



## Global investments flow into India

**B**ucking a global trend, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to India grew by 6 percent to US\$42 billion in 2018 with strong inflows in the manufacturing, communication and financial services sectors, and cross-

ranked India among the top 20 host economies for FDI inflows in 2017-18 and accounted for the largest chunk of the \$54 billion that flowed into South Asia last year. The Asian region as a whole remained the world's largest

percent in 2018 from the \$1.5 trillion in 2017 to \$1.3 trillion last year, said the report. This fall to the lowest level since the global financial crisis marked the third consecutive annual decline and underlined the lack of growth in international investment this decade, said UNCTAD.

The UN report also showed that prospects for FDI inflows into South Asia are largely determined by expectations of growing investment into India. Announced greenfield investment in the country doubled to \$56 billion in 2018, with projects in a number of manufacturing industries, including automotive. During 2018-19, FDI equity inflows were the highest from Singapore (\$16.23 billion), followed by Mauritius (\$8.08 billion), Netherlands (\$3.87 billion), USA (\$3.14 billion), and Japan (\$2.97 billion).

The report added that the growth in cross-border mergers and acquisitions (M&As) for India from \$23 billion in 2017 to \$33 billion in 2018 was primarily due to transactions in retail trade,

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border merger and acquisition activities, according to a new UN report.

The latest *World Investment Report 2019*, by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD),

FDI recipient, absorbing 39 percent of global inflows in 2018.

India was among the countries that had positive foreign investment inflows during 2018. Globally, FDI fell by 13

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#### Message by H.E. K. Jeeva Sagar, Ambassador of India to Kuwait

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H.E. K Jeeva Sagar

also like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and profound gratitude to all well-wishers and friends of India in Kuwait, particularly to the leadership, the people and the Government of Kuwait, for their steadfast commitment to the close and friendly

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two friendly countries are rooted in history and nurtured by civilizational linkages and people-to-people affinities. Presence of a large number of Indians in this friendly, peace-loving and vibrant nation of Kuwait is a testimony to the enduring

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# Moon Shot is just the beginning, India harnesses space technology for the benefit of all

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India's Moon Shot is well on its way to the Moon and if all goes well the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) hopes to soft land a robotic craft on the lunar surface in early September. Dr. K.Sivan the Chairman of ISRO has described the Chandrayaan-2 (Moon Vehicle) as the 'most complex space mission ever undertaken by India'.

India has a total of fifty operational satellites that provide navigation services, help in weather forecasting, support smart cities, aid satellite television and even help in banking operations, today 'touching lives and saving lives is the hallmark of ISRO' says Sivan. India has end-to-end capabilities in space, making its own satellites, rockets and launching them from India. Many foreign companies use India's rockets to launch their satellites. The South Asia satellite launched in 2017 is a unique friendly bird in the sky that helps connect India's neighbours, and India provided this communications satellite at no cost to the South Asian countries.

Most recently on the hot and humid afternoon of 22 July, 2019 at India's rocket port of Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota exactly at 2.43pm India's most powerful rocket the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-3 nicknamed the

'Baahubali' lifted off into the monsoon clouds carrying India's Chandrayaan-2 satellite into space. In less than 17 minutes, the 640 tonne rocket, equivalent to the weight of 1.5 Jumbo Jets, and at 44 meters stands as high as a fifteen storey building, completed its mission by putting the Chandrayaan-2 satellite in a 'better than expected orbit' said Sivan.

Possibly the rocket was compensating for the heartburn it caused when a week earlier on 15 July the launch had to be aborted less than an hour before lift-off due to a 'technical snag'. Scientists at the Indian space agency burnt the midnight oil and fixed the glitch, bouncing back with aplomb. Speaking about the rapid come back Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "If you ask me what the two greatest lessons I have received from Chandrayaan-2, I shall say they are faith and fearlessness."

Modi, a known space enthusiast who knows how to deploy space technology for effective governance of the 1.3 billion Indians, added "The second important lesson is - never lose hope in the face of stumbling blocks or obstacles. The way our scientists rectified technical issues in record time, burning the midnight oil, is in itself an exemplary, unparalleled task. The world watched the 'Tapasya', the awesome perseverance of our



scientists. We should also feel proud of the fact that despite hindrances, there is no change in the arrival time [on the moon] ... many are amazed at that. We have to face temporary setbacks in life... but always remember- the capacity to overcome them resides within us."

