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he Government of India's One District One Product (ODOP) initiative has the potential to reshape district-level economies by promoting unique products rooted in local heritage—whether agricultural, artisanal or food-processing based. By strengthening branding, marketing, supply chains and export capability, ODOP aims to generate livelihood opportunities and stimulate rural entrepreneurship. Yet, for ODOP to deliver meaningful and sustainable impact, skill development must be placed at its core.

India's micro and small enterprises often struggle due to limited technical capabilities, informal production practices and inadequate market linkages. While ODOP's integration with the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme offers financial and infrastructure support, the real differentiator will be targeted capacity building. Workforce training aligned to district-specific industries—covering modern processing techniques, quality standards, packaging, digital marketing and business management—can transform traditional producers into competitive entrepreneurs.

The Federation of Indian Industry (FII) stand on ODOP is clear that industry bodies collectively recognize the need for collaboration between government, industry, academia and skilling institutions. Creating product-based clusters with specialized training and incubation facilities can accelerate job creation and reduce migration.

ODOP can become a powerful model for inclusive growth—but only when product specialization is matched with skilled human capital.

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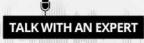


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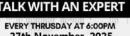
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India Enters New Era of Labour Reform as Government डॉ. चिरंजीव को डॉक्टरेट की मानद उपाधि **Enforces Four Comprehensive Labour Codes**

The new labour codes are expected to boost investor ifidence and promote greater transparency by encouraging businesses to operate more fully within the formal economy."





जिला मंडी के निवासी

डा. चिरंजीव चलाते हैं बददी में अपना उद्योग

हमेशा जरुरतमंदों की

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करते हैं मदद

आर्ग नाइने शन इस ज्यान <u>इ.सि.स्ट्रेस किंद्र शक्</u> विकास और सामाजिक सेवा में उनके उद्धेशानीय खेगदान के लिए जॅक्टोट की मानद उपांध प्रदान की गई है। तकुर फिल्ले दस व्यों से बदरी में आना व्यवसाय

बार विशेष उद्योग संगठनों ने दी सहाह बार विशेष उद्योग संगठनों ने दी सहाह कार विशेष उद्योग स्था उत्योग स्था उत्योग करना पूर्ण अध्यक्ष त्यु उद्योग पारती। एन प्रती, चोत्रास (पेटन, यह उद्योग सप्ती), हा त्येश क्या प्रतान अध्यक्ष पेटरेशन आँच इंटिंग्स इंटर्डर्डिज, अभिन प्रतान के प्रकार के प्राप्त के प्रतान के प्रवान के प्रतान के

बरोटीकाला.पूज वर्षा : फेडोरान अफा इंडियन इंडिस्ट्रीय के प्रदेश अफाया और स्म मा वर्ष के में चित्रणीय काबूर की सर्व्य कन्यर एंड प्रमुक्तेशनल अपने मान्त्री श्रम अहासन दिया की सभी के अध्योग से अगे भी बार सार जाती रहेगा।
पदिन के उत्तर सार नियानीय राज्य राज्य नियानीय आरों में सार परि हो नियानीय सार परि हो में सहाय में सिमान भी मान भी मान

डीसीजीआइ की सख्त नीतियों के

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संवाद सहयोगी, जागरण = वही : प्रदेश के विभिन्न औद्योगिक संगठनों और हितधारकों ने ड्रग्स कंट्रोलर जनरल आफ इंडिया (हीसीजीआइ) की नीतियों और कार्यशैली पर सवाल उठाए हैं। अनुबंधित आधार पर

कार्यरत और हाल ही में कार्यावधि

विस्तार प्राप्त करने वाले डा. रघुवंशी पर आरोप है कि उनका

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हिमाचल का फार्मा हब और अटल नीति की विरासत पर खतरा



भागत के यक जागे में हम साम स्वार्थ को सिंग का स्वार्थ को सिंग के अविशेष को सिंग का सिंग को सिंग की सिंग को सिंग की सिंग को सिंग की सिंग को सिंग की सिंग को सिंग की सिंग को सिंग की सिंग को सिंग की सि

Storm in Himachal's Pharma Sector — FII President Alleges: "DCGI's Actions Are Not Inspections. They Are Harassment"

Industry Demands State-wise Sample and Failure Data-Says Transparency Is the Only Way to Restore Trust



मध्यम (एमएसएमई) DCGI से राज्य-वार नमूना व विफलता डेटा जारी करने की चुनीतवों के प्रति असंवेदनशील है। माँग, पारदर्शिता से ही खत्म होगा अविश्वासः चिरंजीव ठाकुर औषधि मानक नियंत्रण संगठन (सीडीएससीओ) ने कई सुधार लागू

प्राथमिक विकास के हिंद स्वारम होगा ओवेरदास: चिरंजीव ठाकु अभि मानक जिस्सा के स्वारम स्वारम स्वारम स्वारम स्वरम्भ के स्वरम





हैं। इनका सबसे अधिक प्रभाव बही, सोलन और सिरमौर के फामां केंद्रों पर पड़ा है। हालांकि उद्योग प्रतिनिधियों का कहना है कि हम निरीक्षण के विरोध में नहीं हैं। लघु उद्योग संघ के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष

अशोक राणा व चेयरमैन राजीव कंसल का कहना है कि सीडीएससीओ का संचालन अब अत्यधिक नौकरशाही और निरंकुश हंग से किया जा रहा है। नियामक संस्था उद्योग से बिना परामर्श लिए निणंय ले रही है और छोटे उद्यमियों को नीति निर्माण की प्रक्रिया से बाहर रखा है। प्रदेश जोखिम आधारित निरीक्षणों में निशाना बनाया जा रहा है। इससे लगभग 300 फार्मा इकाइयां बंद होने की कगार पर हैं और हजारों श्रमिकों की आजीविका खतरे में है।

लघु उद्योग भारती के पूर्व राज्य अध्यक्ष राजीव कंसल ने कहा, डा. रघवंशी की सोच बड़े उद्योगों तक सीमित लगती है। नियामक संस्था का काम उद्योग को डराना नहीं, बल्कि मार्गदर्शन करना होना चाहिए।

State govt implements key reforms to boost biz

734 NON-POLLUTING INDUSTRIES EXEMPTED FROM INSPECTIONS

Maithilisharan Parashar Assumes Charge as Seva Bharati Nalagarh President, Vows to Expand Social Outreach

Seva Bharati is more than an organization; it is a movement of service, compassion, and empowerment." – Maithilisharan Parashar



अफसरशाही के कुछ निर्णय से हजारों हिमाचली श्रमिकों की आजीविका खतरे में है: राणा लघ उद्योग संगठनों पदाधिकारियों ने कहा-बंद हो जाएंगी 300 इकाइयां

Risk Based Inspection



किंग वापुर कर्द्री (जगामार्ग न्यूक्)। धारत के दला उद्योग में इस समय गंभीर अस्तोग और लिता का मातील है। विवासन आँग्रीगिक सम्प्रकों और तिरामाल्यों में ताल के दिनों में दूसम करोलार वास्तम और हिंदि (ग्रीस्पोत्तीआई) जी एम्बेल प्रमुखी को मीतिमां और कार्यकेली पर सम्बासन उपप है। अस्त्रीतिक और ताल तो में कार्यकीश विस्तार प्राप्त करने माने और एम्बेली पर पड़ आँगाए हैं कि कार्यक्त दिख्यक दृष्टिकीण अन्तर्यक्त कळेर, एकतरफा और प्रकृत एवं मध्यम दश्व निमर्वनाओं (एम्ब्रस्टामाई) की सार्वादिक सुनीतिस के प्रति अस्पेवत्सील है। जी राष्ट्रपणि के वार्यकाल में कंद्रीण अस्त्रिय मार्गिय पानक विस्तरा सार्यकर (मीडीएससीकों) ने कर्द पूथार लागू किए हैं। जिनका जेंद्रण दला निर्माण मानकों को





यीडीएससीचो का संवालन चब नौकरशाही और निरंकश ढंग से किया जा रहाः अशोक

डा. रघवंशी की सोच बडे उद्योगों तक सीमीतः राजीव कंसल



Business Opportunities



India Looking at Collaborating with Israeli Startups to Boost Innovation: Piyush Goyal

India and Israeli startups can collaborate in areas such as cybersecurity and medical devices to strengthen the innovation

ecosystem, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said. He noted that one of the key elements of the proposed trade agreement between the two countries will be technology and innovation collaboration. We can collaborate with Israel to promote our own startup ecosystem, which we are aspiring to elevate to the levels of deep tech and high-quality innovation at competitive prices, given the economies of scale that India has to offer," Goyal said.



Rolls-Royce Expects Non-Governmental Business in Power Systems to Outgrow Government Supplies

Multinational aerospace and power systems major Rolls-Royce expects nongovernmental business of

its power systems vertical in India to outgrow the traditionally dominant government supplies, according to its top officials. The company, which sells the MTU brand of products and solutions in India under its power systems business, is betting on the growing demand for power solutions in data centres, semiconductor facilities, and other institutional backup installations, including factories.



Trade Intelligence Portal Launched to Deepen Data Access for Exporters, M S M E s a n d Policy makers The government has launched the Trade Intelligence and Analytics (TIA) portal, a consolidated data platform designed to provide

exporters, importers, startups and MSMEs real-time insights into global and domestic trade patterns.



E-waste Recycling in India Needs Rs 50,000 Crore Investment to Scale, Faces Raw Material Shortage: Industry Experts

Industry experts warn that India's e-waste recycling sector needs about ₹50,000

crore to reach full capacity and must resolve a growing shortage of raw material entering formal recycling channels. The concerns were raised at the Plastics Recycling Show (PRS) India and the inaugural Bharat Recycling Show (BRS) 2025 in Mumbai, which featured more than 150 exhibitors and 10,000 visitors.



