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Speaker: Dr. Vikas Arora, FII-Member, Real Estate Growth Strategist

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India's Next Growth Engine: MSMEs, Innovation & Global Opportunities

India is entering a new phase of economic transformation, where MSMEs, startups, entrepreneurs, innovation, technology, and a skilled workforce will play a defining role in shaping the nation's future. As global markets continue to evolve, India has a tremendous opportunity to strengthen its domestic capabilities while expanding its presence in international markets.

MSMEs remain the backbone of India's economic ecosystem, contributing significantly to employment, manufacturing, services, exports, and regional development. With global supply chains becoming more diversified, Indian MSMEs have an opportunity to emerge as reliable partners for international businesses. Quality, productivity, innovation, technology adoption, and global standards will be essential for strengthening their competitiveness.

Technology is rapidly transforming the way businesses operate. Artificial Intelligence, automation, digital platforms, advanced manufacturing, biotechnology, drones, blockchain, and clean technologies are creating new opportunities across sectors. For MSMEs and startups, embracing these technologies can improve productivity, reduce costs, enhance market access, and create innovative products and services.

India's growing entrepreneurial ecosystem is another major strength. Young entrepreneurs are developing solutions across manufacturing, healthcare, agriculture, fintech, education, sustainability, and digital services. Providing them with access to finance, mentorship, technology, skills, and global markets will be critical to transforming innovative ideas into scalable enterprises.

Global partnerships can further accelerate this journey. International business delegations, B2B meetings, investment partnerships, technology collaborations, and market linkages can help Indian enterprises enter new markets and become part of global value chains. At the same time, sustainable business practices and green technologies will increasingly determine long-term competitiveness.

A future-ready workforce is equally important. Industry-academia collaboration, apprenticeships, vocational education, digital learning, and practical training can equip India's youth with skills required by emerging industries. Skilling and innovation must therefore remain central to India's growth strategy.

At the Federation of Indian Industry (FII), we believe that collaboration among industry, government, academia, startups, investors, and international institutions is essential for building a stronger enterprise ecosystem. Through our initiatives in MSME development, entrepreneurship, skill development, international business, research, networking, and policy dialogue, FII remains committed to creating opportunities for Indian enterprises.

The journey towards Viksit Bharat @2047 will be driven by the collective strength of millions of enterprises and young innovators. With innovation as our strength, technology as our enabler, and collaboration as our foundation, together we can build a globally competitive, sustainable, self-reliant, and future-ready Bharat.



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What is Mission Jaldhara?

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

We call it a "Mission"

- Because it is our fight against the drastically falling groundwater levels.
- Because our entire focus is to revive the groundwater table and the overall water ecosystem which is necessary for a healthy life.
- 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.

What do you get?

- Safer and cleaner water for generations to come!
- 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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Our panel of experts have designed the following plan of action for achieving this dream:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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"





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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:

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

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नया एमएसएमई संशोधन विधेयक छोटे उद्योगों के लिए बड़ी राहत : डॉ. संदीप सचदेवा

बड़ी, 10 अगस्त (तारा) : नए एमएसएमई डेवलपमेंट (अमेंडमेंट) बिल 2026 के संसद के दोनों सदनों से पारित होने का स्वागत करते हुए अधिवक्ता समाजसेवी एवं पूर्व पार्षद डॉ. संदीप सचदेवा ने कहा कि यह देश के छोटे एवं मध्यम उद्योगों के लिए महत्वपूर्ण कदम है।



उन्होंने कहा कि एमएसएमई क्षेत्र की सबसे बड़ी समस्याओं में से एक भुगतान में देरी है। नए प्रावधानों में डिलेड पेमेंट डिस्प्यूट के शीघ्र समाधान के लिए मेडिएशन और आर्बिट्रेशन की समय-सीमा, डिजिटल व्यवस्था तथा ट्रेड्स के माध्यम से भुगतान व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने जैसे प्रावधान किए गए हैं।

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जांच के बाद दवाओं के सैंपल फेल होना दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण : एफआईआई



फेडरेशन आफ इंडियन इंडस्ट्रीज (एफआईआई) के प्रदेशाध्यक्ष चिरंजीव ठाकुर ने कहा कि तीन वर्षों से रिस्क-बेस्ड इंस्पेक्शन, उद्योगों पर कार्रवाई और गुणवत्ता मानकों को लेकर सख्त प्रविधान लागू किया जा रहा है। इसके बावजूद भी दवाओं के सैंपल फेल हो रहे हैं तो यह गंभीरता से समीक्षा का विषय है कि इन तमाम प्रक्रियाओं से दवाओं की गुणवत्ता में कितना सुधार हुआ। चिरंजीव ने कहा कि हिमाचल देश के प्रमुख फार्मा हब में शामिल है और देश का छोटा-बड़ा प्रत्येक फार्मा उद्योग दवाओं की गुणवत्ता बनाए रखने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। कोई भी उद्योग जानबूझकर लोगों के स्वास्थ्य और जीवन के साथ खिलवाड़ करने के उद्देश्य से दवाओं का निर्माण नहीं करता। दवाओं के सैंपल फेल होने के अलग-अलग कारण और गुणवत्ता मानक होते हैं तथा हर फेल सैंपल का आगमन के स्वास्थ्य पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ना आवश्यक नहीं है। चिरंजीव ठाकुर ने कहा कि हिमाचल प्रदेश का औषधि विभाग भी लगातार फार्मा इकाइयों का निरीक्षण कर गुणवत्ता मानकों का पालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कार्रवाई कर रहा है। वहीं, संशोधित शेड्यूल एम के अनुपालन के उद्देश्य से सीडीएससीओ द्वारा ड्रग कंट्रोलर जनरल आफ इंडिया के निदेशानुसार रिस्क-बेस्ड इंस्पेक्शन किए जा रहे हैं। इन निरीक्षणों के दौरान कई उद्योग बंद हुए हैं और कई इकाइयों में उत्पादन पर रोक भी लगाई गई है। उन्होंने ड्रग कंट्रोलर जनरल आफ इंडिया से स्पष्टीकरण देने की मांग की है कि पिछले वर्षों में किए गए रिस्क-बेस्ड इंस्पेक्शन, दवाओं पर हुई कार्रवाई और नए प्रविधान लागू करने के बाद दवाओं की गुणवत्ता में कितना सुधार आया है।

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DB Reporter

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en their people-leadership capabilities. At the heart of the programme was a simple but powerful philosophy: "Workmen do not leave their emotions at the factory gate." Effective shop-floor leadership therefore requires going beyond production targets, instructions and compliance. It requires understanding the worker as a human being-someone with aspirations, family responsibilities, financial anxieties, health concerns, a need for dignity and recognition, and a strong social identity. The programme focused on helping leaders make the transition from transactional supervision to humane leadership-from merely directing people to connecting with them, from exercising authority to building influence, and from seeking compliance to creating commitment.

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एमएसएमई संशोधन विधेयक छोटे उद्योगों के लिए राहत : डॉ. सचदेवा

बीबीएन, 11 अगस्त (फिल)

नए एमएसएमई संशोधन बिल, 2026 के संसद के दोनों सदनो से पारित होने का स्वागत करते हुए अधिवक्ता डॉ. सचदेवा सचदेवा ने कहा कि यह देश के छोटे एवं मध्यम उद्योगों के लिए महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। उन्होंने कहा कि एमएसएमई क्षेत्र की सबसे बड़ी समस्याओं में से एक भुगतान में देरी है। नए प्रावधानों में डिजिटल - पेमेण्ट डिस्कण्ट के शीघ्र समाधान के लिए मोडिफेशन और आर्बिट्रेशन की समय-सीमा, डिजिटल व्यवस्था तथा ट्रेड्स के माध्यम से भुगतान व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने जैसे प्रावधान किए गए हैं। डॉ. सचदेवा ने कहा कि एमएसएमई का पैसा वर्षों तक अटका रहना उद्योग के लिए सबसे बड़ी परेशानी है।

समय पर भुगतान और लेब न्याय ही वास्तविक ईजी बिजनेस है। उन्होंने केंद्र सरकार से अपेक्षा किया कि नए प्रावधानों को प्रभावी रूप से लागू करने के साथ-साथ एमएसएमई काउंसिल को और मजबूत किया जाए, ताकि बड़े-मालागढ़ स्थित हिमाचल के छोटे उद्योगों को पर्याप्त सौभाग्य प्राप्त मिल सके।

रिस्क-बेस्ड इंस्पेक्शन के बावजूद दवाओं के सैंपल फेल होना दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण : फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडियन इंडस्ट्रीज

छोटे उद्योगों के हितों की पर्याप्त चिंता नहीं की जा रही : डॉ चिरंजीव

उत्तम हिन्दू न्यूज़ नेटवर्क

बीबीएन/किशोर ठाकुर : देशभर में लगातार दवाओं के सैंपल फेल होने के मामले चिंता का विषय बने हुए हैं। हालांकि, दवाओं के सैंपल फेल होने के अलग-अलग कारण और मानक होते हैं, जिनमें से सभी का आमजन के स्वास्थ्य पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ना आवश्यक नहीं है। यह बात फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडियन इंडस्ट्रीज के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष चिरंजीव ठाकुर ने जारी प्रेस ब्यान में कही। चिरंजीव ठाकुर ने कहा कि हिमाचल प्रदेश को देश के प्रमुख फार्मा हब के रूप में जाना जाता है। प्रदेश का छोटा हो या बड़ा, प्रत्येक फार्मा उद्योग दवाओं की गुणवत्ता बनाए रखने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। उन्होंने कहा कि कोई भी फार्मा उद्योग लोगों के जीवन के साथ खिलवाड़ करने के उद्देश्य से दवाओं का निर्माण नहीं