Earlier this year India also carried out another spectacular space experiment when on 27 March India shot down its own low earth orbiting satellite Microsat-R using a custom made missile launched from the Kalam Island in the Bay of Bengal. Called an Anti-satellite weapon test (A-Sat) it was dubbed 'Mission Shakti' and according to Dr G. Satheesh Reddy, Director General of the Defence Research and Development

Organisation (DRDO), "India acted responsibly by conducting the test at a low altitude so that minimum space debris was generated."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Through the A-Sat, we have acquired the capability of destroying a satellite three hundred kilometres away in a mere three minutes." India became the fourth country in the world to possess this capacity, after the USA, Russia and China, who have demonstrated this lethal capability to knock down satellites in space. This was a demonstration by India that it will do all it takes to protect its vital space assets in space. Indian satellites help the country's economy and are a vital space

borne infrastructure for New Delhi.

Chandrayaan-2 is India's second moon shot the first was launched in 2008 named Chandrayaan-1 and it was an orbiter where 'India was the captain and several countries like USA, UK, the European Space Agency were players as India lofted their instruments all the way to the moon free of cost'. Chandrayaan-1 made global history when this under \$ 100 million mission made the startling discovery of the presence of water molecules on the parched lunar surface. This renewed twenty first century 'back to the moon' effort in a way was spurred by Chandrayaan-1 and now USA seeks to send astronauts back to the moon in the next few years.

Chandrayaan-2 according to Sivan "is a three in one mission" where there is an orbiter that will go around the moon, a lander named Vikram that will attempt a soft landing near the South Pole of the moon and small six wheeled moon rover called Pragyaan. Modi says "Chandrayaan-2 is Indian to the core. It is thoroughly Indian in heart and spirit. It is completely a 'swadeshi', home grown mission. This mission has proved beyond doubt, once again, that when it comes to attempting an endeavour in new age, cutting edge areas, with innovative zeal, our scientists are second to none. They are the best... they are world class."

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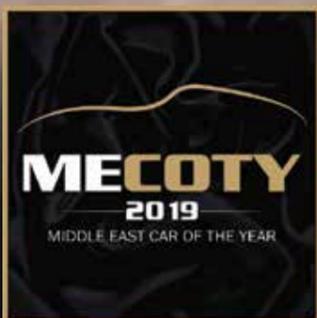
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# India's Climate Change Policy: Towards a Better Future

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As a populous, tropical developing country, India faces a bigger challenge in coping with the consequences of Climate Change than most other countries. Climate Change is a global phenomenon but with local consequences. There are both external and domestic dimensions to India's Climate Change policy which has been articulated through two key documents. One is the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) adopted on 30 June, 2008.

The other is India's Intended Nationally Determined Commitments (INDC) submitted to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2 October 2015. The NAPCC has an essentially domestic focus. The INDC is a statement of intent on Climate Change action announced in the run up to the Paris Climate Change summit held in December 2015.

The NAPCC incorporates India's vision of ecologically sustainable development and steps to be taken to implement it. It is based on the awareness that Climate Change action must proceed simultaneously on several intimately inter-related domains, such as energy, industry,

agriculture, water, forests, urban spaces and the fragile mountain environment. This was the backdrop to the 8 National Missions spelt out in the NAPCC. The need for inter-related policy and coordinated action has been recognized, only several years later, in the adoption by the UN of the 17 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). The National Missions are on Solar Energy, Enhancing Energy Efficiency, creating a Sustainable Urban Habitat, Conserving Water, Sustaining the fragile Himalayan Ecosystem, creating a Green India through expanded forests, making Agriculture Sustainable and creating a Strategic Knowledge Platform for serving all the National Missions. The NAPCC acknowledged that Climate Change and Energy Security were two sides of the same coin; that India had to make a strategic shift from its current reliance on fossil fuels to a pattern of economic activity based progressively on renewable sources of energy such as solar energy and cleaner sources such as nuclear energy. Such a shift would enhance India's energy security and contribute to dealing with the threat of Climate Change. Thus a co-benefit approach underlies India's Climate Change strategy. The NAPCC



constitutes India's response to Climate Change based on its own resources but recognizes that it is intimately linked to the parallel multilateral effort, based on the principles and provisions of the UNFCCC, to establish a global Climate Change regime. It was India's hope that the ongoing multilateral negotiations under the UNFCCC would yield an agreed outcome, based on the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibility and Respective Capabilities (CBDR), which would enable developing countries like India, through international financial support and technology transfer, to accelerate its shift towards a future of renewable and clean energy.