Indian Businesses Keen to Expand Trade, Investment in Saudi Arabia, Says Report

A large number of Indian business leaders see Saudi Arabia as a reliable investment destination and are keen to increase trade

with the country amid global uncertainties, according to a new report. This aligns with the Kingdom's Vision 2030 plan, which aims to build a resilient, stable economy with attractive growth opportunities, according to the HSBC New Networks of Capital: Saudi Arabia report.



Canada's international trade minister Maninder Sidhu begins a 3-day visit to India

Canada's international trade minister, Maninder Sidhu, has begun a threeday visit to India to explore ways to advance bilateral

trade and investment ties. Sidhu will promote Canada's commitment to support and grow Canada-India commercial ties, including in artificial intelligence, clean technology, and digital industries, and will explore new opportunities for partnerships that benefit workers and businesses in both countries, the Canadian High Commission said.



Business Opportunities



EAM Jaishankar meets Canadian FM Anand, discusses progress under India-Canada Roadmap 2025

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand on the sidelines of

the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Niagara and reviewed the ongoing progress in bilateral cooperation under the India-Canada Roadmap 2025.

He congratulated Anand on hosting the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, appreciated the progress in implementing the New Roadmap 2025, and said he looks forward to the further rebuilding of the bilateral partnership.



Carlyle Group targeting \$300 million for India side fund

Carlyle Group Inc. is launching an India side fund to operate alongside the firm's sixth pan-Asia investment vehicle, tapping opportunities

across sectors from technology to health care.

The India-focused private equity fund is targeting about \$300 million, with the International Finance Corporation proposing an investment of up to \$60 million, according to a November 20 disclosure.



FTA with India to help boost bilateral trade, investments: Israeli minister Barkat

A proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between Israel and India will open up significant business opportunities for industries

in both countries and boost bilateral trade and investment flows, Israeli Economy and Industry Minister Nir Barkat said. He said the two countries signed terms of reference on November 20 to start negotiations for the agreement, and added that both sides have decided not to include sensitive areas in the FTA talks



"Strong foundation for universal social security, minimum wages": PM Modi on implementation of four labour codes

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the four new labour codes, coming into force today, provide a

strong foundation for universal social security and will protect workers' rights. The Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020 and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 are being implemented together as part of the new framework.



IITs, India's top tech schools see opportunity in Trump's H-1B curbs

Weeks after the US announced steep new fees for H-1B visas, large banners at a Delhi metro station outside the Indian Institute of Technology

declared, "We still sponsor H-1Bs" and "\$100K isn't going to stop us from hiring the best," referencing the new fee structure. The campaign by AI recruiting platform Metaview reflects a broader mood in India's elite tech circles: a quiet defiance toward Washington's latest immigration restrictions.



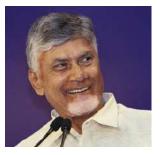
JK Tyre to pump in Rs 5,000 crore for capacity boost, eyes new export markets

JK Tyre and Industries plans to invest an additional Rs 5,000 crore over the next 5-6 years to expand its production

capacity, including setting up dedicated lines for export markets. The company is currently in the final phase of a Rs 4,000 crore investment cycle that began four years ago and is scheduled to conclude next quarter, and Chairman and Managing Director Raghupati Singhania said the fresh funds will be used to increase production capacity for both car and truck tyres.



POLITICAL NEWS



Andhra allots 6,000 acres of land to expand Sri City as global hub

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has announced the allotment of 6,000 acres of

land to develop Sri City as a model international industrial hub. Participating in the CII partnership summit at Andhra University, the Chief Minister



Uttarakhand: Caught between economic growth and environment needs

Uttarakhand, the land of the Himalayas, grapples with the delicate balance between economic

development and environmental preservation. Rich in natural beauty and resources, the state holds immense potential for tourism, hydropower, and industrial growth. However, unplanned urbanization, large-scale construction projects, and increasing tourist footfall pressure fragile ecosystems, forests, and water resources



Odisha CM Majhi Pushes Financial Independence for Every Woman

Description: Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi states his government remains committed to

ensuring every woman in the state becomes financially independent, self-reliant, and capable of entrepreneurship. Inaugurating the second edition of the 'Subhadra Shakti Mela', Majhi describes the fair as a platform to showcase women's empowerment and entrepreneurship under the Subhadra Yojana.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



HP Planning to Lay Off 4,000 to 6,000 Employees by FY28, Boosts AI Efforts Description: HP Inc announces plans to reduce its workforce by 4,000 to 6,000 jobs worldwide by

fiscal 2028's end. This supports streamlining operations and utilizing artificial intelligence (AI) to accelerate product development, enhance customer satisfaction, and boost productivity, Reuters reports.



PM Modi Announces Trilateral Technology Partnership with Australia, Canada

A new trilateral technology and innovation partnership between India, Australia,

and Canada stands announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi after a meeting with his Australian and Canadian counterparts on the sidelines of the G20 Leaders' Summit.



Amazon Set to Raise \$12 Billion in First US Bond Sale to Fuel AI Growth

Amazon prepares to raise about \$12 billion through a corporate bond sale, its first US dollar offering in nearly

three years, as major technology companies boost spending to support fast-growing artificial intelligence (AI) needs, Bloomberg reports. The company files for a six-part bond issue earlier in the day, according to a regulatory filing that does not specify the total size.



BANKING AND FINANCE



SBI Ventures Plans to Launch Rs 2,000 Crore Climate-Focused Fund in Jan-March

SBI Ventures, an alternative asset manager promoted by State Bank of India (SBI),

intends to raise Rs 2,000 crore for its third climatefocused fund to invest in startups. It helps unlock green growth, a new financial opportunity, SBI Ventures Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Prem Prabhakar states at the second edition of the IVCA Green Returns Summit.



Bank Unions Protest Nirmala Sitharaman's Privatisation 'Endorsement'

The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), an umbrella body representing

nine trade unions of officers and workmen across the banking sector, objects to what it terms Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's "implied endorsement" of bank privatisation during her address at the Delhi School of Economics.



Sagarmala Finance to Raise ₹8,000 Crore to Boost Maritime Infrastructure

The Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) Board approves

an Rs 8,000 crore fundraise for the current fiscal. An official statement confirms the maritime infrastructure lender remains in talks with banks and financial institutions for raising these funds.

INDUSTRY



Govt to Modernise SCL Mohali with Rs 4,500 Cr Investment: Ashwini Vaishnaw

The government plans to invest Rs 4,500 crore to modernise state-owned chip

company Semi-Conductor Laboratory (SCL) over the next three years, union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw states.Semi-Conductor Laboratory (SCL), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Electronics and Information



Cabinet Greenlights ₹7,280 Cr Scheme for Rare Earth Magnet Manufacturing

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approves a ₹7,280

crore scheme to promote manufacturing sintered rare-earth permanent magnets (REPM), marking India's first attempt to build an integrated domestic supply chain for the critical material.



Chhattisgarh Gets ₹6,826 Cr Investment Proposals in Industry, Tourism

The Chhattisgarh government announces receipt of investment proposals exceeding ₹6,321

crore in industries and ₹505 crore in the tourism sector during an investors' meeting. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai highlights investment opportunities in areas including tourism and hospitality, steel and industrial projects, biofuel, and cement, while handing over 'Invitation to Invest' letters to participating companies to enable prompt work commencement.



AGRICULTURE



Agrochemical Industry to Witness 6-7% Revenue Growth in 2025-26: Report

The agrochemical industry's revenue expects 6-7 per cent growth this

financial year driven by revival in global demand and normalisation of inventories, just as domestic offtake slows following extended monsoon. The Crisil Ratings report states improved farm sentiment globally drives export revenue up 8-9 per cent this fiscal, while domestic demand faces perils of excess rainfall causing crop damage, product returns, and delayed field readiness.



Govt to Push Green Fuel Farm Machinery to Boost Mechanisation:

Agri Secy The government prioritises green fuel-based farm machinery and enhances access to

mechanisation for small and marginal farmers as part of India's vision to become a global food basket by 2047, Agriculture Secretary Devesh Chaturvedi states.



Gadkari Bats for 'Farmer Producer Companies' for A g r i c u l t u r a l Development

Union minister Nitin Gadkari emphasises the need for "farmer producer

companies" for the progress of cultivators. Addressing a workshop on farmer producer organisation, he states all problems of cultivators must solve at commissionerate level in districts through the farmer producer company.

START-UP



SMBC to Invest \$200 Million in Indian Startups Amid Booming IPO Market

A fund co-run by the banking arm of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc.

plans to pour the bulk of the \$200 million it has raised into Indian startups, betting that the country's booming IPO market creates opportunities to cash out.



DPIIT Signs Pacts with Over 50 Firms to Boost Mfg, Startup Innovation

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) inks pacts with over 50 firms,

including ITC, Flipkart, and Mercedes-Benz, to promote a manufacturing and innovation ecosystem for startups, an official states. The department proactively reaches out to large corporates, industry associations, veterans, and unicorns to emphasise setting up manufacturing incubators and benefits of active collaboration with manufacturing startups.



Nvidia Joins \$850 Million India Deep Tech Alliance to Boost AI Startups

Nvidia joins Indian and US investors in supporting India's deep-tech startups, as the India Deep Tech

Alliance secures over \$850 million in new capital commitments, Reuters reports. The alliance, launched in September with an initial \$1 billion fund, aims to bridge the funding gap in research-driven sectors such as space, semiconductors, artificial intelligence (AI), and robotics.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT



Swiggy Signs MoU with upGrad for Skill Development of Delivery Partners

Food delivery and instant grocery firm Swiggy signs a m e m o r a n d u m o f

understanding (MoU) with upskilling platform upGrad for skill development of delivery partners. The initiative provides delivery partners access to university-certified higher education programmes and professional development certifications.



