privacy, ethics, and job displacement. To address these issues, India needs robust data protection laws, ethical AI guidelines, and skill development programs.

In the end i must say "The future of AI" in India is bright. With the right efforts, AI can make India a digital and self-reliant nation. The government, industries, and educational institutions must collaborate to promote AI research and innovation, enabling India to emerge as a global AI powerhouse.



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### Govt. Policies

1. Opportunity to contribute to Govt. policy initiatives
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### Networking

1. Networking opportunities with Indian Sectoral Experts across different verticals
2. Networking with Global Leaders, counterparts in all continents
3. Opportunity to connect with 5000 industry members all over India
4. Platform to meet global business and political leaders
5. Opportunity to participate in seminars, conferences and B2B meetings

### Events & Other Deliverables

1. WhatsApp Group Inclusion facilitating networking with business contacts in FII Chapters
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3. Opportunity to establish visibility of your business via ads in FII Newsletter
4. Support regarding Finance, upgradations, investment opportunities, healthcare, sports etc
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  - Women Empowerment
  - Support Children with Special Needs
  - Sports & Recreation
2. Credit Counselling, Advice on GST & Taxes, Advice on loans, Recovery of Delayed/ Stuck Payments, Advice on Subsidies & Grants
3. We provide help in revival of sick units with experts on every domain
4. Support for business development through participation in Exhibitions within/outside India and plan for visit to International Trade Fairs
5. Empower Indian Businesses in their global outreach for business expansion
6. Opportunity to take part in FII Overseas Business Delegations





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- Promoting an environment of strong business relationships of India with growing Economies
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- Help from FII Investment Desk, which ensures safety and security of investment in foreign land
- Our strengthened relations with International Consulates helps easing of setting up business internationally
- We support our members in case of any dispute arises in overseas projects and the implementation.
- Support from Experts in documentation and various approvals for overseas expansion
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- Take advantage of FII Partnerships with International Associations
- Opportunity to participate in International Business Delegations
- Assistance to Overseas Business for setting up operations in India
  
- Strengthening Indian Diaspora, Businesses and Professionals
- Promoting brotherhood and Business Networking among Indian Diaspora
- Creating Awareness for Indian Diaspora to Business Opportunities in India
- International Conferences on side-lines of Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas to facilitate networking across eminent businesspersons
- Celebration of Indian & International Holidays in synergy to recognize and promote International Brotherhood

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## Acharya Satyendra Das, Chief Priest of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, Passed Away at 85



**Acharya Satyendra Das**  
(1940-2025)

Ayodhya, February 12, 2025 – Acharya Satyendra Das, the esteemed Chief Priest of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, had passed away at the age of 85. A revered spiritual leader, he had played a pivotal role in the temple's religious and ceremonial practices for decades.

Acharya Satyendra Das had been undergoing treatment at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS) in Lucknow after suffering a brain stroke on February 2. Despite intensive medical care, he had succumbed to complications arising from the stroke, compounded by diabetes and hypertension.

Born in Sant Kabir Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, he had dedicated his life to religious service and had been appointed as the Chief Priest in 1992.

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## C. Krishnaveni (1924–2025): Veteran Telugu Actress and Producer Passes Away



**C. Krishnaveni**  
(1924-2025)

Veteran actress and producer Chittajallu Krishnaveni, a trailblazer in Telugu cinema, passed away at the age of 100. She was known for her remarkable contributions to the industry, both as a performer and a producer. Krishnaveni played a pivotal role in shaping Telugu cinema, notably producing *Mana Desam* (1949), which introduced legendary actor N. T. Rama Rao. She also starred in several classic films, earning admiration for her dedication to the arts. Her passing marks the end of an era in Indian cinema. Tributes poured in from film personalities, political leaders, and admirers, acknowledging her invaluable legacy. Her contributions will continue to inspire generations in the world of cinema.

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## Milind Rege (1949–2025): Former Mumbai Cricketer and Selector Passes Away



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Milind Rege, a renowned cricketer and former chairman of selectors for the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA), passed away at the age of 76. His contributions to Mumbai cricket, both as a player and administrator, left a lasting impact on the sport.

Rege was a crucial part of Mumbai's Ranji Trophy-winning teams in the 1970s and played alongside legendary cricketers such as Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Vengsarkar.

## DAYS TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY 2025

4 February	 Sri Lanka	Independence Day
11 February	 Iran	Anniversary of the Islamic Revolution
15 February	 Serbia	National Day
16 February	 Lithuania	Independence Day
24 February	 Estonia	Independence Day

Vasant Panchami

World Cancer Day

Guru Ravidas Jayanti

Valentine's Day

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti

Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti

Maha Shivaratri

February 2, 2025, Sunday

February 4, 2025, Tuesday

February 12, 2025, Wednesday

February 14, 2025, Friday

February 19, 2025, Wednesday

February 23, 2025, Sunday

February 26, 2025, Wednesday

## GREETINGS IN FEBRUARY 2025



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**DR. VISHNU JHA**  
PRESIDENT, 35 CHAPTER, FI



**MR. SANJAY GUPTA**  
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