करता। उन्होंने कहा कि हिमाचल प्रदेश का औषधि विभाग भी पूरी सक्रियता के साथ फार्मा उद्योगों का निरीक्षण करता है और गुणवत्ता मानकों का पालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए लगातार कार्रवाई करता है, चिरंजीव ठाकुर ने कहा कि पिछले तीन वर्षों से संशोधित शेड्यूल एम को लागू करने के उद्देश्य से सीडीएससीओ द्वारा ड्रग कंट्रोलर जनरल



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ऑफ इंडिया के निर्देशानुसार लगातार रिस्क-बेस्ड इंस्पेक्शन किए जा रहे हैं। इन निरीक्षणों के परिणामस्वरूप कई उद्योग बंद हुए हैं, जबकि कई इकाइयों में उत्पादन पर रोक लगाई गई है। उन्होंने सवाल उठाया कि लगातार किए जा रहे इन निरीक्षणों और सख्त निर्णयों के बावजूद यदि दवाओं के सैंपल फेल होने

के मामले सामने आ रहे हैं, तो आखिर इन पूरी प्रक्रियाओं से क्या हासिल हुआ? उन्होंने कहा कि इसका सबसे अधिक आर्थिक असर छोटे और लघु फार्मा उद्योगों पर पड़ रहा है। चिरंजीव ठाकुर ने आरोप लगाया कि केंद्र की ड्रग रेगुलेटरी व्यवस्था के कई फैसलों से ऐसा प्रतीत होता है कि छोटे उद्योगों के हितों की पर्याप्त चिंता नहीं की जा रही है।

उन्होंने कहा कि नियामक संस्थाओं को धरातल की वास्तविक परिस्थितियों को भी ध्यान में रखकर नीतियां बनानी चाहिए। उन्होंने ड्रग कंट्रोलर जनरल ऑफ इंडिया से नैतिकता के आधार पर स्पष्टीकरण देने की मांग की कि पिछले वर्षों में किए गए रिस्क-बेस्ड इंस्पेक्शन, उद्योगों पर की गई कार्रवाई और लागू

किए गए नए प्रावधानों से दवाओं की गुणवत्ता में कितना सुधार आया है, इन सब के बावजूद भी अगर सैंपल फेल हो रहे तो क्या इसकी जिम्मेदारी नैतिकता के आधार पर ड्रग कंट्रोलर ऑफ इंडिया की बनती है, नेशनल मीडिया को उनसे इस बात का स्पष्टीकरण लेना चाहिए। प्रदेश अध्यक्ष ने केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्री और स्वास्थ्य सचिव से आग्रह किया कि दवा उद्योग से जुड़े निर्णय लेते समय धरातल की वास्तविक स्थिति को समझा जाए और एकतरफा निर्णयों से बचा जाए। उन्होंने कहा कि यदि वास्तव में दवाओं की गुणवत्ता सुनिश्चित करना ही उद्देश्य है, तो केवल सख्त कार्रवाई के बजाय इंस्पेक्शन फॉर करेक्शन की नीति को आगे बढ़ाना होगा, ताकि कमियों को दूर कर उद्योगों को गुणवत्ता सुधार के लिए आवश्यक मार्गदर्शन और अवसर भी मिल सके।



Tamil Nadu Attracts ₹67,452 Crore Investment Commitments

Tamil Nadu signed 97 investment agreements worth around ₹67,452 crore, with potential to create more than 1 lakh jobs. Overseas projects included investments by Saint-Gobain, Super Micro Computer and Daimler, highlighting opportunities in advanced manufacturing, electronics, automotive and technology.



Foreign Investment in Indian Equities Strengthens

Foreign investors increased their exposure to Indian equities in August, reflecting renewed confidence in India's economic growth and creating a positive outlook for capital markets and businesses.



Electronics Manufacturing Expands

India is increasingly moving beyond electronics assembly towards component and materials manufacturing. This is opening opportunities for MSMEs and technology companies in semiconductors, PCBs, displays and electronics supply chains.



Healthcare and MedTech Create New Opportunities

India's growing healthcare manufacturing and innovation ecosystem is creating opportunities in medical devices, AI-based diagnostics, biotechnology, healthcare technology and medical manufacturing.



Data Centres Become a Major Investment Area

The rapid growth of AI, cloud computing and digital services is increasing demand for data centres. Opportunities are emerging in infrastructure, power, cooling, cybers ecurity and allied technology services.



MSME Export Opportunities Expand

Government support for exporters is helping MSMEs access international markets. Export-oriented manufacturing, services and specialised products can benefit from expanding global demand.



Agriculture and Food Processing Gain Momentum

Investment opportunities are growing in food processing, cold-chain infrastructure, packaging, agricultural technology and value-added food products, supported by India's expanding domestic and international markets.



MSMEs Remain a Key Growth Engine

India's expanding MSME ecosystem continues to create opportunities in manufacturing, services, exports, digitalisation and technology adoption, strengthening the role of small businesses in economic growth.



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Foreign Companies Expand Their India Presence

Increasing international interest in India is creating opportunities for local manufacturing, distribution, logistics, professional services, technology partnerships and supply-chain integration.



Quality Testing and Certification Services Grow

The expansion of manufacturing and international trade is increasing demand for testing laboratories, certification, compliance and quality-assurance services, creating opportunities for specialised businesses.



Emerging Industries Drive India's Next Growth Cycle

Sectors such as semiconductors, defence technology, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, electronics, space technology and advanced manufacturing are creating new opportunities for startups, MSMEs and global investors.

POLITICAL NEWS



Government Accelerated Infrastructure Development Projects

The Government accelerated major infrastructure projects in August 2026 to support economic growth and industrial expansion. The

focus remained on highways, industrial corridors, logistics and urban infrastructure. The developments created opportunities for construction, engineering, transportation and industrial service companies.



Industrial Policy Reforms Supported Manufacturing Growth

Industrial policy measures continued to support manufacturing, MSMEs and private investment during August 2026. The reforms aimed to improve

ease of doing business and encourage technology adoption. The initiatives created new opportunities for manufacturers, exporters and industrial service providers.



Government Continues Focus on Citizen-Centric Administration

During June 2026, the Government continued emphasizing digital governance, administrative efficiency, and improved public service delivery

through various policy initiatives and development programmes. The focus remained on transparency, faster implementation of government schemes, and technology-enabled governance to improve services for citizens and businesses.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



India–Russia Economic Cooperation Strengthened

India and Russia continued to deepen economic cooperation during August 2026 through the India–Russia Inter-Governmental

Commission. Discussions focused on trade, investment, technology, energy and other areas of bilateral cooperation. The engagement highlighted opportunities for Indian and Russian companies to expand business partnerships.



India Strengthened Global Trade and Investment Partnerships

India continued to expand its international economic engagement during August 2026, with a focus on trade, investment and technology cooperation. Greater

engagement with major economies supported market access and supply-chain diversification. The developments created opportunities for exporters, manufacturers and international investors.



India Emerged as a Key Supplier to European Energy Markets

India strengthened its position in global energy trade in August 2026, supplying a significant share of diesel reaching Europe through the Bab-el-

Mandeb route. Changing global supply patterns increased the importance of Indian refining capacity. The development created opportunities for energy, logistics and petroleum-related businesses.

INDUSTRY



German Company Krones Opens ₹315 Crore Manufacturing Plant

German packaging and bottling equipment company Krones inaugurated a new ₹315 crore manufacturing

facility in Karnataka in August 2026. The plant is expected to strengthen domestic production and serve India's growing packaging industry. The investment also supports local industrial development and employment opportunities.



TechnoSport Announces ₹130 Crore Manufacturing Expansion

Activewear company TechnoSport announced a ₹130 crore expansion of its manufacturing facility in Erode, Tamil Nadu. The

project is expected to create around 500 jobs and increase production capacity. The expansion highlights growing opportunities in India's textile and apparel manufacturing sector



Foreign Companies Expanded Manufacturing Investments in India

Several international companies continued to expand their manufacturing presence in India during August 2026.

Tamil Nadu secured overseas investment projects worth ₹15,050 crore, including major commitments from Saint-Gobain and Daimler. The developments highlighted India's growing importance as a global manufacturing and supply-chain destination.

BANKING AND FINANCE



FPIs Invested ₹30,919 Crore in Indian Equities

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) invested ₹30,919 crore in Indian equities during August 2026, marking their second consecutive month of buying. The inflows

reflected improving corporate earnings, resilient economic activity and greater investor confidence. The trend highlighted continued international interest in India's capital markets.



Financial Services Attracted Strong FPI Interest

Financial services emerged as one of the biggest beneficiaries of foreign portfolio investment during the first half of August. FPIs invested around

₹6,535 crore in the sector, while automobile and IT stocks also attracted significant inflows. The trend indicated renewed investor confidence in India's financial and corporate sectors.



India's Private Credit Market Reached \$3.5 Billion

India's private credit investments reached approximately \$3.5 billion in the first half of 2026, according to an EY report released in August.

Domestic funds accounted for 74% of deal value, with real estate, healthcare and food & beverage among the leading sectors. The development highlighted growing opportunities for alternative financing and private capital.

AGRICULTURE



Tractor Sales Grew 8% in August Despite Weak Monsoon

Domestic tractor sales in India increased by around 8% year-on-year in August 2026, despite concerns over uneven monsoon rainfall. Positive farmer sentiment and adequate reservoir levels supported demand for agricultural machinery. The growth created opportunities for tractor manufacturers, component suppliers and farm-equipment businesses.