Tripura Govt Signs Two Skill Development MoUs with IIT Delhi, Tata IIS

To enhance skill development of youth with emerging industry demands, the Tripura

government signs two MoUs with IIT Delhi and Tata IIS. These partnerships aim to train 1,000 candidates in cutting-edge job roles aligned with emerging industry demands, boosting local employment and reducing outmigration.



Indian Govt, ADB Sign \$800 Mn Loan Pacts for Key Projects in Three States

The government of India and the Asian Development B a n k (ADB) s i g n

agreements for three loans worth over USD 800 million for projects in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat. The loan agreements cover the Maharashtra Power Distribution Enhancement Programme for Agricultural Solarization (USD 500 million), Indore Metro Rail Project.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



58% of India GCCs Invested in Agentic AI as Innovation Roles Widened: EY Survey

India's Global Capability Centres (GCCs) moved decisively from AI

experimentation to full-scale enterprise deployment, with 58 per cent investing in Agentic AI and another 29 per cent set to scale within a year, according to the EY GCC Pulse Survey 2025 released November 23.



Indian Scientists Developed AI Tool 'OncoMark' to Decode Cancer

Indian scientists unveiled 'OncoMark', an AI-powered diagnostic model that

analyses cancer at the molecular level, potentially revolutionising disease classification and treatment. Developed by the S N Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences in collaboration with Ashoka University, the tool identified biological hallmarks driving tumour growth, aggressiveness, and therapy resistance beyond traditional staging.



India's First Commercial PSLV Ready to Launch Oceansat

India geared up for a historic moment in its space journey when a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

(PSLV) was built entirely by the private sector, ready to launch the Oceansat satellite early next year. The rocket, constructed by a consortium of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T), marked a turning point in commercialising India's proven space technologies



AUTO TECHNOLOGY



Mahindra Plans 250 EV Charging Stations Along Highways by 2027

Mahindra & Mahindra plans to set up 250 electric vehicle charging stations, each with 180 kW, by the

end of 2027. The network entails 1,000 charging points across 250 stations aligning with the government's priority of strengthening public EV charging infrastructure to accelerate EV adoption in India



New-Gen Hyundai Venue 2025 Debuted in India at ₹7.90 Lakh : Hyundai Motor India unveiled the all-new second-generation Hyundai Venue at a starting price of ₹7.90 lakh (ex-

showroom). The revamped compact SUV represented a full model overhaul, succeeding the first-generation Venue on Indian roads since 2019. Fresh design elements, upgraded interiors, and advanced features strengthened Hyundai's position in the competitive compact SUV segment.



Ford Plans ₹3,250 Cr Investment in Chennai Plant for Next-Gen Engines: American carmaker Ford announced plans to invest about ₹3,250 crore to manufacture

powertrains at its Chennai plant, focusing on nextgeneration engines. The company considers using its Maraimalai Nagar facility on the outskirts of the city as an export hub, with an annual capacity of 235,000 units and production scheduled to begin in 2029

CSR



Alkem Foundation and IIT Bombay Collaborated for Advanced Research Centre: Alkem Foundation, the corporate social responsibility (CSR) arm of Alkem Laboratories.

and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay announced their collaboration to set up an advanced research centre in India for immunotherapeutics and regenerative medicines.



NTPC Inked Two Pacts in Assam to Build Burn ICU at KMCH, Support TB Patients: State-run power major NTPC inked two a greements in the healthcare sector in Assam

to build a burn ICU at Kokrajhar Medical College and Hospital and provide nutritional support to TB patients. To improve public healthcare facilities and community well-being in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), NTPC Bongaigaon signed two Memorandums of Agreement (MoAs) with the Kokrajhar district administration under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.



CSR Funds Should Focus
on Skilling and
Apprenticeships: NITI
Aayog's Virmani:NITI
Aayog member Arvind
Virmani sought greater
allocation of corporate

social responsibility (CSR) funds to skilling, emphasising industry's critical role in defining needed skills, helping training institutions with machinery and trainers, and providing apprentice jobs to millions of youth entering the workforce."



DEFENCE NEWS



Strong India Strengthens Global Peace and Economy: Rajnath Singh Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated that a stable India contributes to a stable global economy. He

said through Atmanirbhar Bharat, the Centre built a defence industrial ecosystem that encouraged innovation, supported industry, and reduced external dependencies.



Defence Secretary, Israeli Minister Signed MoU to Boost Defence Ties

India's Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh met Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz in Tel Aviv,

where both sides reaffirmed commitment to strengthening the long-standing defence partnership. The meeting occurred alongside the 17th Joint Working Group (JWG) on Defence Cooperation, cochaired by Singh and Israel's Ministry of Defence Director General Maj Gen (Res) Amir Baram.



PM Modi, Bhutan King Held Talks on Energy, Defence, Connectivity Projects

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel

Wangchuck held wide-ranging talks discussing cooperation in sectors such as energy, capacity building, connectivity, technology, defence, and security. After delegation-level talks, the two leaders jointly inaugurated the 1020 MW Punatsangchhu-II hydroelectric project, developed by India and Bhutan.

ENERGY AND POWER



Tata Power to Invest ₹25,000 Crore in Renewable Projects by Fy27: Tata Power announced an investment of ₹25,000 crore by FY27 to expand renewable energy

projects, including 4 GW of new renewable capacity, a 1,125 MW hydropower project in Bhutan, and exploration of a 10 GW ingot and wafer manufacturing plant. The plan accelerates renewable and hydro portfolios, aligning with India's green energy goals.



India to Be World's Largest Driver of Energy-Demand Growth by 2035: IEA

India pulled off a feat no other major economy managed—hitting a 2030

energy target five years early. The World Energy Outlook 2025 report by the International Energy Agency (IEA) confirmed India reached 50 per cent of grid-connected power capacity from non-fossil



Singapore Businesses Keen to Tap India's Green Energy, Other Sectors

Singapore businesses expressed keenness to join India's development journey, especially in fast-

expanding sectors like green energy and semiconductors amid global supply chain disruptions. New market challenges necessitated staying ahead and competing globally, Singapore-based executives stated at the Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW) held October 27-31.



INITIATIVES BY GOVT



Cabinet Approved Rs.7,280 Crore Scheme to Promote Sintered REPM Manufacturing

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the 'Scheme

to Promote Manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets' with a financial outlay of Rs.7,280 crore. This first-of-its-kind initiative established 6,000 Metric Tons per Annum (MTPA) of integrated Rare Earth Permanent Magnet (REPM) manufacturing in India,



PM Inaugurated Safran Aircraft Engine Services India Facility

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI)

facility at the GMR Aerospace and Industrial Park – SEZ, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad. SAESI served as Safran's dedicated Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility for LEAP engines powering Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.



Cabinet Approved Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Credit Guarantee Scheme for

Exporters (CGSE) providing 100% credit guarantee coverage by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC) to Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) for extending additional credit facilities up to Rs.20,000 crore to eligible exporters, including MSMEs.

INVEST INDIA



India Attracted ₹360 Trillion Green Investments Potential by 2047: CEEW

India could attract \$4.1 trillion, around ₹360 trillion, in cumulative green

investments over the next two decades through 2047, according to a study by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW). The analysis identified 36 green value chains across energy transition, circular economy, bioeconomy, and nature-based solutions, projecting a \$1.1 trillion, around ₹97.7 trillion, annual green market by 2047.



FedEx Collaborated with Invest India for SMEs Global Access

Express transportation firm FedEx collaborated with Invest India to boost domestic small businesses'

growth by providing global market access, capacity building, and branding opportunities supporting the 'One District-One Product' (ODOP) initiative.FedEx leveraged its global network and logistics expertise to empower SMEs for international markets and streamlined shipping processes.



Adani Plans \$5 Billion Investment in Google Data Centers

Adani Group CFO announced plans to invest up to \$5 billion in Google's AI infrastructure hub in

southern India through AdaniConneX, supporting the \$15 billion gigawatt-scale data center campus in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.



DIPLOMATIC POSTINGS



Dr. Hifzur Rahman Appointed as India's Ambassadorto Libya

India appointed Dr. Hifzur Rahman, previously Ambassador to Chad, as the next Ambassador to Libya,

marking an important step in deepening diplomatic engagement in North Africa. His assignment followed years of political instability in Libya, where India re-established a stronger presence after reopening its embassy in mid-2024.



Charanjeet Singh Appointed Ambassador to UN Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

Senior diplomat Charanjeet Singh (IFS: 1996) was appointed as India's next

Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. Currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Singh took up the assignment shortly after the November 18 announcement.



Neeraj Agrawal Appointed India's Ambassador to Mauritania

Neeraj Agrawal (YOA: 2009), presently posted in the Ministry of External

Affairs, was appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. He took up the assignment shortly after the November 18 announcement. India and Mauritania enjoy cordial relations since opening the Embassy in Nouakchott in June 2021, with India providing developmental, human resource, and infrastructural aid

MEA



Prime Minister Met Italian Prime Minister on G20 Summit Sidelines

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on the sidelines of the G20

Summit 2025 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Both leaders interacted briefly earlier on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Kananaskis, Canada in June.



Annual BIMSTEC Young Diplomats Interaction Programme

An 'Annual BIMSTEC Young Diplomats Interaction Programme' was inaugurated at Sushma

Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS), New Delhi. This initiative by Ministry of External Affairs is part of India's efforts to strengthen cooperation among young diplomats from the Bay of Bengal region.