While India has made significant progress in implementing several of the National Missions, its expectations of a supportive international Climate Change regime based on equitable burden sharing among nations, has been mostly belied. It is in this context that one should evaluate India's subsequent INDC submitted on the eve of the crucial Paris Summit on Climate Change of December 2015.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been one of the world leaders who has taken a keen interest in Climate Change issues. Under his leadership India decided to adopt a more proactive, ambitious and forward looking approach in the run-

up to the Paris Climate summit. This is reflected in the country's INDC. It links India's commitment to ecologically sustainable economic development with its age old civilizational values of respecting Nature, incorporating a sense of inter-generational equity and common humanity.

The targets India has voluntarily committed itself to are unprecedented for a developing country. The energy intensity of India's growth will decline by 33-35 percent by 2030 compared to 2005 base year, which means that for every additional dollar of GDP India will be using progressively and significantly lesser amount of energy. There is confidence that based on the achievements of the National Mission on Enhancing Energy Efficiency, this target will be met. India being one of the world's largest emerging economy, which already has a large energy footprint globally, this constitutes a major contribution to tackling global Climate Change.

The INDC has set a target of 175 GW of renewable energy by the year 2030 on the strength of the outstanding success of the National Solar Mission. It is reported that this capacity may well be achieved 10 years in advance.

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# Renewable energy and sustainability in India

*India is among the largest producers in the world of energy from renewable sources. In the electricity sector, renewable energy accounts for 34.4 percent of the total installed power capacity. Large hydro installed capacity was 45.29 GW as of 31 March 2018, contributing to 13 percent of the total power capacity. The remaining renewable energy sources accounted for 20 percent of the total installed power capacity (71.325 GW) as of 30 June 2018.*

**W**ind power capacity was 34,046 MW as of 31 March 2018, making India the fourth-largest wind power producer in the world. The country has a strong manufacturing base in wind power with 20 manufacturers making wind turbine models of different capacity and exporting to countries in Europe, the United States and other countries.

The government target of installing 20 GW of solar power by 2022 was achieved four years ahead of schedule in January 2018, through both solar parks as well as roof-top solar panels. India has set a new target of achieving 100 GW of solar power by 2022. Four of the top seven largest solar parks worldwide are in India including the second largest solar park in the world at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, with a capacity of 1000 MW. The world's largest solar power plant, Bhadla Solar Park is being constructed in Rajasthan with a capacity of 2255 MW and is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

Biomass power from biomass combustion reached 8.3 GW installed capacity as of 31 March 2018. Family type biogas plants reached 3.98 million.

India is running one of the largest and most ambitious renewable capacity expansion programs in the world. Newer renewable electricity sources are projected to grow massively by nearer term 2022 targets, including a more than doubling of India's large wind power capacity and



an almost 15 fold increase in solar power from April 2016 levels. These targets would place India among the world leaders in renewable energy use and place India at the centre of its 'Sunshine Countries' International Solar Alliance project promoting the growth and development of solar power internationally to over 120 countries. India

set a target of achieving 40 percent of its total electricity generation from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030, as stated in its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions statement in the Paris Agreement. A blueprint draft published by Central Electricity Authority projects that 57 percent of the total electricity capacity will

be from renewable sources by 2027. In the 2027 forecasts, India aims to have renewable energy installed capacity of 275 GW, in addition to 72 GW of hydro-energy, 15 GW of nuclear energy and nearly 100 GW from other zero emission sources.

The 2022 electrical power targets include achieving 227GW (earlier 175 GW) of energy from renewable sources - nearly 113 GW through solar power, 66 GW from wind power, 10 GW from biomass power, 5GW from small hydro and 31GW from floating solar and offshore wind power. The bidding process for the further additional 115 GW or thereabouts to meet these targets of installed capacity from January 2018 levels will be completed by the end of 2019-2020. The government has announced that no new coal-based capacity addition is required beyond the 50 GW under different stages of construction likely to come online between 2017 and 2022.