FPOs Increase Agricultural Commodity Trading

Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) significantly increased their trading of agricultural commodities during the April–August 2026 period.

Around 75 FPOs traded nearly 0.15 million tonnes of commodities worth ₹57 crore through NCDEX. The trend highlighted growing opportunities in organised agricultural marketing and digital agri-trade.



India–Africa Food Security Summit Strengthened Agricultural Cooperation

The India–Africa Food Security Summit was held in August 2026 with participation from more than 20 countries. Discussions focused on agricultural cooperation, food security, technology and knowledge sharing. The initiative opened opportunities for Indian agri-businesses, technology companies and food-processing firms to expand partnerships in African markets.

START-UP



T-Hub Launches Deeptech Founder Fellowship

T-Hub launched Blueprint, a 12-month founder fellowship in August 2026 to support deeptech startups moving from early traction to scale. The programme focuses on improving access to capital, customers and skilled talent. The initiative is expected to strengthen Hyderabad's technology-driven startup ecosystem.



Navi Plans \$100 Million Fundraise Ahead of IPO

Indian fintech startup Navi announced plans to raise around \$100 million from Prosus in August 2026. The investment is aimed at supporting the company ahead of its planned public listing. The development highlights continued investor interest in India's fintech and digital financial-services sector.



IndiGo Ventures Invests in AI Startup Sarvam

IndiGo Ventures, the corporate venture capital arm of IndiGo, invested in Indian sovereign AI company Sarvam as part of its Series B funding round. The partnership aims to expand the use of AI in aviation and improve customer experience and operational efficiency. The investment reflects growing collaboration between Indian startups and large enterprises.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT



NITI Aayog Proposes Major Reforms in Skill Development

NITI Aayog proposed a comprehensive revamp of India's skilling system in August 2026, focusing on outcome-linked financing and stronger public-private partnerships. The proposal also included digital skills passports and greater integration of skills into school education. The reforms aim to improve employability and industry readiness.



Life Sciences Sector Focuses on Future-Ready Workforce

The LSSSDC Skillverse 2026 National Skill Summit was held in Hyderabad on August 21, focusing on workforce development in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices and healthcare. Industry leaders discussed skill gaps, Industry 5.0 and strengthening Skill Development Centres. The summit aimed to build a globally competitive talent pool for the life sciences sector.



Government Expands AI and Emerging Technology Training

The Government highlighted the expansion of skill development in AI, machine learning, semiconductors, electric vehicles, drones and renewable energy during August 2026. Apprenticeship opportunities are also being linked with these emerging sectors.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



India Advances Semiconductor and AI Capabilities

India continued to strengthen its semiconductor and artificial intelligence ecosystem in August 2026. The government highlighted progress under Semicon 2.0, along with growing access to subsidised AI computing for technology projects. The developments are expected to support chip design, advanced computing and innovation-driven businesses.



India Promotes Indigenous Chips for Space Missions

India's semiconductor capabilities received further attention during National Space Day in August, with Indian-made chips playing an important role in missions such as Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya-L1. The development highlighted growing domestic expertise in radiation-hardened and space-grade electronics. It also created opportunities for semiconductor, electronics and aerospace technology companies.



India – US Space Cooperation Expanded

India and the United States strengthened cooperation in space exploration and scientific research during August 2026. Discussions included deeper collaboration in lunar exploration, scientific data sharing and future space missions. The partnership is expected to create opportunities for Indian space-tech startups, research institutions and aerospace companies.

AUTO TECHNOLOGY



Alternative-Fuel Vehicles Overtake Petrol in August

India's auto market recorded a major shift in August 2026 as CNG, hybrid and electric vehicles together surpassed petrol-powered cars in passenger-vehicle sales. Overall auto retail sales rose 17.51% year-on-year to 24.23 lakh units. The development highlighted rapidly changing consumer preferences and growing demand for cleaner mobility technologies.



EV Registrations Rise 53% in August

Electric vehicle registrations in India increased sharply in August 2026, supported by strong demand for electric cars and two-wheelers. Electric passenger-vehicle registrations also recorded substantial year-on-year growth. The trend created opportunities for EV manufacturers, battery companies, charging infrastructure providers and auto-component suppliers.



Hero MotoCorp Increases Investment in Ather Energy

Hero MotoCorp announced an investment of up to ₹1,758 crore in August 2026 to increase its stake in electric scooter maker Ather Energy. Its stake is expected to rise from 29.88% to 32.8%. The move reflects growing strategic interest in India's electric two-wheeler market and the future of electric mobility.

CSR



Maharashtra Announces MahaCSR Authority

The Maharashtra Government announced the creation of the MahaCSR Authority in August 2026 to improve coordination and transparency in the use of corporate social responsibility funds. The initiative aims to align CSR projects with key development priorities. It is expected to improve the impact of CSR investments across communities.



Coal Companies Introduce Nationwide CSR Framework

The Ministry of Coal introduced a nationwide CSR framework for coal companies covering 12 planning stages and 141 indicators. The framework focuses on healthcare, education, livelihoods and community development. Coal India has spent more than ₹6,000 crore on CSR initiatives over the past decade.



FUEL Recognised for Education-Focused CSR Work

Pune-based Friends Union for Energising Lives (FUEL) received the CSR Times 2026 Award in August for its education and institution-building initiatives. The organisation was recognised for effectively using CSR funds to create social impact. The award highlighted the growing role of CSR in strengthening education and community development.

DEFENCE NEWS



Indian Navy Strengthens Maritime Security Capabilities

The Indian Navy continued enhancing maritime surveillance and operational preparedness through advanced naval exercises, induction of modern technologies, and improved coastal security measures during June 2026. The initiatives strengthen India's capability to safeguard maritime interests, secure international shipping routes, and respond effectively to emerging security challenges in the Indian Ocean Region.



Indigenous Defence Manufacturing Continues to Expand

India continued promoting indigenous defence production under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative by encouraging domestic manufacturing of defence equipment, aerospace components, communication systems, and advanced military technologies. Increased participation of private industry and MSMEs is strengthening India's defence industrial ecosystem while reducing dependence on imports and improving export potential.



Armed Forces Enhance Technology-Based Defence Preparedness

The Indian Armed Forces continued adopting advanced technologies including artificial intelligence, drones, cyber security systems, satellite communication, and network-centric warfare capabilities. Technology integration is improving operational efficiency, surveillance, logistics, and strategic preparedness across the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

ENERGY AND POWER



India Accelerates Solar Energy Capacity Expansion

India continued expanding its renewable energy capacity during June 2026 with new solar power projects across multiple states. Government policies and private sector investments are helping increase clean energy generation while reducing dependence on conventional fuels.



Green Hydrogen Mission Gains Momentum

The National Green Hydrogen Mission continued attracting investments from leading public and private sector companies during June 2026. Several projects related to hydrogen production, storage, transportation, and industrial applications moved towards implementation. Experts believe green hydrogen will play a vital role in decarbonising industries such as steel, fertilisers, refineries, and heavy transport while positioning India as a global supplier of clean energy solutions.



Power Infrastructure Strengthened Through Grid Modernisation

India continued modernising its power transmission and distribution infrastructure to improve electricity reliability and support renewable energy integration. Investments in smart grids, digital monitoring systems, high-capacity transmission lines, and energy storage are strengthening the national power network.

INITIATIVES BY GOVT



Cabinet Approves Key Infrastructure Development Projects

The Union Cabinet approved several infrastructure and connectivity projects during June 2026 aimed at accelerating economic growth and regional development. The decisions covered transportation, railways, highways, urban infrastructure, and logistics.



Digital Governance Initiatives Continue to Expand

The Government continued promoting digital governance through improved online public services, integrated citizen platforms, digital documentation, and technology-enabled administration. These initiatives are simplifying service delivery, improving transparency, reducing processing time, and enhancing citizen convenience. Digital governance remains one of the key pillars of India's administrative reforms.



Government Strengthens Ease of Doing Business Reforms

The Government continued implementing policy measures to simplify business regulations, reduce compliance burden, encourage investment, and improve the ease of doing business. Various ministries worked towards streamlining approvals, promoting digital clearances, and supporting industrial growth through investor-friendly reforms. These measures are expected to enhance India's competitiveness as a global investment destination.

INVEST INDIA



Global Companies Continue Expanding Investments in India

India remained one of the preferred investment destinations during June 2026 as several multinational companies announced expansion plans across electronics, manufacturing, renewable energy, automobiles, logistics, and technology sectors. Strong economic growth, policy stability, skilled workforce, and expanding domestic demand continue attracting long-term foreign investments into the country.



Manufacturing Sector Attracts Higher Foreign Direct Investment

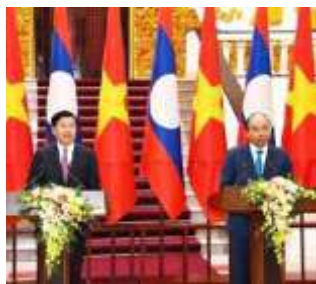
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) continued flowing into India's manufacturing sector with companies establishing new production facilities and expanding existing operations. Government initiatives such as Make in India, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, and industrial corridor development continue encouraging global manufacturers to strengthen their presence in India.



Invest India Promotes India as Global Manufacturing Hub

Invest India continued engaging with international investors through investment facilitation programmes, business delegations, and sector-specific outreach initiatives. The agency highlighted opportunities in semiconductors, renewable energy, aerospace, electronics, healthcare, food processing, and digital technologies.