Third India-Belgium Foreign Office Consultations Held in Brussels

The third round of India-Belgium Foreign Office Consultations took place in

Brussels, co-chaired by Shri Sibi George, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs of India, and Ms Theodora Gentzis, President of the Board, Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs of Belgium. The meeting followed HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium's successful economic delegation visit to India in March 2025.



FII ACTIVITIES THAILAND CHAPTER

Condolences on the Passing of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother of Thailand









We pay tribute to Her Majesty's life of grace, wisdom and dedicated service to the Kingdom, and join the people of Thailand in mourning this profound loss. Her enduring legacy of compassion and commitment will continue to inspire generations. On behalf of FII, Shri Raj Khimesra, Chairman – Thailand Chapter, visited the Grand Palace to pay respects and convey condolences to the Royal Family and the people of Thailand.

Dr. Deepak Jain (President), Shri Hitender Mehta, Shri Uditendu Verma and the Executive Committee of FII express their deepest condolences on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother of Thailand, who passed away peacefully on October 24, 2025, at the age of 93.



FII ACTIVITIES THAILAND CHAPTER

FII Thailand Delivers Guest Lecture at Srinakh arinwirot University, Bangkok







Srinakharinwirot University in Bangkok invited FII Thailand to deliver a special guest lecture titled "Talk like a Pro: Mastering a Career in Sales & Negotiations in Turbulent Times." Shri Raj Khimesra represented FII and shared valuable insights that resonated strongly with attendees. The session was designed to equip students with critical interpersonal communication and negotiation skills essential for succeeding in today's dynamic business environment. The interactive Q&A session provided students with practical, real-world tools they can apply directly as they launch their professional careers, giving them a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

FII Thailand Joins FTI Seminar on Transforming the Chemical Industry



The Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) organized a seminar to drive sustainable growth in the chemical sector through its "4 GO Strategy," outlining four core directions for Thailand's industrial transformation: Go Global, Go Innovation, Go Digital & AI, and Go Green. The seminar served as a platform to share insights on how the Thai chemical industry must adapt to rapid advances in technology, environmental priorities and shifts in the global economy. Shri Raj Khimesra, Chairman of the FII—Thailand Chapter, Mrs. Petcharat Esangkul, Vice Chairman of FTI, and other leading business figures participated in the discussions.

FII Thailand Facilitates India-Thailand Chemical Industry Dialogue

Shri Raj Khimesra, Chairman of the Federation of Indian Industry, Thailand, facilitated a meeting between the Indian Embassy and the Chemical Industries Club (CIC) of the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) to enhance collaboration and strengthen bilateral trade in the chemical sector between India and Thailand. The highlevel meeting was attended by Ms. Paulomi Tripathi, Deputy Chief of Mission, Ms. Jagpreet Kaur and Mr. Navin Bhardwaj from the Indian Embassy, while FTI was represented by Mr. Atichat Chaisuparakul, President CIC, Mr. Kitti Jivacate, Mr. Papichat Tangcaravakoon and other distinguished members.





FII ACTIVITIES

FII announces New President, FII Jharkhand Chapter



Federation of Indian Industry (FII) proudly announces the appointment of Mr. Pankaj Shrivastava as President of the FII Jharkhand Chapter. His visionary leadership and strong commitment to industry development are expected to drive new growth, innovation and opportunities for enterprises and MSMEs across Jharkhand. FII extends its heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Shrivastava for a successful and impactful tenure ahead.



India Creates History with Their First Women's Cricket World Cup Victory – 2025

India created a historic milestone by lifting their first-ever Women's Cricket World Cup in 2025, a triumph that has electrified the nation and elevated the status of women's cricket. The team displayed extraordinary grit and consistency throughout the tournament, combining disciplined bowling, strategic captaincy, and fearless batting to dominate world-class opponents. Their performance in the final showcased remarkable teamwork and mental strength, earning praise from cricketing legends and fans across the globe.

This landmark victory is being celebrated as a transformative moment for Indian sports, inspiring a new generation of young girls to pursue cricket with confidence and ambition. The win is expected to accelerate investment, infrastructure development, and visibility for women's cricket in India. As celebrations continue nationwide, the team's achievement stands as a powerful symbol of dedication, resilience, and national pride—marking a new era in India's sporting journey.





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Historic Victory for Indian Blind Women's Cricket Team

A moment of immense pride and joy for Indian sports as the Indian Blind Women's Cricket Team creates history by winning the inaugural Blind Women's T20 World Cup! What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that the team remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, showcasing not only skill but also resilience, teamwork, and sheer determination.

This victory is a shining example of how dedication, hard work, and perseverance can break barriers and set new milestones. Every player in the squad has proved that limitations cannot define talent. Their journey is a powerful inspiration for aspiring athletes, especially women, and sends a strong message that with commitment and belief, anything is possible.

Such historic feats not only bring glory to the nation but also elevate the spirit of sportsmanship, encouraging inclusivity and equal opportunities in sports. The triumph of the Indian Blind Women's Cricket Team will undoubtedly inspire generations of young athletes to dream big and aim higher.

Heartiest congratulations to the entire team, coaching staff, and everyone who supported them on this incredible journey. Your achievement is a proud moment for India, and we look forward to witnessing more such milestones in the future.





FII Explores New Horizons with ANCFZ India Roadshow 2025













FII at the Ajman NuVentures Centre Free Zone (ANCFZ) India Roadshow 2025, hosted by Mr. Rishi Somaiya, CEO of ANCFZ (UAE), gained valuable insights into business expansion opportunities in one of the UAE's most cost-effective and flexible free zones.

The session highlighted key opportunities for Indian entrepreneurs, chartered accountants, management consultants and SMEs to expand globally through ANCFZ, which offers streamlined business setup processes and comprehensive support for cross-border growth. The roadshow, organized in collaboration with BUZZ Communications and the ANCFZ team, focused on fostering global business collaborations and enabling Indian businesses to tap into the UAE's strategic business ecosystem.



Bihar Government Sworn In: Nitish Kumar Takes Oath as CM for 10th Time

20 Nov 2025 at a grand ceremony held at Gandhi Maidan, Nitish Kumar was sworn in as Chief Minister of Bihar for a record-extending 10th time. The oath of office and secrecy was administered by Arif Mohammad Khan, Governor of Bihar. The event saw the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and other senior leaders of the ruling alliance.

The swearing-in follows a landslide victory by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the 2025 Bihar Legislative Assembly elections, where the alliance secured 202 out of 243 seats.

Alongside the Chief Minister, a 26-member cabinet was sworn in, drawing representation from across NDA allies. Business Standard

The Government expresses gratitude to the people of Bihar for their trust and pledges to work towards inclusive development, good governance, and fulfilling the promises made during the election campaign.

Name of Minister	Party	Portfolio(s)	
		General Administration, Cabinet Secretariat, Vigilance,	
Nitish Kumar	JD(U)	Election Dept., All unallocated departments	
Samrat Choudhary	ВЈР	Home Department	
Vijay Kumar Sinha	ВЈР	Revenue & Land Reforms; Mines & Geology	
		Water Resources; Parliamentary Affairs; Building	
Vijay Kumar Chaudhary	JD(U)	Construction	
Bijendra Prasad Yadav	JD(U)	Energy, Planning & Development; Commercial Taxes; Prohibition & Excise	
Shravan Kumar	JD(U)	Rural Development; Transport	
Mangal Pandey	ВЈР	Health; Law	
Dilip Kumar Jaiswal	ВЈР	Industries	
Ashok Choudhary	JD(U)	Rural Works	
Leshi Singh	JD(U)	Food & Consumer Protection	
Madan Sahni	JD(U)	Social Welfare	
Nitin Nabin	ВЈР	Road Construction; Urban Development & Housing	
Ram Kripal Yadav	ВЈР	Agriculture	
Santosh Kumar Suman	HAM(S)	Minor Water Resources	
Sunil Kumar	JD(U)	Education; Information Technology; Science & Technology	
Mohammad Zama Khan	JD(U)	Minority Welfare	
Sanjay Singh "Tiger"	ВЈР	Labour Resources	
Arun Shankar Prasad	ВЈР	Tourism; Art, Culture & Youth	
Surendra Mehta	ВЈР	Animal & Fisheries Resources	
Narayan Prasad	ВЈР	Disaster Management	
Rama Nishad	ВЈР	Backward / Extremely Backward Class Welfare	
Lakhendra Raushan "Rosha	ВЈР	Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe Welfare	
Shreyashi Singh	ВЈР	Information Technology, Sports	
Pramod Kumar	ВЈР	Cooperatives; Environment, Forest & Climate Change	
Sanjay Kumar	LJP (Ram Vilas)	Sugarcane Industries	
Sanjay Kumar Singh	LJP (Ram Vilas)	Public Health Engineering (PHED)	
Deepak Prakash	RLM	Panchayati Raj	







Bihar Government Sworn In: Nitish Kumar Takes Oath as CM for 10th Time



















Justice Surya Kant was sworn in as the 53rd Chief Justice of India on November 24, 2025.



 $The \, solemn \, oath \, of \, office \, was \, administered \, by \, President \, Droupadi \, Murmu \, at \, Rashtrapati \, Bhavan \, in \, New \, Delhi.$

He is the first person from Haryana to ascend to the country's highest judicial office.

His tenure of nearly 15 months focuses on key reforms like tackling case pendency and promoting mediation.



Prime Minister's Visit to Johannesburg for Historic G20 Leaders' Summit



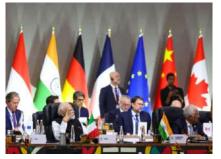














Prime Minister's Visit to Johannesburg for Historic G20 Leaders' Summit







Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently concluded a successful visit to the G20 Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, reinforcing India's commitment to global cooperation.