India's need to increase energy provision for its population and fast growing economy poses a formidable challenge which is perceived as both a great opportunity as well as a necessity for the country to increase the share of renewable in the overall energy mix. At the same time there is a need to provide energy access to rural areas and reduce import dependence on fossil fuels. India's approach is to meet its energy needs in a responsible, sustainable and eco-friendly manner.

## Heguru Right Brain Creativity

*Henmi Educational General Laboratory (HEGL), in short called "Heguru" is an educational network of classes for young children, based in Tachikawa, Tokyo, developed over the past 35 years by Mr. Hirotada Henmi Sensei and Mrs. Ruiko Henmi Sensei. Heguru operates schools in Tokyo (Tachikawa and Hachioji), Nagoya and Niigata. It also operates Heguru classes outside Japan in many countries – China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Myanmar, Australia, Kuwait, UAE and India.*

Heguru classes start from the prenatal stage, when the baby is still in the mother's womb. The important thing at this earliest stage is to keep the mother's body healthy and in balance, and to keep her in a positive state of mind. The infant and toddler stage right after birth is crucial period and in these early years it is important to build the "foundational strength" by nurturing the "mind and heart". Children learn to control their own minds and interact with others in a considerate and kind-hearted way. Furthermore, as they develop their capacities for concentration and imagination, they build a brain circuitry that can process all kinds of information through imaging and visualization. By possessing both the regular circuitry of the Left Brain, which processes information through language, and the imaging circuitry, which processes information through imaging and visualization, children's overall brain processing speeds become faster, and this allows for the possibility of simultaneous processing, which is a feature of the Right Brain. To possess these

two circuitries, children's Right Brain needs to be tapped into from an early age, and this gives them an overwhelming advantage when it comes to examinations for primary and secondary schools, as well as university levels.

### The Heguru Method's 3 Achievements:-

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3. Strengthening the capacity for "independent studying", useful for school entrance exams. Helping children develop the "habit of pro-active studying"; learning of their own free will, so that they don't have any difficulties dealing with exam situations.

Heguru's Infant Classes from Age 0 bring out the innate and remarkable talents of children in a fun and undemanding way. Heguru aims to give its pupils the "foundational strength" to excel in any fields or subjects they may choose.

There are four levels in Heguru classes. The first level is the Prenatal Class that provides a whole range of critical and useful information for expecting mothers. The classes help to strengthen the bond between mother and child by communicating with their unborn baby which makes a compassionate and loving child. Children born with Heguru Prenatal Education feel secure, loved, and experience no loneliness or neglect.

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1. Full and comprehensive lessons that last 70-90mins.
2. A program that strikes the perfect balance between Right and Left Brain.
3. Encouraging independence by conducting classes without parents present.

The fourth level is the Primary classes (Ages 7-14yrs) where Heguru enables students to apply the 6 abilities they nurtured in preschool; "Memory", "Comprehension", "Adaptability", "Imagination", "Speed-reading", and "High-speed processing skills". The four major strengths of this level are:-

Heguru produces many students who perform in the top tiers of the most competitive