MEA



Visit of Shri Pabitra Margherita to Vietnam, Lao PDR and Palau

Shri Pabitra Margherita, Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, undertook an official visit to Vietnam, Lao PDR and Palau from

August 26 to September 2, 2026. The visit focused on strengthening India's bilateral relations and expanding cooperation in trade, economic development, textiles, connectivity and people-to-people ties.



9th Meeting of the India-U.S. Civil Space Joint Working Group

The 9th meeting of the India-U.S. Civil Space Joint Working Group (CSJWG) was held to strengthen bilateral cooperation in civil space

activities. Discussions focused on areas including human spaceflight, Earth observation, space science, satellite navigation and commercial space cooperation. Both sides reviewed ongoing initiatives and explored opportunities for greater collaboration between their space agencies and industries.



Visit of Minister of State for External Affairs Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh to Côte d'Ivoire

Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, undertook an official visit to Côte d'Ivoire to further strengthen India-Côte

d'Ivoire bilateral relations. Discussions focused on enhancing cooperation in trade, investment, development partnership, capacity building, education, healthcare and technology.

DIPLOMATIC POSTINGS



Shri Ajay A. Kumar Appointed as the Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iraq

The Government of India appointed Shri Ajay A. Kumar as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iraq. The

appointment is expected to further strengthen India-Iraq bilateral relations and cooperation in areas of mutual interest. His tenure will focus on deepening diplomatic, economic and people-to-people ties between the two countries.



Shri Nagesh Singh Concurrently Accredited as High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Nauru

Shri Nagesh Singh was concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to

the Republic of Nauru. The appointment is expected to strengthen India-Nauru relations and expand cooperation in areas of mutual interest.



Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi Concurrently Accredited as High Commissioner of India to Niue

Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi was concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to Niue. The appointment is

expected to strengthen India-Niue relations and enhance cooperation in areas of mutual interest. It will further support India's engagement with Pacific Island countries, particularly in development cooperation, capacity building, climate action and people-to-people ties.



Sustainability remained at the heart of India's journey towards Net Zero by 2070. Federation of Indian Industry (FII) and Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen collaboration and advance sustainability, energy efficiency, clean technology and decarbonisation initiatives across industrial, commercial, social and agricultural sectors. The partnership aimed to pool expertise, resources and industry networks to promote innovative solutions and accelerate India's transition towards a greener, more resilient and Viksit Bharat.



A delegation from the Federation of Indian Industry (FII), comprising Dr. Deepak Jain, President – FII; Sh. Vinod K. Bapna, Chairman, Haryana Chapter – FII; Sh. Uditendu Verma, General Secretary – FII; and Sh. Sanjay Patel, Administrative Officer, met with the Reliance team led by Sh. S. V. Goyal, CEO, MET City.

The meeting focused on exploring future opportunities for collaboration and strengthening engagement between the two organizations

Carbon Credits: A New Growth Opportunity for Indian Farmers



Dr. Deepak Jain delivered the keynote address at the 9th Annual Conference of Kisan Chamber of Commerce (KCC), held at Constitution Club of India, New Delhi, on “Transforming Indian Agriculture: Innovation, Carbon Markets and Farmers’ Prosperity.

”He highlighted the potential of Carbon Credits to create additional income for farmers while supporting India’s Net Zero goals, and stressed the need for stronger collaboration among industry, government, technology providers and farmer organisations.

The session was presided over by Ch. Birender Singh, Former Union Minister, and was attended by distinguished representatives from the agriculture sector.

FII & PSA Office Strengthen Collaboration for Innovation and Project Management



The Federation of Indian Industry (FII) held a productive meeting with the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) on August 10, 2026, at its Gurugram office. The discussion focused on strengthening collaboration, improving coordination, and establishing an effective framework for managing Centres of Excellence (CoEs). Key areas included project monitoring, evaluation, documentation, networking, reporting and technology-enabled coordination. Both sides discussed the way forward for strengthening institutional mechanisms and ensuring efficient implementation of ongoing and upcoming initiatives. The meeting reaffirmed FII's commitment to fostering industry-government collaboration and supporting innovation, knowledge exchange and impactful project outcomes.

FII Nigeria Strengthening India–Nigeria Strategic & Defence Cooperation!



Representatives from the Federation of Indian Industry (FII) – Nigeria Chapter and a delegate from a Nigerian defence sector enterprise met with Colonel Manoj Singh, SM, Defence Advisor at the High Commission of India in Abuja.

During the meeting, discussions focused on deepening India–Nigeria defence cooperation by exploring strategic avenues for bilateral collaboration and expanding industrial partnerships across the defence and technology sectors.

This interaction further reaffirmed the strong and ongoing commitment to enhancing strategic, economic, and defence engagement between India and Nigeria.



A heartfelt thank you to H.E. Shri Abhishek Singh Ji, High Commissioner of India to Nigeria, for his warm hospitality and a highly productive meeting at the High Commission of India in Abuja.

Representing the Federation of Indian Industry (FII) – Nigeria Chapter alongside Mr. Brume Bruno (CEO, Core Ethix International Limited), Mr. Chris Ezeama (Director), and Mr. Theophilus Enebeli (Director), we had an insightful discussion on deepening India–Nigeria industrial cooperation and advancing the #MadeInIndia initiative across strategic sectors.

We sincerely appreciated His Excellency's valuable guidance, vision, and continued support towards strengthening bilateral trade, economic synergy, and strategic partnerships between India and Nigeria.

FII Participated in UP–Japan Investment Meet | 19 August 2026 | Taj Palace, New Delhi



Federation of Indian Industry (FII) participated in the UP–Japan Investment Meet 2026, with Sh. Uditendu Verma, General Secretary–FII, representing FII as a delegate. The Meet brought together distinguished dignitaries and over 200 delegates from Japan, highlighting the steadily strengthening India–Japan partnership and Uttar Pradesh’s growing position as an attractive global investment destination.

Extending a special welcome to the Hon’ble Governor of Yamanashi Prefecture, Mr. Kotaro Nagasaki, Sh. Suresh Khanna highlighted the steadily strengthening India–Japan partnership and the growing confidence in Uttar Pradesh as a preferred investment destination.

The discussions highlighted opportunities across green hydrogen, automotive, technology, innovation and healthcare, along with Uttar Pradesh’s strong infrastructure, skilled workforce, connectivity, law & order, and investor-friendly policies. The Meet provided an important platform to explore avenues for further strengthening economic, industrial and institutional collaboration between Uttar Pradesh and Japan.

FII Participates in SIDBI-DIA Learnshop on Institutional Strengthening of Industry Associations.



Federation of Indian Industry (FII) participated in the Learnshop on Institutional Strengthening of Industry Associations, organised under the SIDBI – Development of Industrial Associations (DIA) Programme, with Grant Thornton Bharat as the Project Implementing Agency. The Learnshop was held on 24 July 2026 in New Delhi, bringing together industry associations, chambers of commerce, and business development service providers to deliberate on strengthening institutional capabilities and supporting MSME growth and competitiveness.

Representing FII, Ms. Ritu Jain, Strategy Expert, MSME Committee-FII and Dr. Mukul Jain, MSME Expert-FII, participated in the session. Key discussions focused on credit linkages, scheme convergence, common facilities, industrial infrastructure, quality standards, productivity, competitiveness, and exports.

FII Thailand Chapter Joins Thailand Ministry of Commerce's 106th Anniversary



Federation of Indian Industry (FII) was pleased to have its Thailand Chapter Chairman, Shri Rajendra Khimesra, attend the 106th Anniversary of the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand on 24 August 2026.

During the occasion, Shri Rajendra Khimesra represented FII and interacted with senior government officials, sharing information about FII and discussing opportunities to strengthen Thai–Indian trade, investment and business cooperation.

He also met Ms. Suphatee Suthumpun, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce, and was received by Mr. Kittiwat Patchimnan, Inspector General, and Ms. Jittima Srithaporn, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand.

FII looks forward to further strengthening India–Thailand business ties and economic cooperation.

FII India-Korea Business & Investment Meet 2026





Federation of Indian Industry (FII), in association with Saehan Global Consulting, organised the India–Korea Business & Investment Meet 2026 on 26 August 2026 at ibis Hotel, Golf Course Road, Gurugram. The event brought together a Korean business delegation from Gyeongsang buk-do, Republic of Korea — including CEOs, MDs, and Presidents from sectors such as Food & Beverage, Agricultural Products, Cosmetics & Beauty, Ginseng & Wellness, Biotechnology, Clean Technology, Consumer Products, and Trading — along with an official representative of the Gyeongsangbuk-do Government and Indian industry stakeholders.

The programme opened with a Welcome Address and Keynote by Sh. Atul Gupta, Chairman, GST Committee, FII, who welcomed the Korean delegation and Indian participants, and underlined the importance of strengthening business-to-business engagement and creating practical avenues for trade, investment, market access, and long-term commercial partnerships between India and Korea.

Sh. Uditendu Verma, General Secretary-FII highlighted FII's commitment to facilitating industry-to-industry engagement and helping companies explore new markets and partnerships and he expressed appreciation also to the Gyeongsangbuk-do Government delegation, Korean company leaders, Sachan Global Consulting, and Indian industry participants — setting the stage for continued B2B engagement and stronger India–Korea business linkages.

The Meet served as a focused platform for B2B matchmaking and execution-oriented discussions, covering import-export and distribution, franchise and strategic partnerships, manufacturing and localization, joint ventures, investment opportunities, market-entry procedures, and regulatory considerations. Dr. Deepak Jain, President-FII spoke on the growing potential for India–Korea economic cooperation and the need to convert discussions into tangible commercial outcomes.