The PM strongly championed the cause of the Global South, advocating for a greater voice and representation for developing nations in global governance structures.

He emphasized the need for inclusive and sustainable economic growth, urging the world to revisit traditional development parameters.

Modi unveiled six significant proposals, including the G20-Africa Skills Multiplier Initiative to empower African youth through skilling.

Other key initiatives focused on establishing a Global Traditional Knowledge Repository and forming a G20 Global Healthcare Response Team.

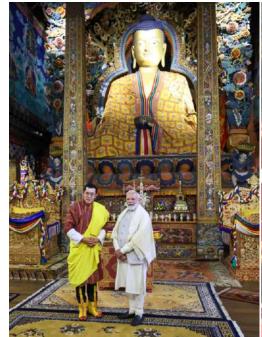
The Prime Minister also called for a coordinated global effort to counter the Drug-Terror Nexus, highlighting it as a major threat to public health and security.

During his address, he pushed for the creation of a Critical Minerals Circularity Initiative to enhance supply chain security and promote cleaner energy pathways.

The visit solidified India's role as a bridge-builder, ensuring that the priorities set during its own 2023 G20 Presidency continue to shape the international agenda.



Visit of Prime Minister to Bhutan (November 11–12, 2025)













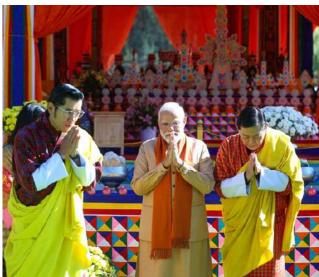


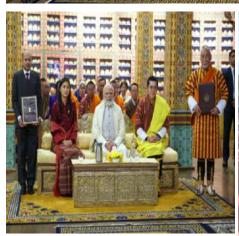
Visit of Prime Minister to Bhutan (November 11–12, 2025)















PM Modi paid an official two-day visit to the Kingdom of Bhutan, reflecting the deep-rooted and special partnership between India and Bhutan. He held substantive discussions with His Majesty the King of Bhutan and the Bhutanese leadership on strengthening bilateral cooperation. The talks covered key areas including development partnership, hydropower, connectivity, education and capacity building. Both sides reviewed ongoing projects and explored new avenues of cooperation. The visit reaffirmed India's enduring commitment to Bhutan's development and mutual prosperity.



Official Visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel to India (November 03–05, 2025)



The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel paid an official visit to India, underscoring the growing momentum in India—Israel relations. During the visit, he held meetings with the Indian leadership to review the full spectrum of bilateral cooperation. Discussions focused on strengthening collaboration in areas such as trade and investment, defence, technology, innovation and agriculture. Regional and global issues of mutual interest were also exchanged. The visit reaffirmed the shared commitment of both countries to further deepen their strategic partnership.



Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain to India (02–03 November 2025)



The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain paid an official visit to India from 02–03 November 2025, reflecting the warm and friendly ties between the two countries. During the visit, he held meetings with the Indian leadership to review the entire gamut of bilateral relations. Discussions focused on enhancing cooperation in trade and investment, energy, defence, fintech, health, and people-to-people exchanges. Both sides exchanged views on regional and global developments of mutual interest. The visit provided an opportunity to further strengthen institutional dialogue mechanisms. It reaffirmed the shared commitment to advancing the India–Bahrain partnership for mutual benefit.



Visit of the President of India to Angola and Botswana (08–13 November 2025)

Angola (08–11 November 2025)



Botswana (11–13 November 2025)





Visit of the President of India to Angola and Botswana (08–13 November 2025)



The President of India undertook a state visit to Angola and Botswana from 08–13 November 2025, marking an important milestone in India's engagement with Africa. The visit underscored India's commitment to strengthening long-standing ties with African partners. In Angola, discussions focused on enhancing cooperation in energy, trade, defence, and capacity building. In Botswana, the President engaged with the leadership on collaboration in mining, education, health, and technology. Bilateral meetings reviewed ongoing partnerships and explored new avenues of cooperation. The visit also highlighted India's development partnership initiatives in Africa. Regional and global issues of mutual interest were exchanged.

The President interacted with members of the Indian diaspora in both countries. The visit reinforced people-to-people linkages and shared values. Overall, the visit reaffirmed India's vision of a strong, mutually beneficial partnership with Africa.



SOWING THE SEEDS OF PROSPERITY: NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES AND FORGING SOLUTIONS IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR



Dr. Deepak JainPresident-FII

griculture, the backbone of nations and the primary source of livelihood for billions, stands at a critical juncture. While technological advancements have promised a golden age of farming, the sector globally, and particularly in developing economies like India, continues to grapple with deep-seated challenges. Addressing these requires a fundamental shift in perspective: moving beyond the immediate concerns of the farmer to focus on the holistic improvement of the agricultural ecosystem itself. When agriculture thrives, the fortune of the farmer will naturally flourish.

The Federation of Indian Industries (FII), operating globally across 62 countries and 22 provinces, recognizes the urgency of this transformation. FII runs 23 vital sectoral committees, with one dedicated to agriculture, and played an instrumental role in the government's official declaration regarding the Cotton Mission. The core philosophy underpinning FII's agricultural vision is simple yet profound: **Focus on Agriculture, not just the Farmer.**

The Fissures in the Field: Core Challenges Facing Indian Agriculture

Despite its essential role, the Indian agriculture sector is currently hampered by critical pain points that stunt its potential and prevent it from becoming a truly modern, lucrative, and sustainable industry.

1. The Great Exodus: Lack of Youth Interest

The most worrying trend is the disinterest of the

younger generation in farming. Agriculture is perceived as laborious, low-income, and high-risk, lacking the stability of urban careers. This generational gap threatens the transfer of traditional knowledge and starves the sector of the innovative energy and risk-taking mindset that modern agriculture desperately needs.

2. The Tech Deficit: Slow Adoption of Modern Technology

While the world moves towards precision agriculture, the average Indian farmer remains largely untouched. Technique is not being integrated into farming practices. Simple tools, data-driven decisions, and mechanization are often too expensive, inaccessible, or poorly understood. This technological lag keeps productivity low and costs high.

3. The Entrepreneurship Void and the Crop Loss Crisis

A significant lack of entrepreneurial spirit among many farmers resists the disruption necessary for modern, profitable farming. While this mindset cannot be forcibly changed, alternative ways to introduce entrepreneurship without radically disturbing the current lifestyle are essential. This void is directly linked to other serious issues:

- Massive Crop Loss: A staggering 40% crop loss occurs annually, primarily due to poor storage, inefficient post-harvest handling, and broken supply chains. This is a direct loss of income and resources.
- Negligible Value Addition: Value addition is practically non-existent. Farmers primarily sell raw produce, missing out on the substantial profits generated by processing, packaging, and branding.

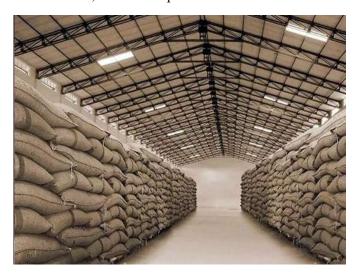


4. The Finance Famine: Lack of Capital Availability

Agriculture is a capital-intensive business, yet farmers face chronic unavailability of adequate finance. Formal credit often requires complex collateral, leaving many dependent on informal, high-interest money lenders. Without timely and sufficient capital, farmers cannot invest in better seeds, technology, or irrigation, trapping them in a cycle of low productivity.

■ Cultivating Innovation: Technological Solutions and Global Models

The path to revitalizing agriculture lies in a strategic adoption of cutting-edge technology and a willingness to emulate successful international models. The goal is to maximize yield, minimize resource use, and future-proof the sector.



The Israel Model: A Blueprint for Resource Efficiency

A crucial step is the mass adoption of the Israel Model of farming, which has transformed a desert nation into an agricultural powerhouse through sheer innovation and efficiency. Key techniques include:

■ **Drip Irrigation:** Delivering water and nutrients directly to the plant's root zone, resulting in up to 70% water savings compared to traditional methods.



- Hydroponics and Aeroponics: Soilless farming techniques for controlled environment agriculture, increasing yield exponentially and reducing the need for vast tracts of land.
- Multi-Level Farming (Vertical Farming): Stacking crops vertically to maximize production in small spaces, especially near urban centers, reducing transportation costs and increasing freshness

The potential of these methods ensures that even with small landholdings (1-5 acres), a significant increase in farmer income is absolutely possible

The Digital Revolution : Blockchain and Monitoring

To ensure transparency, prevent leakage, and measure progress accurately, technology must be used for robust monitoring.

- Blockchain Technology: Implementing blockchain can provide an immutable, transparent record of produce origin, storage conditions, and transactions, boosting consumer trust and ensuring farmers get fair value.
- Carbon Accounting: Blockchain monitoring must include carbon accounting. By recording and validating sustainable practices, farmers can potentially be rewarded through carbon credits, creating a new, essential revenue stream and incentivizing eco-friendly farming.
- Paving the Policy Path: Recommendations for a New Era



To implement these changes effectively, a concerted effort from the government, industry, and the farming community is required.

1. Launching Specific, Result-Oriented Missions

The government must launch 2 to 3 highly specific, well-funded missions with clear, time-bound objectives:

- **Sufficient Budget:** Each mission requires an adequate, ring-fenced budget.
- **Result-Oriented Framework:** A strict 3-5 year time frame should be set for achieving measurable outcomes.
- **Block-Level Monitoring:** Monitoring must be granular, extending down to the block level to ensure resources are used effectively.