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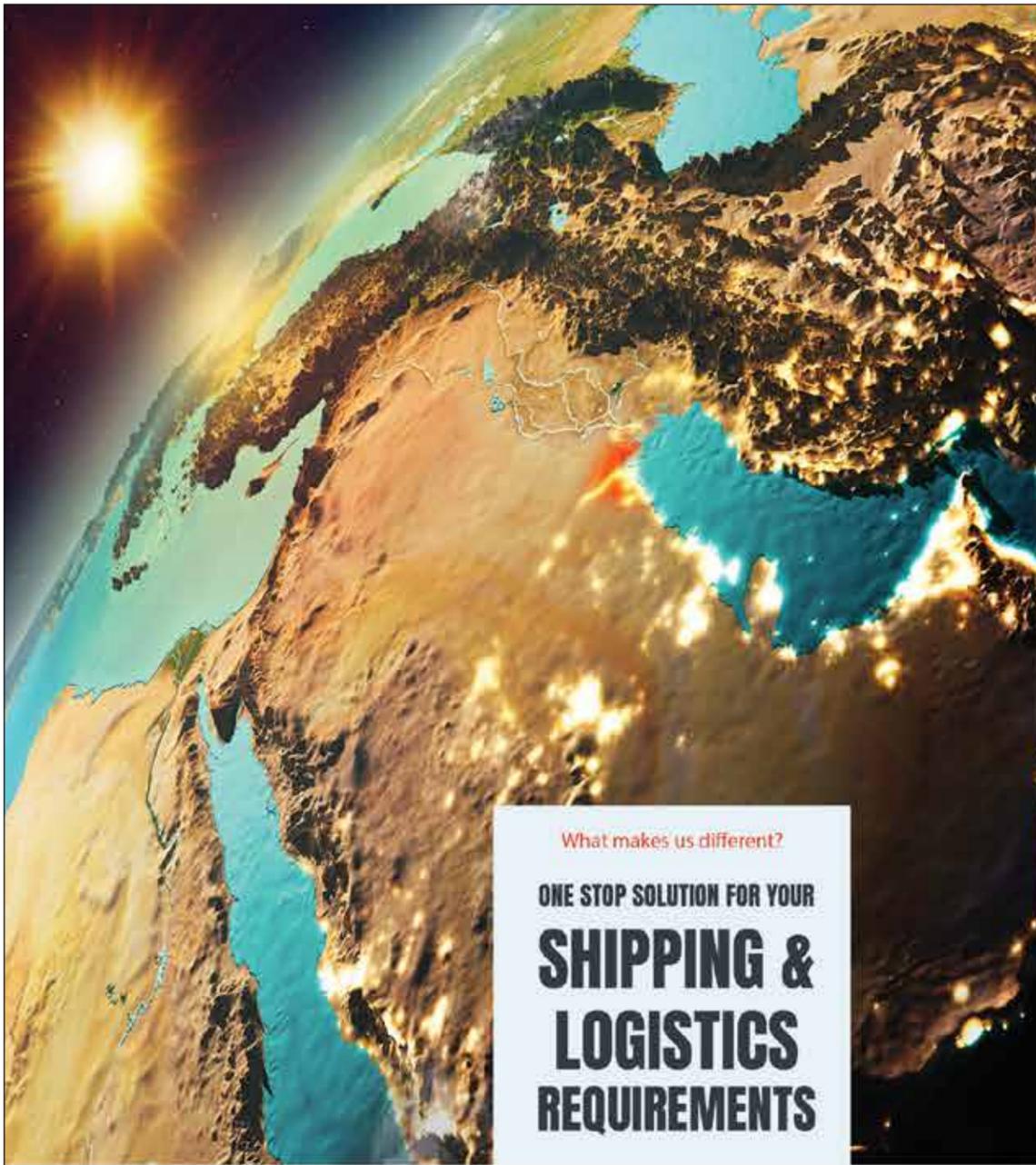
Furthermore, a remarkable ability that comes with Right Brain Development is Hado Reading. Absorbing the entire contents of a book instantly by just flipping through its pages is a skill and technique unique to the Right Brain. In the past, the classes at Heguru Japan have received a great amount of media and TV coverage with particular regard to this Hado Reading method and Heguru remains the only educational network in the world that has the proven ability and knowhow to teach and develop this particular skill. Hado Reading improves not just academic performance, but also contributes to markedly greater success in sports as well as arts such as music and painting.

Heguru teachers undergo rigorous training and pass exams at headquarters in Japan, and they must be kind and teach children to have good thoughts.

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The Inspiration for bringing Heguru system of Right Brain Education to Kuwait had come to Mr. S. Ramadoss during one of his business visits to Malaysia and Singapore when he had accidentally visited Heguru Centres in those countries. He was so impressed by the brilliance of the children being educated in those Centres that he on the spot decided to bring Heguru to Kuwait. Thus, Heguru Kuwait was set up in the year 2016. It is located at Building No. 40, Block 10, Amman Street, Salmiya (Tel: 25625500 / 50988765).





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which includes e-commerce, and telecommunication. Among the mega retail deals inked last year were the \$16 billion acquisition of Flipkart, India's biggest e-commerce platform, by American giant Walmart, and the deal in telecommunication involving Vodafone and American Tower which amounted to \$2 billion.