Senior FII leadership present included Dr. Deepak Jain (President, FII), Sh Atul Gupta (Chairman, GST Committee, FII), Sh. Uditendu Verma (General Secretary, FII), Dr. Mukul Jain, Dr. Anjali Jain, Dr. Shiv Singh Rawat, Sh. Ashu Gupta, Sh. Surjit Kalita along with other FII officials and industry representatives.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Deepak Jain, President-FII.

Federation of Indian Industry (FII) remains committed to creating meaningful business opportunities, facilitating industry-to-industry engagement, supporting market access and building stronger global business partnerships.

FII Thailand Chapter Participates in Independence Day Celebrations at Indian Embassy



FII Thailand Chapter, led by Mr. Raj Khimesra, Chairman, Thailand Chapter, FII, participated in the Independence Day celebrations at the Indian Embassy.

Mr. Khimesra congratulated His Excellency Shri Puneet Agrawal and other senior Embassy officials and expressed his heartfelt appreciation for their warm reception.

He also acknowledged the Embassy's continued efforts to strengthen Thailand–India cooperation across business, tourism, culture, and academics.

The occasion reaffirmed the strong and enduring ties between the two countries. Long Live India–Thailand Friendship!



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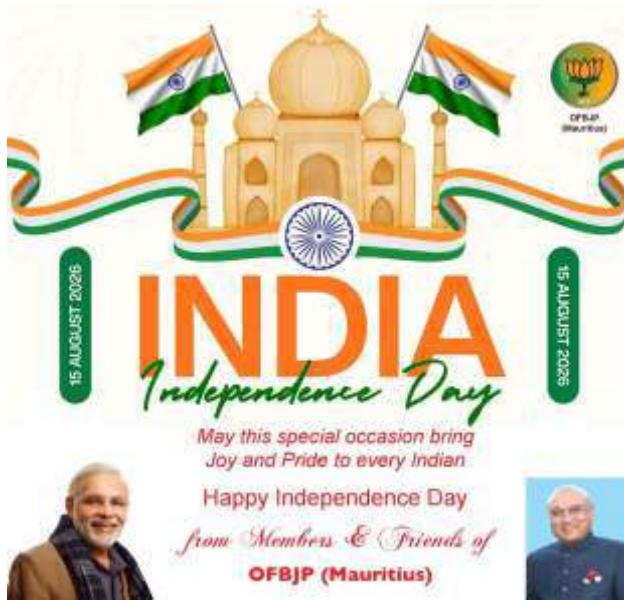
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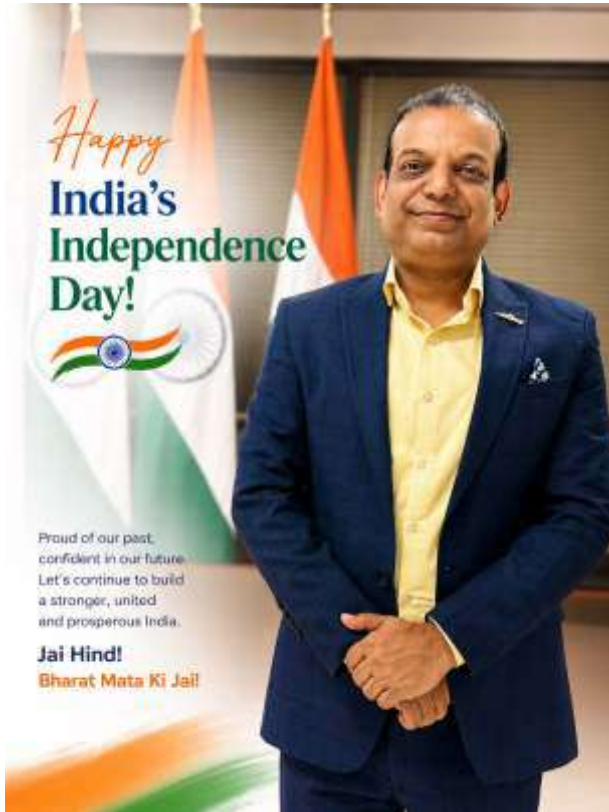


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80th Independence Day Celebrations – August 15, 2026





India celebrated its 80th Independence Day on August 15, 2026, marking eight decades of freedom, democratic governance, and nation-building. On this historic occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoisted the National Flag and addressed the nation, highlighting India's achievements and the country's vision for the future.

The celebrations reflected India's remarkable progress across economic development, infrastructure, digital transformation, innovation, defence, space technology, entrepreneurship, and social development. The vision of Viksit Bharat and the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat remained central to the national narrative, emphasizing self-reliance, inclusive growth, technological advancement, and global competitiveness.

For India's business and industrial community, the occasion provided an opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to strengthening domestic manufacturing, supporting MSMEs, encouraging entrepreneurship, generating employment, and expanding India's presence in international markets.

The 80th Independence Day carried a strong message of unity, innovation, responsibility, and collective progress. The celebrations highlighted India's growing confidence and its aspirations to play an increasingly influential role in the global economic landscape. The occasion also reinforced the importance of collaboration among government, industry, academia, and civil society in building a stronger, more prosperous, sustainable, and globally competitive India.

Visit of Prime Minister to Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand July 06–11, 2026'

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AUSTRALIA



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi undertook a three-nation visit to Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand from July 6 to 11, 2026. The visit focused on strengthening India's strategic, economic and people-to-people relations with the three countries.

During his visit to Indonesia, Prime Minister Modi held talks with President Prabowo Subianto and reviewed cooperation in trade and investment, defence and security, maritime affairs, digital technology, energy, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, space, critical minerals, agriculture and culture.

In Australia, Prime Minister Modi engaged with the Indian community and participated in activities highlighting the strong India–Australia partnership.

In New Zealand, Prime Minister Modi held bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Christopher Luxon. The two leaders agreed to elevate India–New Zealand relations to a Strategic Partnership, covering trade and investment, defence, agriculture, education, tourism, sports, culture and people-to-people ties. The visit strengthened India's engagement with the Indo-Pacific region and reinforced opportunities for economic cooperation, investment, technology and strategic partnerships.

Visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyz Republic 29 August



Visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyz Republic 29 August



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi undertook an official visit to Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic from August 29 to September 1, 2026. The visit focused on strengthening India's bilateral relations and expanding cooperation in trade, investment, connectivity, defence, security, energy, technology, education and culture.

In Uzbekistan, Prime Minister Modi held high-level discussions with the Uzbek leadership and reviewed the progress of bilateral cooperation. The discussions emphasised economic partnerships, trade and investment, digital technology, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, mining and people-to-people ties.

In the Kyrgyz Republic, Prime Minister Modi held talks with the country's leadership and discussed ways to deepen bilateral cooperation in areas including trade, investment, defence, connectivity, education, healthcare and cultural exchanges. The visit further strengthened India's engagement with Central Asia and reinforced its commitment to expanding strategic, economic and people-to-people partnerships in the region. The official PM India website lists the visit as August 29–September 1, 2026.

State Visits of the President of India to the Republic of Moldova, Republic of North Macedonia, and Romania July 19–25, 2026



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The President of India undertook state visits to the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of North Macedonia, and Romania from July 19 to 25, 2026. The visits focused on strengthening India's bilateral relations and expanding cooperation in areas such as trade and investment, education, technology, culture, defence and people-to-people ties.

During the visits, the President held high-level meetings with the leaders of the three countries and discussed opportunities to deepen bilateral cooperation. The engagements also highlighted India's growing partnership with Europe and its commitment to stronger economic and strategic relations.

The visits further strengthened India's diplomatic engagement with Moldova, North Macedonia and Romania and created new opportunities for cooperation in trade, investment, education, technology and cultural exchanges.

Visit of External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar to Russia August 23–24, 2026



External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar undertook an official visit to Russia from August 23 to 24, 2026. During the visit, he held high-level discussions with the Russian leadership and reviewed the progress of bilateral relations between India and Russia.

The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in trade and investment, energy, defence and security, connectivity, technology, education and people-to-people ties. The visit also provided an opportunity to exchange views on regional and global developments of mutual interest.

Dr. Jaishankar's visit further strengthened the longstanding India–Russia strategic partnership and reaffirmed both countries' commitment to expanding bilateral cooperation across diverse areas.

THE FUTURE OF WORK IS HUMAN: A NEEDONOMICS RESPONSE TO INDIA'S AI REVOLUTION



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The rapid advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has brought humanity to a defining moment where technological capability must be guided by ethical responsibility. The recent warning issued by nearly 200 economists and AI researchers, including several Nobel laureates and the chief economists of OpenAI and Anthropic, in their statement "We Must Act Now," highlights the possibility that AI could transform the global economy within the next decade at a pace surpassing the Industrial Revolution, with large-scale job displacement becoming a real risk.

The Needonomics School of Thought, a Kurukshetra-based think tank, views this emerging challenge not as a choice between embracing and resisting AI, but as a question of ensuring that technology serves human needs rather than market greed. Economic progress is meaningful only when it enhances human well-being, preserves dignity, creates sustainable livelihoods, and promotes inclusive prosperity. From a Needonomics perspective, Artificial Intelligence must remain a means to human development, not an end in itself.

For India, home to the world's largest young workforce and committed to achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047, this debate assumes exceptional importance. Recent research by Dr. Payal Seth, Lead Economist and Head of the Centre of Data for Economic Decision-making (CoDED), published in Mint and The Hindu Business Line, asks a timely and thought-provoking question: Is AI already changing who gets hired? The answer has implications far beyond employment statistics. It concerns the future of education, social justice, economic inclusion, human dignity, and the kind of development India seeks to pursue. The Needonomics framework therefore calls for an AI-enabled economy where innovation strengthens human capabilities, expands meaningful employment, and contributes to sustainable and equitable nation-building.