2. A Coordinated Group of Ministers (GoM)

At the central level, a Group of Ministers (GoM) must be constituted. This high-level group should include the ministers of 6-7 related ministries (e.g., Agriculture, Finance, Rural Development, Water Resources, IT, and Food Processing). This ensures all relevant departments are working in one cohesive direction, eliminating policy conflicts and bureaucratic silos.



3. Fostering Industry-Farmer Collaboration

The outdated notion that businessmen are the enemy of the farmer must be dismantled. Increased Industry-Farmer collaboration is essential.



- Businesses bring capital, technical expertise, management skills, and market linkages.
- Industry can invest in post-harvest infrastructure, processing facilities, and high-tech farming models, directly bringing the required entrepreneurship and finance.
- Government policy should incentivize this collaboration through tax breaks and subsidies for joint ventures (Public-Private-Farmer Partnerships).

4. Goal: Increasing Agriculture's Economic Share

The long-term policy goal must be to increase the sector's contribution to **18% of the national economy** or more through enhanced productivity and value addition.

By shifting the focus to fixing the underlying systems of agriculture, embracing global innovations like the Israel Model, leveraging digital tools for transparency, and creating a unified policy and industry framework, the seeds of prosperity can truly be sown. The time for incremental change is over; a systemic, entrepreneurial, and technology-driven revolution is required to secure the future of agriculture and the millions who depend on it.



INDIA MYANMAR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS



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ow Are India-Myanmar Diplomatic Relations, Bilateral Trade, and Counter-Terrorism Cooperation Shaping Up?

India and Myanmar are natural partners. Their relationship is shaped by history, culture, geography, and security interests. As India focuses more on Southeast Asia through the Act East Policy, Myanmar's importance has grown even further.

1. India-Myanmar: Historical and StrategicLinks

India and Myanmar share a 1,600 km land border and also have maritime connectivity.

Both countries signed a Friendship Treaty in 1951, and since then diplomatic and military exchanges have been continuous.

Under India's Act East Policy, Myanmar is seen as a crucial gateway to Southeast Asia.

This is why high-level visits, dialogues, and official meetings between the two nations happen frequently.

2. Economic and Trade Relations

Bilateral Trade (FY 2024–25)

Total trade: Around USD 2.1 billion

India's exports: USD 614 million

India's imports: USD 1.53 billion

Trade has grown in recent years, with Myanmar's exports to India rising more sharply.

What India imports from Myanmar:

Timber and wood products

- Pulses and grains
- Minerals and ores
- Herbal and plant-based items

What India exports to Myanmar:

- Pharmaceuticals
- Vehicles and machinery
- Consumer goods
- Agricultural products



3. Connectivity and Infrastructure Projects

Several major connectivity initiatives are boosting India–Myanmar relations:

Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project India—Myanmar—Thailand Trilateral Highway Development of Sittwe Port

These projects will make trade smoother while giving India better strategic access to Southeast Asia.

4. Border Security and Counter-Terrorism Cooperation

(A) Border Cooperation MoU (2014)



This agreement strengthens cooperation between security forces, intelligence sharing, and coordinated border patrols.

(B) Joint Military Operations

India and Myanmar have conducted joint actions against insurgent groups operating along the border—

including Operation Sunrise (2019), aimed at dismantling militant camps affecting India's Northeast.



(C) Intelligence Sharing

Both countries share information on:

Arms smuggling

Drug trafficking

Cross-border militant movements

They also cooperate on border fencing, road building, surveillance and other security measures.

5. Key Challenges

1. Political Instability in Myanmar (after 2021)

The military takeover and internal conflict have increased pressure on border areas.

India must balance humanitarian concerns with national security.

2. Cross-Border Militancy and Smuggling

Insurgent groups use the porous border for movement and illegal trafficking.

This remains a major joint security challenge for both nations.

3. Growing Chinese Influence

China's expanding economic and military presence in Myanmar affects India's strategic interests.

To counterbalance this, India is increasing cooperation in health, connectivity, defence, and development projects.



6. Recent Defence and Diplomatic Steps

More frequent Army-to-Army staff talks
Strengthening road networks and border fencing
Tighter surveillance to curb illegal activities
Practical policies for refugee return and border management

Conclusion

India–Myanmar relations are shaped by security needs, economic cooperation, and regional stability.

To ensure long-term peace and development, both countries need to continue:

- Strong intelligence-sharing
- Trust-building with local border communities
- Humane but firm border policies
- Faster completion of connectivity projects
- Consistent diplomatic dialogue

A stable, secure, and well-connected region benefits both India and Myanmar—and strengthens their partnership for the future.



NEURO-INNOVATION: HOW BRAIN SCIENCE IS TRANSFORMING PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



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s industries across the world enter an age defined by human-AI collaboration, sensory-driven markets, and shifting consumer psychology, organizations are recognizing a fundamental truth: every product begins and ends in the human brain. Whether it is a household product, an app, a wellness drink, or a luxury fragrance, the ultimate determinant of product success is the way it interacts with human perception, emotion, memory, and decision-making.

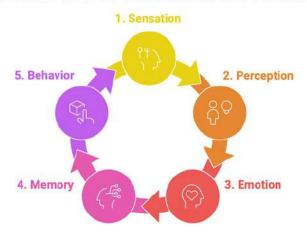
This convergence of neuroscience and innovation "known as Neuro-Innovation" is reshaping the very foundations of R&D and product development. It is an emerging discipline where brain science, behavioural psychology, sensory research, AI, and design thinking merge to create products that connect at a deeper neural level and drive powerful, predictable responses. Companies that understand these dynamics are not just innovating faster, they are innovating smarter.

For decades, innovation was largely guided by product functionality. In today's saturated and hypercompetitive markets, functionality is no longer enough. Most products across categories now perform reasonably well. What differentiates a brand is not what the product does, but how it makes people feel. This shift marks the evolution from functional innovation to cognitive innovation. These days, consumers do not buy detergents, they buy the feeling of cleanliness. Similarly, they do not buy skincare, they buy self-confidence, identity, and self-

expression. The value has moved upstream from performance to perception, and neuroscience provides the tools to decode, design, and influence perception scientifically. This shift indicates that future of product development lies at the intersection of sensory science, neurobiology and AI based advancements.

Every product interaction activates a series of neural processes indicated in the figure

NEURAL PROCESSES IN CONSUMER DECISIONS



Research indicates that 95% of decision-making happens in the subconscious mind (according to leading cognitive psychology research). This means consumers don't consciously choose products, they respond to them. Neuro-Innovation brings scientific clarity to these subconscious triggers. A classic example is viscosity of lotion, where a slightly thicker lotion texture can create a "premium care" perception. Similarly, A specific shade of blue can enhance trust and hygiene cues whereas a citrus scent can activate neural circuits associated with energy and alertness. A soft sound of a bottle cap opening can evoke quality and a warm product tone can release dopamine associated with comfort. By understanding these micro-responses, innovators can create products that "speak" to the brain intuitively.



The most advanced R&D teams are building neurosensory pipelines where every attribute such as fragrance, texture, sound and visual is optimized to create consumer delight.

Neuro-Fragrance Design

Scents that trigger targeted emotions like calmness, energy, nostalgia, trust. Al models analyse brainwave responses to different accords and predict emotional outcomes with high accuracy.

Visual Neuro-Design

Shapes, colours, and even geometric patterns modulate emotional response. Soft edges soothe. Bold contrasts energize. A matte finish signals sustainability while gloss signals luxury.

Neuro-Texture Engineering

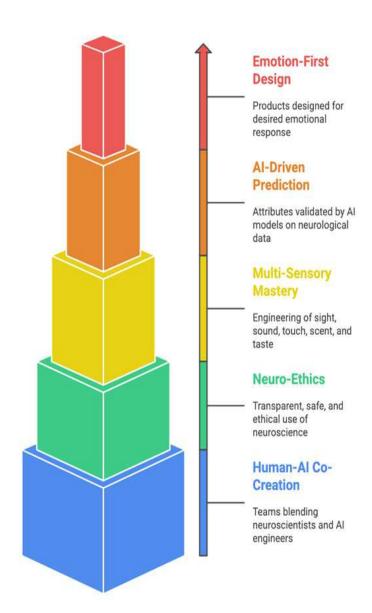
Textural cues influence perceived efficacy more than the active ingredients themselves. A body wash that feels silky creates a perception of nourishment even before the formulation works.

Sonic Branding in FMCG

The micro-sound of opening a cap or spraying a deodorant is a powerful neural cue. The sound must match the brand personality such as crisp for freshness, muffled for softness, sharp for performance

It is noteworthy to mention that the field of neuroscience and innovation is largely influenced with AI. When combined with neuroscience, AI becomes a super-tool that predicts human behaviour with unmatched accuracy. Neural Response Prediction Models, Emotion-Driven Formulation Engines, AI-Augmented Sensory Panels, AI-Driven Prototyping and Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) are some of the tools transforming neuroscience based innovation. The next decade will witness the rise of neuro-intelligent brands, companies that design every product, experience, and narrative around the science of human emotion and cognition. These brands will have five defining characteristics which are mentioned in the flow diagram (given in the next section).

Neuro-Innovation marks one of the most profound shifts in modern product development. It acknowledges that innovation is not just a technological function but a deeply human one. Understanding the brain's hidden language, patterns, triggers, emotions, and biases gives companies a



strategic advantage no technology alone can offer. When science, creativity, and human psychology converge, products stop being commodities. They become experiences. They become memories. They become extensions of human identity. In an era of overwhelming choice, cognitive overload, and rapidly evolving expectations, the brands that will win are not the ones with the best formulas, they are the ones that understand the brain behind the consumer.