Foreign direct investment is critical for countries, especially for nations in the developing and emerging market. International funding and technical expertise help companies in the developing world expand their operations and grow more competitive in the global marketplace; it also helps countries to develop infrastructure, energy, and water projects that increase jobs and wages.

Inclusive sustainable development depends on a global policy environment that is conducive to cross-border investment, said UN Secretary-General António Guterres in a foreword to the UNCTAD report. "The significant acceleration required to meet the investment needs associated with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is not yet apparent. We need to raise ambition on climate action, address debt vulnerabilities and reduce trade tensions to foster environments that are conducive to scaling up long-term and sustainable investments," said the UN Chief.

It is not just developing countries, developed economies, such as the European Union and the United States, also need FDI. Enterprises in these countries draw FDI mainly through their merger and acquisitions and use it for either restructuring or refocusing on core businesses. Apart from FDI accounting for 14.2 percent of Indian GDP in 2018 and being a crucial driver of economic growth, foreign investments are a major source of non-debt financial resource for the economic development of India. Some of the other recent significant FDI announcements include:

In October 2018, VMware, a leading software innovating enterprise of US

announced an investment of \$2 billion in India between by 2023. In August 2018, Bharti Airtel received approval of the Government of India for sale of 20 percent stake in its DTH arm to an America based private equity firm, Warburg Pincus, for around \$350 million. In June 2018, the Department of Telecommunication approved an appeal by Idea, a leading provider of telecommunication services, for 100 percent FDI and merger with Vodafone (UK) to create Vodafone Idea, the largest telecom operator in India. In February 2018, Ikea announced its plans to invest up to \$12 million in the state of Maharashtra to set up multi-format stores and experience centres. Kathmandu based conglomerate, CG Group is looking to invest \$156 million in India by 2020 in its food and beverage business. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment arm of the World Bank Group, is also planning to invest about \$6 billion through 2022 in several sustainable and renewable energy programmes in India.

Another major reason why countries court FDI is that it helps offset the volatility created by 'hot money' — asset bubbles created by short-term lenders and currency traders when they invest large amounts of money in one lot, and then sell their investments just as fast to make a profit. But this creates a 'boom-bust' cycle that ruins economies and brings down political regimes. Foreign direct investment is a more long-term strategy by investors and takes longer to set up, as such it tends to have a more permanent footprint in a country.

The Indian government's favourable policy regime and robust business environment have ensured that foreign capital keeps flowing into the country. The government has taken many initiatives in recent years such as relaxing FDI norms across sectors such as defence, PSU oil refineries, telecom, power exchanges, and stock exchanges, among others. In September 2018, the Government of India released the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018 which envisages increasing FDI inflows in the telecommunications sector to US\$ 100 billion by 2022.

## Moon Shot is just the beginning...

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India has sent 13 indigenously made scientific instruments that will analyse the lunar surface, map the topography, search for water and measure moonquakes among other things, this time also India is carrying a small instrument for the American space agency NASA on board the Vikram Lander.

The Indian moon rover is powered by artificial intelligence and is expected to do its long march on the moon surface for about half a kilometre in its nominal life of 14 days. ISRO hopes to soft land on the lunar surface on 7 September, 2019, and if the attempt succeeds, India will become the fourth country after USA, Russia and China to have the capability to soft land on another planetary body. Sivan says "there will be 15 terrifying minutes when the Vikram lander goes in for its final landing manoeuvre".

This is not all, by the end of this year India has another ten space missions lined up which includes the much awaited heart stopper, the demonstration of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) or the 'Baby PSLV' a low cost rocket with a short turn-around time that can hoist 500 kilograms in space.

India also has plans to send a planetary explorer to Venus, have another robotic mission to Mars in the next few years. The mother of all missions Gaganyaan is also well on its way where, by 2022 India hopes to send an Indian astronaut into space on an Indian rocket from Indian soil.

India is no doubt betting big on space technology. Modi says "I fervently hope that the Chandrayaan-2 mission will inspire our youth towards science and innovation. After all, science is the path to progress."