1. Understanding the AI Revolution through Needonomics

The AI revolution should not be assessed merely in terms of technological sophistication or economic efficiency. From the Needonomics perspective, its true success lies in its ability to improve human well-being while preserving dignity, equity, and social harmony. Technology is valuable only when it serves humanity and advances the common good. Development that increases productivity but marginalizes people cannot be regarded as sustainable or inclusive.



Needonomics advocates a transition from technology-centred growth to human-centred development, where innovation is evaluated by its contribution to the genuine needs of individuals, communities, and future generations.

2. AI and the Changing Nature of Work

Every technological revolution has displaced certain occupations while creating new opportunities. The AI revolution, however, differs because it increasingly performs cognitive and analytical tasks that were once considered uniquely human. Professionals in accounting, law, journalism, software development, customer service, finance, education, and healthcare are already witnessing AI systems undertaking responsibilities that previously required years of specialised education and experience.

India's demographic dividend could quickly become a demographic liability if young people fail to secure meaningful employment. The challenge is no longer confined to unemployment alone but includes the widening gap between educational preparation and rapidly evolving labour market requirements. Lifelong learning, digital literacy, and continuous reskilling have therefore become national priorities.

3. From Greedonomics to Needonomics

The central concern is not Artificial Intelligence itself but the philosophy guiding its application. When automation is driven exclusively by profit maximization, it may increase corporate earnings while simultaneously widening inequality, weakening purchasing power, and eroding social cohesion.

Needonomics proposes an alternative path where technological progress is directed towards human welfare instead of market greed. Productivity gains should create broader opportunities, improve the quality of work, and strengthen social inclusion rather than concentrate wealth and employment in the hands of a few.

4. Human Intelligence Remains Indispensable

Artificial Intelligence should complement—not replace—Human Intelligence, Emotional Intelligence, Spiritual Intelligence, and Ethical Intelligence. Machines possess remarkable capabilities in computation, pattern recognition, and data analysis, but they cannot replicate compassion, conscience, creativity, moral judgement, empathy, or wisdom.

The future of work will therefore belong to those societies that successfully combine technological excellence with ethical leadership and human values.

5. Reimagining Education for Viksit Bharat

Preparing India for the AI era requires a fundamental transformation of education. Universities and higher education institutions must integrate AI literacy across disciplines while simultaneously nurturing critical thinking, ethical reasoning, communication skills, creativity, entrepreneurship, and value-based learning.

The objective should not merely be to produce AI users but responsible innovators and leaders capable of directing technology towards nation-building and sustainable development.

6. The Needo-AI Framework

The Needonomics School of Thought proposes Needo-AI as a balanced framework for responsible technological development, founded on five guiding principles:



1. Human-centred innovation that enhances quality of life rather than simply reducing labour costs.
2. Ethical governance of AI based on transparency, accountability, fairness, and public trust.
3. Continuous reskilling and lifelong learning to maintain employability in a changing economy.
4. Inclusive prosperity, ensuring that productivity gains are widely shared across society.
5. Sustainable production and responsible consumption, aligning AI with environmental stewardship and long-term human well-being.

7. A Shared Responsibility

Governments, educational institutions, industry, and civil society must work together to shape an inclusive AI ecosystem. Public policy should encourage technological innovation while investing simultaneously in skills, entrepreneurship, social protection, and regional economic development.

Businesses must also redefine success. Instead of measuring performance solely through shareholder returns, they should recognise stakeholder well-being as an essential indicator of long-term sustainability. Investing in employee reskilling and responsible AI adoption is both an ethical obligation and a strategic advantage.



8. Employment as Human Dignity

Needonomics recognizes employment as much more than a source of income. Meaningful work provides dignity, purpose, self-respect, social participation, and psychological well-being. An economy that generates wealth while excluding people from productive engagement ultimately weakens democracy, social cohesion, and human development.

Although AI offers unprecedented opportunities in healthcare, education, agriculture, governance, climate action, and scientific research, these benefits will be realised only when innovation remains anchored in ethical values and human-centred development.

9 Conclusion:

The future should not become a contest between humans and intelligent machines. Instead, it should evolve into a partnership in which Artificial Intelligence amplifies human capabilities while safeguarding employment, dignity, and social harmony. For India, the AI revolution presents both a challenge and an opportunity on the path towards Viksit Bharat 2047.



The real question is not whether AI will reshape the economy, but whether it will do so in a manner that serves the genuine needs of society. The Needonomics School of Thought therefore advocates a transition from AI-driven growth to Needo-AI-driven development—a paradigm where innovation is guided by ethics, employment strengthens human dignity, technology promotes social inclusion, and economic progress remains firmly rooted in sustainability and the genuine needs of humanity. Such a framework will ensure that the future of work is not only more productive and intelligent but also more humane, equitable, and sustainable.

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GROWTH WITH CALCULATED CONFIDENCE : EXPANSION IN AN UNCERTAIN GLOBAL ECONOMY



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For decades, business expansion was largely driven by a simple equation—identify demand, invest capital, and scale operations. Today, however, that equation has become significantly more complex. Global economic uncertainty, geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, rapid technological advancements, changing customer expectations, climate risks, and evolving regulations have fundamentally altered the expansion landscape.

Yet, despite these challenges, expansion remains essential. Companies that fail to grow risk becoming irrelevant, while those that expand recklessly expose themselves to significant financial and operational risks. The real competitive advantage now lies in expanding intelligently—not merely faster.

The current global business environment rewards organizations that make decisions based on structured risk assessment rather than optimism alone.

The New Reality of Business Expansion

Businesses today are expanding into markets that are more interconnected than ever before. A manufacturing disruption in one country can affect production across continents. Currency fluctuations can instantly change profit margins. Political decisions can reshape entire industries overnight.

At the same time, digital transformation has lowered barriers to entering new markets. Small and medium enterprises can now reach international customers through e-commerce, digital marketing, and cloud-based services without establishing a physical presence.

This combination of opportunity and uncertainty means that expansion decisions require a multidimensional evaluation rather

than relying solely on market demand.

Successful organizations no longer ask, "Can we expand?" Instead, they ask, "Should we expand now, where should we expand, and what risks must we prepare for?"

Why Risk Assessment Has Become a Strategic Function

Risk assessment is often misunderstood as an exercise focused on identifying problems. In reality, it is a strategic decision-making framework that enables businesses to allocate resources wisely, prioritize opportunities, and build resilience.

A comprehensive risk assessment provides leadership with clarity regarding potential obstacles before substantial investments are made.

Below are the critical factors every organization should evaluate before pursuing expansion.

1. Market Demand and Customer Readiness

No expansion strategy succeeds without genuine customer demand.

Businesses must determine whether the target market has sufficient purchasing power, unmet needs, and willingness to adopt their products or services. Understanding customer behaviour, buying patterns, price sensitivity, and local preferences is equally important. Many expansion failures occur because companies assume customers behave similarly across regions.

2. Economic Stability

Macroeconomic conditions directly influence business performance.

Inflation, interest rates, unemployment levels, GDP growth, consumer confidence, and government spending all affect purchasing behaviour and investment returns.

An expanding business should evaluate whether the target economy supports long-term growth rather than short-term opportunity.

Economic downturns do not necessarily eliminate opportunities, but they require more conservative planning and stronger cash management.

3. Political and Regulatory Environment

Government policies can significantly influence expansion success.

Businesses must understand:

- Taxation policies
- Import and export regulations
- Licensing requirements
- Labour laws
- Environmental compliance
- Data privacy regulations
- Industry-specific regulations

Frequent policy changes increase operational uncertainty and compliance costs. Countries with transparent governance and regulatory consistency generally offer more predictable business environments.

4. Competitive Landscape

Entering an attractive market often means competing against established players.

A thorough competitive assessment should evaluate:

- Market leaders
- Pricing strategies
- Product differentiation
- Distribution networks
- Customer loyalty
- Brand perception
- Market saturation

Expansion should focus on creating a clear competitive advantage rather than merely increasing geographical presence.

5. Financial Readiness

Expansion requires significantly more capital than many businesses anticipate.

Apart from infrastructure and staffing costs, organizations must prepare for:

- Working capital requirements
- Marketing investments
- Customer acquisition costs
- Technology implementation
- Compliance expenses

- Currency fluctuations
- Delayed profitability

Financial resilience is often more important than initial profitability during expansion.

Companies with strong cash flow management are better positioned to navigate unexpected challenges.

6. Supply Chain Resilience

The past few years have demonstrated how vulnerable global supply chains can be.

Organizations must evaluate:

- Supplier dependency
- Logistics infrastructure
- Transportation costs
- Inventory management
- Local sourcing capabilities
- Alternative supplier availability

A diversified and flexible supply chain significantly reduces operational risk during market expansion.

7. Technology and Digital Infrastructure

Technology has become a key enabler of scalable growth.

Businesses should assess whether existing systems can support expansion through:

- ERP systems
- CRM platforms
- Cybersecurity measures
- Automation capabilities
- Data analytics
- Cloud infrastructure
- AI-enabled decision support

Technology investments should enhance efficiency while maintaining business continuity.

8. Talent Availability

People remain one of the most valuable assets during expansion.

Organizations must evaluate whether the target market offers access to skilled professionals with relevant expertise.

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FROM SMALL BUSINESSES TO GLOBAL CHAMPIONS : CAN INDIA'S MSMEs SCALE ?