ETHICAL TECH TRINITY FOR TRANSFORMATIVE FINTECH:

AI-IOT-IOB IN NEEDONOMICS PARADIGM



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n the Needonomics School of Thought (NST), technology is not regarded merely as a catalyst for productivity or economic gain but as a transformative force for ethical, need-based progress. Needonomics advocates the economics of needs, not greed, emphasizing balance between material advancement and moral responsibility. Within this vision, technology must function as a servant to human welfare, not its master.

Today, the fusion of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), and Internet of Behavior (IoB) represents a defining moment in digital civilization. These three pillars—when governed by ethical wisdom—constitute what NST describes as the "Ethical Tech Trinity" for a transformative Fintech ecosystem. Together, they possess the potential to reshape the global financial and socioeconomic architecture by creating systems that are intelligent, interconnected, and ethically informed.

Needonomics framework reminds us that innovation without ethics leads to exploitation, and intelligence without integrity results in imbalance. The moral foundation of Needonomics thus insists that technological evolution must be guided by 3Ms — Moderation, Morality, and Mindfulness.

1 AI: Intelligence with Purpose

Artificial Intelligence (AI) signifies the capacity of machines to learn, reason, and make autonomous decisions. However, within the Needonomics lens, AI must transcend the pursuit of automation and profit maximization. It should embody "responsible

intelligence"—one that prioritizes human needs, dignity, and sustainability.

When guided by ethical imperatives, AI becomes a tool for inclusive and compassionate decision-making. For instance, AI-based predictive models can improve public health systems by identifying potential outbreaks early, ensuring timely medical intervention, and allocating scarce resources where they are most needed. In the domain of education, AI can personalize learning, bridging gaps in accessibility and inclusivity.

Moreover, AI in Fintech can support need-based credit assessment, helping small entrepreneurs and marginalized communities access financial resources ethically, without exploitation. The Needonomics approach cautions against algorithmic bias, manipulation of consumer behavior, and the misuse of data for profit-oriented surveillance. Instead, AI should augment human judgment, not replace it; empower citizens, not control them.

Thus, the ethical reorientations of AI as "Intelligence with Purpose" aligns perfectly with the NST's commitment to human-centered progress—a model where machines learn compassion before computation.

2 IoT: Network of Needs

The Internet of Things (IoT) has emerged as the nervous system of the modern digital economy, connecting billions of devices—sensors, vehicles, appliances, and wear-able into a cohesive and intelligent network. This interconnected ecosystem continuously collects and transmits real-time data that can revolutionize how we live, work, and govern.

Within the Needonomics paradigm, IoT symbolizes the "connectivity of care", linking human activities with the environment and promoting mutual benefit. Rather than being a mere network of devices, IoT under NST is



envisioned as a network of needs, optimizing resource use while preserving ecological balance.

For example, smart agriculture driven by IoT can monitor soil health, water levels, and crop conditions to minimize waste and enhance yield. This serves the farmer's need for productivity while protecting nature's need for sustainability. Similarly, smart grids in energy systems can balance consumption and production, ensuring equitable access to power while reducing carbon footprints.

IoT also holds immense promise for healthcare. Wearable devices can track patient vitals in real-time, enabling doctors to provide proactive care. But Needonomics warns against transforming such innovations into commercial traps for unnecessary consumerism. The real measure of IoT's success should not be the number of connected devices but the number of needs ethically fulfilled.

Thus, IoT under the Needonomics lens becomes a bridge between technological advancement and ecological responsibility, reinforcing the principle that true development harmonizes human progress with environmental stewardship.

3 IoB: Understanding Behavior Ethically

The Internet of Behavior (IoB) extends the logic of IoT by analyzing why people behave the way they do. It integrates data analytics, behavioral science, and psychology to interpret human patterns, motivations, and decisions. While IoB offers immense potential for improving lives, it also poses serious ethical questions.

NST views IoB as a double-edged sword—it can either guide humanity toward mindful living or push individuals into manipulative cycles of consumption and control. The Needonomics framework thus advocates behavioral refinement, not behavioral exploitation.

When used responsibly, IoB can promote healthy lifestyles, sustainable consumption, and social harmony. For example, analyzing citizens' commuting patterns can lead to better urban mobility planning; understanding

spending habits can enable banks to design financial products that encourage saving and discourage debt traps. However, when misused, IoB can manipulate emotions, spread misinformation, and infringe upon privacy—all of which violate the ethical boundaries of Needonomics.

Hence, IoB must function within a transparent, consentbased framework that prioritizes trust over surveillance and empowerment over manipulation. It should serve as a mirror reflecting collective consciousness, not as a microscope magnifying human vulnerabilities.

4 Synergy of the Trio: From Data to Need-Based Decisions

The transformative potential of AI, IoT, and IoB lies not merely in their individual strengths but in their synergistic integration. Together, they form a value chain that moves from data collection to ethical decision-making, perfectly aligned with the principles of Needonomics.

- IoT gathers data from connected devices and environments.
- AI interprets and analyzes this data to recognize trends, predict outcomes, and guide actions.
- IoB adds the human dimension, understanding why certain behaviors occur and how they can be ethically influenced.

This integration creates a feedback loop of ethical intelligence where data leads to insight, insight to understanding, and understanding to action guided by human needs.

Applications of this trinity are wide-ranging:

- Personalized healthcare, where AI and IoB process realtime data from wearable IoT devices to deliver tailored health recommendations.
- Energy-efficient cities, where IoT sensors, AI analytics, and behavioral insights combine to optimize water, waste, and energy systems.
- Ethical finance, where Fintech platforms use this trio to design products that encourage saving, inclusion, and responsible spending.

Adaptive education, where data on learning behavior



guides AI systems to create customized teaching modules for each learner.

Thus, the Ethical Tech Trinity enables a shift from datadriven economies to need-driven societies, ensuring that technological progress remains in harmony with human purpose.

5 Applications through the Needonomics Lens

1. Personalized Well-being:

AI-driven analysis of IoB-enabled wearable can track stress, sleep, and nutrition patterns, providing real-time recommendations for better mental and physical health. This aligns healthcare with prevention and self-awareness rather than profit-driven medicalization.

2. Sustainable Manufacturing:

IoT-enabled production systems combined with AI optimization can minimize energy waste, reduce emissions, and enhance circular manufacturing. Under Needonomics, such applications fulfill the dual goal of economic efficiency and ecological ethics.

3. Responsible Marketing:

IoB insights can help firms design products and campaigns that prioritize consumer welfare. Instead of exploiting psychological triggers for impulse buying, Needonomics calls for mindful marketing that aligns supply with genuine demand.

4. Predictive Governance:

Smart governance powered by AI–IoT–IoB can anticipate citizen needs—from urban safety to disaster management. Predictive analytics can help policymakers allocate resources where they are most needed, thus promoting governance based on needful foresight rather than political expediency.

6 Ethical Challenges and NST's Mandate

While the Ethical Tech Trinity offers immense potential, it also introduces complex moral dilemmas. Data privacy, consent, digital inequality, and algorithmic bias threaten to undermine the very progress technology promises.

The Needonomics School of Thought asserts that technological growth must be anchored in moral restraint. It emphasizes that the future of Fintech and digital innovation depends on replacing surveillance capitalism with trust-based capitalism. Transparency, accountability, and fairness must become the cornerstones of technological governance.

NST's moral mandate is clear:

- Technology must serve human dignity, not degrade it.
- Progress must be guided by needs, not greed.
- Innovation must coexist with introspection.

Therefore, the Ethical Tech Trinity should operate under ethical, legal, and social frameworks that uphold autonomy and equity. Needonomics envisions a world where machines assist human evolution—not domination—through cooperation between wisdom and innovation.

7 Conclusion:

The integration of AI, IoT, and IoB marks an extraordinary leap in human capability. Yet, as the Needonomics pardigm cautions, capability without conscience leads to chaos. The challenge before humanity is not whether we can build smarter technologies but whether we can build wiser societies. To ensure that Fintech and other digital innovations truly serve humanity, they must function within the Needonomics framework of moderation, morality, and mindfulness. When guided by needs rather than greed, this Ethical Tech Trinity can transform digital economies into humane ecosystems—where intelligence meets integrity, efficiency embraces empathy, and technology becomes a tool for ethical evolution. Thus, the future envisioned by Needonomics School of Thought (NST) is one where Fintech is not just smart, but also good; not just powerful, but also purposeful—a paradigm where ethical intelligence becomes the new currency of progress.



UPI AND INDIA'S FINANCIAL DIGITALIZATION:

SETTING A BENCHMARK FOR THE WORLD



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ver the past decade, India's payments landscape has undergone a remarkable transformation, moving from a predominantly cash-driven economy to one of the most dynamic digital payment ecosystems globally. At the centre of this shift is the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), a fast, seamless, and highly scalable payment system widely described by policymakers as a "digital public good." Introduced in 2016 by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as part of a broader push to modernize the country's payment infrastructure, UPI is operated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), a not-for-profit entity tasked with driving innovation in retail payments. What began as an experiment in interoperable digital finance has now become the backbone of India's digital economy.

Since its launch, UPI has expanded at an extraordinary pace, reshaping how millions of Indians transact daily. The platform has democratized digital payments by making them accessible, reliable, and secure for all sections of society. This article explores the major factors behind UPI's widespread success, its influence on the structure and dynamics of India's payments industry, and why it is increasingly viewed as a global benchmark for digital financial systems.