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Spanning a legacy of thousands of years, the jewelry of India is a striking expression of the country's aesthetic and cultural history. The small number of jewels that have survived from different periods and different parts of the country, beautiful jewels carved on sculpted images in ancient temples, references in literature, texts on gemology, myths, legends and chronicles provide evidence of a tradition without parallel in the world. The gods were richly bejeweled at all times, men proudly wore jewels, women adorned themselves with ornaments in myriad ways and unique forms protected children from the powerful gaze of the evil-eye. Painstakingly wrought by anonymous goldsmiths in ateliers and workshops across the country, India's jewelry tradition celebrates the great variety of forms, the beauty of Indian design and the genius of Indian craftsmanship. Harappan Civilisation was home to treasure trove of jewelry made of gold, terracotta and shell, and a vast quantity of beads.

There was a well-developed bead-making industry there, with carnelian, agate, turquoise, steatite, faience and gold being fashioned into exquisite beads and interspersed with gold spacers to fashion beautiful ornaments. Dating to 2600-1900 BCE, the ornaments from Mohenjodaro and Harappa exhibit a sophistication and finesse that are incredible for the variety of raw materials used, for the knowledge of metallurgy and fabrication technology and the range of forms and styles.

During the Mughal period, jewelry and gemstones were the ultimate symbol of wealth and power. Mughal jewelry is a unique combination of precious metals, fabulous gemstones and polychrome enamel. By inlaying colored enamel paste onto the metal surface of ornaments, the jeweler created a veritable garden, ablaze with all

## Traditional jewelry of India



manner of flowers, leaves and birds. South India or Dakshinapatha was a golden land and the repository of the mineral wealth of ancient India. Ships from around the world anchored in ports along the Malabar and Coromandel coasts of South India and merchants flocked to gem bazaars in Goa, Bijapur, Vijayanagar, Madurai and Hyderabad exchanging gold for diamonds, rubies, emeralds and pearls as well as spices and cottons.

The renowned Golconda diamond mines produced millions of carats of the most beautiful diamonds, while pearl fisheries in the Gulf of Manar produced large quantities of lustrous pearls. The 19th century was a period of magnificent splendor and ostentatious display in the many royal courts around India. For the numerous rajas, maharajas and nawabs, jewels were quintessential accessories to their court life and aristocratic privilege. To the maharaja, personal adornment was not just a matter of tradition or personal taste, but also a proclamation of rank, wealth, and power. They exhibited their privileged status by their blazing turban jewels, magnificent necklaces studded with diamonds, rubies and emeralds, and even objects such as fly whisks, ink stands and boxes.



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## A destination defining excitement

From desert stargazing and snow leopard spotting, to mountain trekking in the Himalayas, there is never a shortage of excitement when visiting India. Here are some of the excitement that you could experience when taking a trip to this 'incredible' land.



**Track India's 'big five':** India is home to a wide array of wildlife, but it is the country's cats that garner most of the attention. It is home to five big cats — Bengal tigers, Asiatic lions, snow leopards, clouded leopards and Indian leopards — and the chances of spotting them are reasonably high if you head to the right places.

The best national parks for seeing tigers are Bandhavgarh, Ranthambore, Kanha, Pench, Satpura and Corbett. Though there are good populations of tigers in the Sunderbans, they can be difficult to see. Leopards are widely spread across India; you will find them as far south as Kerala and as north as Rajasthan. Snow leopards can be found near Ladakh, high in the Indian Himalaya. A visit in the winter will maximise chances of seeing them as they descend from the mountains in search of food — they seem particularly fond of the local bharal and blue sheep.

Clouded leopards live in the foothills of the Himalaya, and despite their name are not closely related to leopards. They are considered the evolutionary link between small cats and big cats. The Kanchenjunga Biosphere Reserve in Sikkim is one of the best places to see them.

Finally, seek out the world's only surviving Asiatic lions in Gujarat State. Smaller and shaggier than their African cousins, they can only be found in Sasan Gir National Park.

**Explore the temples:** With its multitude of religions and deities, it comes as no surprise that India is a land of temples. Throughout the ages temples have been the canvas for ideas,



architecture, sculpture and arts. Dominating landscapes or carved into mountains and caves, they are buzzing, vibrant centers of active devotion.