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India does not have a shortage of entrepreneurs. It has a shortage of enterprises that successfully scale.

According to the Economic Survey 2025–26, MSMEs account for 31.1% of India's GDP, 35.4% of manufacturing output and 48.58% of exports. The Survey also notes that more than 7.47 crore enterprises employ over 32.82 crore people.

But there is a more interesting question: Can India help its millions of small enterprises move from survival to scale?

When “Micro” Becomes a Destination

India has made impressive progress in formalising its small-business ecosystem. As per the Ministry of MSME's dashboard, as of 26 July 2026, 8.95 crore enterprises were registered through Udyam Registration and the Udyam Assist Platform. Of these, 8.89 crore were classified as micro enterprises, compared with about 5.4 lakh small and 41,641 medium enterprises.

Micro enterprises are vital to local employment and economic activity. But here is the uncomfortable question: How many actually graduate to becoming small enterprises—and how many small enterprises become medium-sized businesses?

For too many Indian enterprises, “micro” risks becoming a category rather than a stage of growth. That is where the real MSME challenge begins.

The Scaling Problem Is Bigger Than Credit

For years, the MSME conversation has understandably revolved around access to finance. Credit matters enormously. A business cannot grow without working capital, investment and liquidity. The Economic Survey 2025–26 notes that MSME credit remained a major driver of industrial credit growth during the first half of FY2025–26. But money alone does not create scale.

Scaling requires three Cs: Capital, Capability and Confidence.

Capital gives an enterprise the resources to invest and expand.

Capability determines whether those resources translate into productivity—through better technology, skilled people, professional management and stronger processes.

Confidence gives entrepreneurs the willingness to move beyond a familiar local market, invest in new capabilities and enter formal supply chains and global markets.

An enterprise that receives financing but lacks managerial capability may simply become a larger version of the same business. A firm that buys technology without the skills to use it may own expensive equipment without becoming more productive. And an enterprise that wins an export order but cannot consistently meet quality and delivery standards will struggle to retain the customer.

The real challenge is helping MSMEs build the capability and confidence to use resources well. The Union Budget 2026–27 reflects this direction by proposing equity, liquidity and professional support to help MSMEs become “Champions.”

Can Technology Change the Game?

Technology may offer India's MSMEs an opportunity to leapfrog some traditional constraints. Digital payments, e-commerce, cloud-based accounting and digital procurement have already lowered barriers to market participation. Artificial intelligence could take this a step further.

For a small enterprise, AI does not necessarily mean sophisticated robotics. It could mean using AI to forecast demand, manage inventory, respond to customers, analyse finances, create marketing content, translate product information or identify potential markets.

But there is a catch: technology can democratise productivity—or deepen the productivity divide.

An enterprise with digital skills and a willingness to experiment may improve rapidly. Another, operating

with limited digital literacy or weak digital infrastructure, may fall further behind.

The objective should therefore not simply be AI adoption by MSMEs. It should be productive AI adoption—technology that actually improves productivity, quality, decision-making and competitiveness.

From Local Supplier to Global Player

The biggest opportunity for India's MSMEs may lie beyond the domestic market. According to the Ministry of MSME, the share of MSME-related products in India's total merchandise exports increased from 43.59% in 2022–23 to 45.74% in 2023–24 and 48.55% in 2024–25.

This is encouraging. But becoming an exporter is only the beginning. The real opportunity lies in integrating Indian MSMEs more deeply into global value chains, where firms compete not only on cost but also on quality, reliability, innovation and speed.

India's Export Promotion Mission, with an outlay of ₹25,060 crore for FY2025–26 to FY2030–31, is intended to address financial and non-financial barriers including trade finance, quality, compliance, branding, logistics and market access.

Global competitiveness is not created at the point of shipment. It is created much earlier—in the factory, workshop, supply chain and management system.

The real test is not whether an MSME can win one international order. It is whether it can win the next ten.

From Formalisation to Transformation

India's MSME policy journey has travelled from registration and formalisation to credit access, technology, quality improvement and export promotion. The next step is transformation.

The MSME Champions framework, through initiatives such as ZED, LEAN and IPR support, focuses on competitiveness, quality and innovation. The Union Budget 2026–27 has reinforced this direction through support for equity, liquidity and professional assistance.

Formalisation asks: **Can we bring the enterprise into the formal economy?**

Scale asks: **Can we help it become more productive and competitive?**

Transformation asks: **Can this enterprise become a champion?**

That is the journey India needs to accelerate.

The Missing Middle

India has remarkable large corporations at one end and millions of micro enterprises at the other.

What it needs more of is the missing middle—small and medium enterprises with the ambition, capability and resources to grow into significant employers, exporters, innovators and suppliers to large global companies.

This matters because growing enterprises create jobs; productive enterprises improve competitiveness; competitive enterprises enter export markets; and stronger supply chains attract investment.

The Economic Survey 2025–26 links deeper MSME participation in global supply chains with job-rich industrialisation and local value addition. MSMEs should therefore no longer be viewed only through the lens of employment or inclusion. They are equally a productivity and competitiveness imperative.

The Road Ahead

India needs both large corporations and MSMEs.

Large companies bring scale, capital, technology and global market access. MSMEs bring entrepreneurship, agility, specialised capabilities and employment. The opportunity lies in connecting the two.

For that, the MSME agenda must increasingly focus on productivity, professionalisation, technology adoption, market access and scale. Credit will remain essential. But capability will determine how effectively it is used. Digitalization will create opportunities. But skills will determine who captures them. Export support can open doors. But quality and reliability will determine whether Indian enterprises remain inside the room. India has built an extraordinary base of entrepreneurial energy.

The next challenge is to turn that breadth into depth.

The goal should not be merely to have more MSMEs. It should be to have more that grow, export, innovate and create quality employment—and far more that become champions.

Because India's next economic leap may not come from a few hundred large companies alone. It could come from millions of small businesses—and from our ability to help the best of them become much, much bigger.

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WORLD INVESTMENT REPORT 2026 : AN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE



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On Monday, July 27, Egypt hosted the launch of the World Investment Report 2026, published by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). This annual report is the primary international standard for monitoring developments in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the face of changing geopolitical and economic conditions worldwide. The report highlights that while global investment has recovered after two years of decline, the recovery remains uneven and concentrated in a few countries and strategic sectors such as artificial intelligence (AI), digital infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, and clean energy. From an Indian perspective, the report is encouraging as it recognises India's growing role as one of the world's leading investment destinations.



According to the report, global FDI increased by **6% in 2025**, reaching **US\$1.6 trillion**. However, this growth was driven mainly by a limited number of large investment projects and developed economies. Developing countries witnessed only modest growth in investment inflows. The report also emphasizes that investment is becoming increasingly concentrated, with the world's top 20 host economies attracting more than 80% of global FDI. This concentration poses challenges for many developing nations seeking sustainable economic development.

India emerges as one of the major beneficiaries of changing global investment patterns. The report notes that **India's FDI inflows increased by approximately 44% to US\$39 billion in 2025**, making it the **11th largest FDI recipient** in the world. This remarkable growth reflects strong investor confidence in India's economic fundamentals, expanding domestic market, improving infrastructure, policy reforms, and manufacturing capabilities. Several factors have contributed to India's improved investment performance. Government initiatives such as **Make in India, Digital India, Startup India**, and the **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme** have encouraged multinational companies to establish manufacturing facilities in India. Reforms aimed at improving the ease of doing business, simplifying taxation, promoting digital governance, and strengthening logistics have also enhanced India's attractiveness as an investment destination. In addition, India's young workforce, expanding middle-class population, and rapidly growing digital economy continue to attract investors from around the world.



The World Investment Report also identifies sectors that are expected to drive future investment. Globally, investment is shifting toward AI, renewable energy, semiconductor manufacturing, digital infrastructure, and advanced technologies. India is well positioned to benefit from these trends

due to its strong information technology sector, skilled human resources, expanding renewable energy capacity, and increasing focus on electronics manufacturing. Investments in electric vehicles, data centers, green hydrogen, and semiconductor production are expected to strengthen India's industrial competitiveness in the coming years.



Despite these positive developments, the report also points out several challenges. Global geopolitical tensions, trade policy uncertainty, high borrowing costs, and economic fragmentation continue to create risks for international investment flows. For India, infrastructure gaps, regulatory complexities in some sectors, land acquisition issues, skill shortages, and delays in project implementation remain important concerns. Addressing these issues is essential to maintain long-term investor confidence and ensure that investment translates into employment generation and technological advancement.

Another important observation of the report is that attracting investment alone is not sufficient. Countries must ensure that foreign investment contributes to productive capacity, innovation, technology transfer, skill development, and sustainable development. India has an opportunity to use FDI not merely as a source of capital but as a

catalyst for industrial modernization, export growth, and integration into global value chains. Strengthening research and development, supporting MSMEs, and promoting green investments will help maximize the developmental benefits of FDI.

In conclusion, the World Investment Report 2026 presents an optimistic outlook for India. While the global investment environment remains uncertain, India has successfully strengthened its position as a preferred destination for international investors. Continued economic reforms, investment-friendly policies, infrastructure development, and technological innovation will enable India to sustain this momentum. By focusing on inclusive and sustainable investment, India can transform foreign capital into long-term economic growth, employment generation, and global competitiveness, thereby playing a leading role in the evolving international investment landscape.