India has witnessed an exceptional surge in digital payment activity in recent years, with total

transaction volumes increasing by 3.2 times since June 2021. UPI alone has been the dominant driver of this growth. As of March 2024, UPI accounted for an astounding 81.8% of all digital payment transactions in the country, a figure that highlights its central role in shaping India's financial digitalization. What makes this growth even more significant is that UPI has achieved this scale while maintaining user-friendly design principles and a robust technological foundation.

One of the biggest reasons UPI stands out is its simplicity. Users can transfer money instantly using just a mobile number, QR code, or virtual payment address, without needing IFSC codes or lengthy bank details. The entire process is intuitive, fast, and frictionless. This ease of use has encouraged mass adoption across demographic groups—students, professionals, senior citizens, small vendors, and large enterprises. The zero-merchant-fee model has been especially transformative. By eliminating transaction charges for merchants, UPI opened the door for millions of small and micro businesses to embrace digital payments, reducing dependence on cash and improving transparency in local markets.



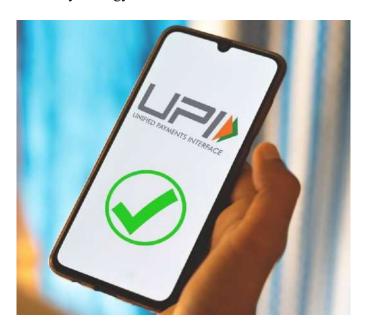


Interoperability is another defining strength of UPI. In many countries, payment apps function as closed systems, limiting choice and competition. UPI, however, allows different banks and applications to communicate seamlessly. A user can pay from one app to another without any barriers, creating a truly open ecosystem. This interoperability has fuelled innovation and healthy competition among app providers. Popular platforms like Google Pay, PhonePe, Paytm, and BHIM have leveraged UPI's infrastructure to build user-friendly interfaces and value-added services, without fragmenting the market.

UPI has also been a powerful driver of financial inclusion. With rising smartphone penetration, affordable mobile data, and Aadhaar-enabled verification, UPI has brought millions of rural and previously underserved individuals into the formal financial system. For many first-time users of banking services, UPI became their entry-point into digital finance. Government schemes, social benefit transfers, and small-value payments have increasingly moved to UPI, enhancing both efficiency and transparency. This inclusive design has earned global admiration, prompting several countries to study or adopt UPI-like systems.

Looking ahead, the future of UPI appears even more transformative as India strengthens its digital public infrastructure and expands global partnerships. The system is expected to evolve beyond peer-to-peer transfers into a comprehensive financial platform supporting micro-credit, insurance premiums, investment products, bill settlements, and recurring payments with higher automation. Innovations such as UPI Lite, Tap-and-Pay, offline UPI for low-connectivity areas, merchant credit lines, and AI-driven fraud detection will further enhance user experience and security. As government services, utilities, transportation networks, and public

platforms integrate more deeply with UPI, the system will continue to act as a central pillar of India's digital economy strategy.



On the global stage, UPI is emerging as a powerful instrument of India's digital diplomacy. Countries like Singapore, UAE, France, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka have already enabled cross-border UPI usage, while many others are exploring technical collaborations with NPCI International Payments Ltd. In the coming years, UPI could become the template for low-cost, interoperable, population-scale payment systems worldwide. Wider international adoption may also transform global remittances, reduce transaction costs for Indian migrants, boost tourism, and position India as a leader in digital financial innovation.

Together, these advancements demonstrate that UPI is not merely a national success story—it is a global model for inclusive, efficient, and scalable digital payments. With continuous innovation and expanding international acceptance, UPI is well on its way to becoming a future-ready global standard.



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As a member of FII, you become empowered as you gain access to a world of opportunities.

Govt. Policies

- 1. Opportunity to contribute to Govt. policy initiatives
- 2. Opportunity to contribute to pre budget planning
- 3. Be up to date about govt, schemes to gain maximum advantage for business interests

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
- Complimentary subscription to monthly Newsletter (audience in 150 countries) highlighting business opportunities in India and abroad
- 3. Opportunity to establish visibility of your business via ads in FII Newsletter
- 4. Support regarding Finance, upgradations, investment opportunities, healthcare, sports etc
- Weekly Awareness programme "Talk with an Expert" inviting experts/departmental heads to discuss policies, new laws, startups, MSMEs, Legal, Financial Issues, Corporates etc
- 6. General body meeting with all FII members
- Participation in development activities like webinars, symposiums, workshops, seminars, buyer seller activities and other activities related to industry.

Professional Help from FII

- 1. Dedicated Committees for
 - MSME
 - Defence
 - Water Resources
 - · Goods & Service Tax
 - CSR
 - · International Affairs & Free Trade Zones
 - Human Resource Development
 - Agriculture
 - · Banking & Finance
 - · Corporate Insolvency & Restructuring
 - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
 - Disaster Risk Reduction
 - · Fintech
 - Goods & Services Tax (GST)
 - Health
 - Media & IT
 - · Startup & Skill Development
 - Social Communication & Outreach
 - · Road Safety & Traffic Awareness
 - Entrepreneurial Skill Development
 - Women Empowerment
 - Support Children with Special Needs
 - Sports & Recreation
- 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
- 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





FII-INTERNATIONAL NETWORK CHARTER

- Promoting an environment of strong business relationships of India with growing Economies
- Assisting Indian businesses to expand in 42 Nations where FII has its Country Chapters
- 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
- · Support for international exhibitions, stalls in all continents
- Networking opportunities for overseas B2B, B2G
- 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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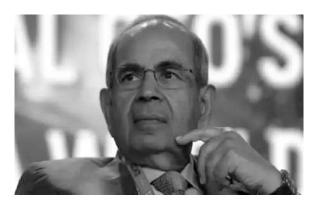








OBITUARIES



Gopi Chand Hinduja 1940-2025

Passing of Gopichand Hinduja, Chairman of Hinduja Group

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Gopichand P. Hinduja, Chairman of the Hinduja Group, on 4th November 2025 in London at the age of 85. Gopichand Hinduja, affectionately known as "GP," was a visionary business leader who, along with his brothers, transformed the Hinduja Group from a modest trading enterprise into a global conglomerate spanning sectors such as automobiles, banking, healthcare, oil, real estate, and more. His leadership, business acumen, and commitment to philanthropy left an indelible mark on the corporate world and communities across the globe.



Manuel Frederick 1947 – 2025

Former Indian Hockey Star Manuel Frederick Dies at 78

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Manuel Frederick, former Indian hockey star, at the age of 78. Frederick, known for his outstanding skills on the field and significant contributions to Indian hockey, leaves behind a legacy that will be remembered by players and fans alike. Throughout his illustrious career, Frederick represented India with distinction, inspiring generations of athletes and contributing to the growth of hockey in the country. His dedication, sportsmanship, and passion for the game earned him respect and admiration both nationally and

internationally. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and the entire sporting community during this difficult time. His memory will continue to inspire the hockey fraternity for years to come.



Dharmendra 1935-2025

Veteran Actor Dharmendra Passes Away at 89

The film fraternity and fans across the nation mourn the passing of legendary Bollywood actor Dharmendra, who passed away at the age of 89. Known as the "He-Man" of Indian cinema, Dharmendra's remarkable career spanned several decades, during which he delivered unforgettable performances and became a beloved figure in the hearts of millions.

His contributions to Indian cinema, both as a versatile actor and a cultural icon, have left an indelible mark. Dharmendra's charisma, dedication to his craft, and larger-than-life presence on screen will

be remembered and celebrated for generations. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and fans during this time of loss. The nation joins in mourning the demise of a true cinematic legend.



National Festivals & Annual Days

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER 2025

9 November Cambodia Independence Day

9 November Nepal Constitution Day

11 November Poland Independence Day

18 November Birthday of Sultan Qaboos

22 November Lebanon Independence Day

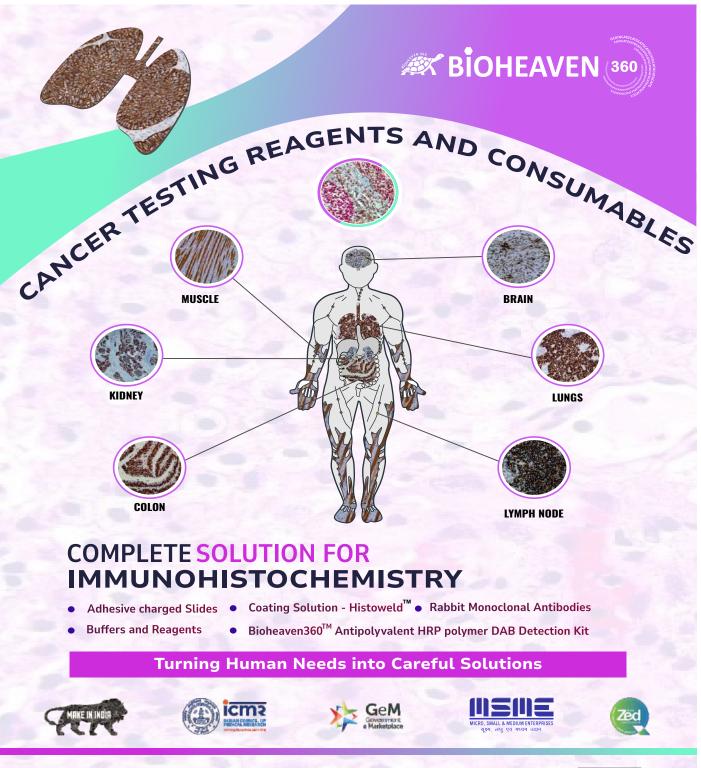
28 November Malbania Independence Day

05 November 2025 : Guru Nanak Jayanti / Dev Deepawali

14 November 2025 : Children's Day

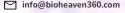
18 November 2025 : National Entrepreneurs' Day





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