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4. Platform to meet global business and political leaders
5. Opportunity to participate in seminars, conferences and B2B meetings

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2. 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
5. Weekly Awareness programme “Talk with an Expert” inviting experts/departmental heads to discuss policies, new laws, startups, MSMEs, Legal, Financial Issues, Corporates etc
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 - Corporate Insolvency & Restructuring
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 - Fintech
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 - Media & IT
 - Startup & Skill Development
 - Social Communication & Outreach
 - Road Safety & Traffic Awareness
 - Entrepreneurial Skill Development
 - 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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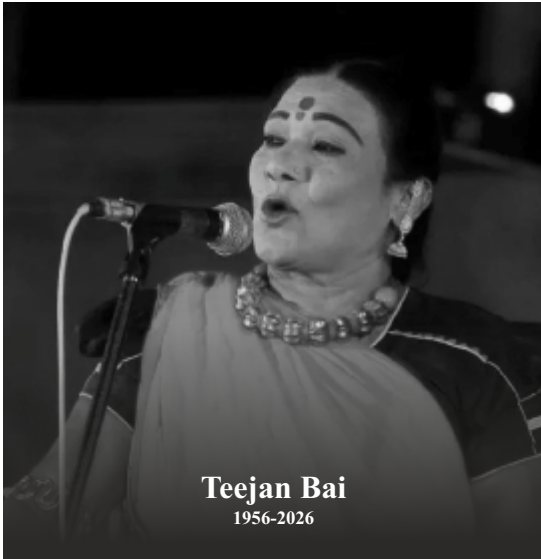
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES...BUILDING NATION!!

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- Assisting Indian businesses to expand in 62 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

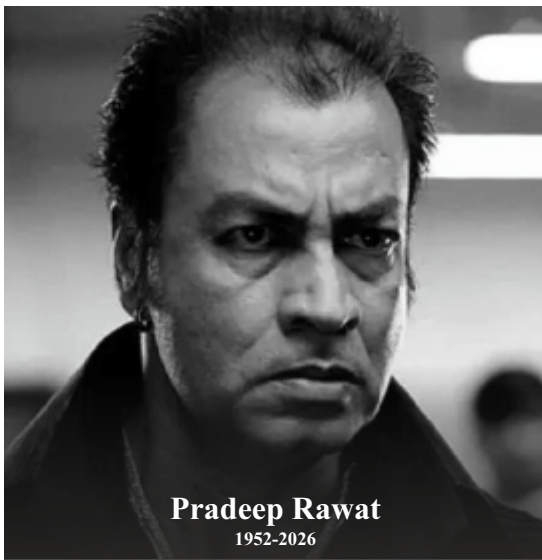






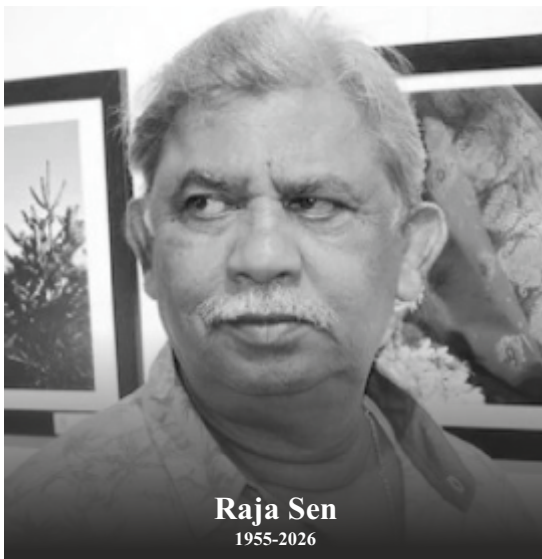
Legendary Folk Singer Teejan Bai Passed Away at 70

Legendary folk singer and Pandavani exponent Teejan Bai passed away at the age of 70 on 5 July 2026, marking the loss of one of India's most celebrated folk artists. Renowned for her powerful voice, distinctive storytelling style, and captivating performances, she played a pivotal role in bringing the traditional Pandavani art form to national and international audiences. Her remarkable portrayal of stories from the Mahabharata earned her widespread recognition and admiration. Over the years, she received several prestigious honours, including the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Vibhushan. Teejan Bai's immense contribution to Indian folk culture and performing arts left an enduring legacy. She was remembered as one of India's finest folk storytellers and cultural icons, whose work enriched India's cultural heritage and inspired generations of artists



Veteran Actor Pradeep Rawat Passed Away at 74

Veteran actor Pradeep Rawat passed away at the age of 74 after battling blood cancer, marking the loss of a respected and versatile figure in Indian cinema. Known for his powerful screen presence and memorable performances, he appeared in numerous Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, and other regional-language films during his distinguished career. His ability to portray a wide range of characters earned him recognition and admiration from audiences across the country. Over the years, he became particularly known for his impactful roles in action, drama, and character-driven films. Pradeep Rawat's contribution to Indian cinema left a lasting impression, and his memorable performances continued to be cherished by film lovers. He was remembered as a talented actor whose work enriched Indian cinema..



National Award-Winning Bengali Filmmaker Raja Sen Passed Away at 71

National Award-winning Bengali filmmaker Raja Sen passed away at the age of 71, marking the loss of a respected figure in Indian cinema. Known for his thoughtful storytelling and distinctive filmmaking style, he made significant contributions to Bengali cinema through films and television projects that reflected social themes, human emotions, and cultural values. His work earned critical appreciation and recognition, including the prestigious National Film Award. Over the course of his career, Raja Sen remained closely associated with meaningful and content-driven cinema, leaving a lasting impression on audiences and the film fraternity. His contribution to Bengali filmmaking enriched India's regional cinema and inspired generations of filmmakers.

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN JULY-AUGUST 2026

1 July	 Burundi	Independence Day
1 July	 Canada	Canada Day
3 July	 Belarus	Independence Day
4 July	 USA	Independence Day
11 July	 Mongolia	Independence Day / Revolution Day
14 July	 France	<u>National Day</u>
21 July	 Belgium	Accession of King Leopold I
23 July	 Egypt	Revolution Day
30 July	 Morocco	Throne Day
1 August	 Switzerland	Foundation of Confederation
6 August	 Jamaica	Independence Day
7 August	 Cote d'Ivoire	Independence Day
15 August	 India	Independence Day
15 August	 Republic of Korea	Liberation Day
17 August	 Gabon	Independence Day
17 August	 Indonesia	Independence Day
19 August	 Afghanistan	Independence Day
20 August	 Hungary	Saint Stephen's Day
24 August	 Ukraine	Independence Day
25 August	 Uruguay	Independence Day
31 August	 Kyrgyzstan	Independence Day
31 August	 Malaysia	Independence Day / Malaysia Day

DAYS TO REMEMBER IN JULY-AUGUST 2026



Our Hearts are Heavy

Our hearts are heavy with the loss of lives in the recent tragedy in Nepal. On behalf of FII, we express our deepest condolences to the grieving families and extend our support to the people affected. In times of adversity, resilience and community support guide the way forward. No matter how heavy the burden, we stand with you. Our thoughts & prayers are with Nepal.



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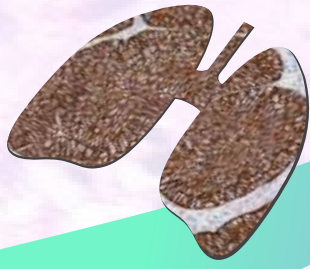
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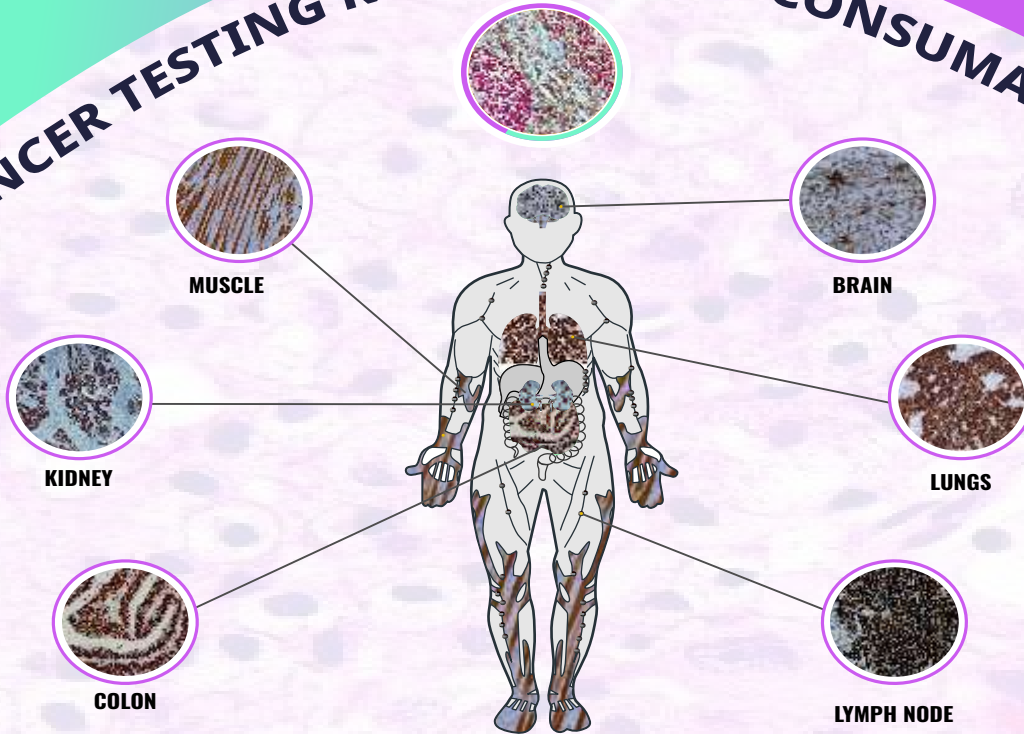


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