Blush at the erotic carvings of the Khajuraho temple in Madhya Pradesh. Sample food prepared under the scrutiny of Goddess Mahalakshmi in

the Lord Jagannath temple in Orissa. Marvel at the technicolour animals, gods and demons that adorn the Meenakshi Sundareshwar Temple in Tamil Nadu. And explore the Golden Temple in Amritsar — a shining beacon of religious tolerance and spiritual freedom.

From the tiniest shrine to the mightiest structure, each temple reveals something of the country's soul. Take the time to seek them out.

**Trek in the Himalayas:** The Indian Himalaya conjures up images of ancient pilgrimages and sacred sites, but it is far more than that. The western ranges, from Kashmir to Nanda Devi, boast an incredible variety of communities and viewpoints. In the east, paradise-like Sikkim has giant butterflies and orchid forests while Arunachal Pradesh is the last of the Himalayan wild frontiers.

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offering stunning mountain scenery, the largest monastery in Ladakh, and the chance to see snow leopards. The monastery circuit in Sikkim reveals a land of dramatic scenery, delightful monasteries and hundreds of butterflies, birds and rare plants.

Beyond Darjeeling's magnificently manicured tea estates lies a trek through the forests of pine, conifer and rhododendron, which leads to a ridge that forms a natural border with Nepal and into Singalila National Park.

**Ride the rails:** The rail system in India is more than just a way to get around, it is an experience in its own right. Each carriage is a microcosm of India — noisy, chaotic, welcoming and vibrant. Each rail journey is as varied as the country itself. The desert crossing from Jodhpur to Jaisalmer will take you past forts and old cities, while the 'Toy Train' from Kolkata to Darjeeling zigzags its way into the mountains, past tea plantations and offers spectacular views of the Himalayas. The Cardamom Route from Madurai to Bodinayakanur will take you to the southern foothills of the Western Ghats, past plantations of cotton, mango, pepper, coffee and tea.

For a truly memorable Indian rail experience, consider taking the Grand Trunk Express from New Delhi to Chennai. It covers 2,186km, making it one of the longest train routes in India.

**Find inner peace:** India is a bit of a spiritual supermarket, with all kinds of religions, beliefs and customs. You can dip your toes into the holy waters, watching daily ceremonies on the Ghats in Varanasi or by the still waters in front of the Golden Temple in Amritsar. Or you can throw yourself into the swirling madness of Kumbha Mela, a mass of ritual bathing, naked sadhus, flashing lights and spiritual cleansing, held every three years at a designated sacred river.

Or go a little deeper by staying in one of India's Hindu Ashrams, faith-based guest houses

where even the food is included with spiritual instruction. Pondicherry, and nearby Auroville, is something of a spiritual centre, as is Rishikesh, north-east of Delhi at the foot of the Himalaya. Sitting at the spot where the holy River Ganges finishes its 272km race to escape the Himalaya, Rishikesh is packed with temples, colorful characters and ashrams.

**Celebrate the world's most colorful festivals:** With its pantheon of gods and religions, there is no shortage of festivals in India. Each region has its own celebrations too — in Kerala, for example, they observe harvest with Onam, a 10-day festival of feasting. Elsewhere in India there are kite flying and camel festivals, and an event that celebrates hornbills in Nagaland. There is no better way to immerse yourself in the country's colourful traditions than to be a part of it.

Diwali is the biggest festival, held every year between October and November. Known as the 'festival of lights', it features millions of clay lamps called diyyas that light up the streets, houses and temples around India.

Holi, held in March, is India's most colorful festival, celebrating the victory of good over evil. It is chaotic and crazy, with people throwing colored powder at each other. Although it is observed across the whole country, celebrations in the north are more vivid and jubilant. Just remember to wear clothes that you do not mind getting ruined.

**Sleep under the stars in the Rajasthan desert:** A camel safari into the Rajasthan desert is an unforgettable experience. You will be rocked gently as your camel takes you across the Thar desert to Jaisalmer, camping out at night in tents beneath a canopy of stars and calling upon small desert villages where you experience village life.

Time your visit to coincide with Pushkar camel fair, an annual event where traders from the



**Watch the world go by from a houseboat in Kerala:** The converted rice boats that ply the backwaters of Kerala offer the ultimate way to experience rural India at its most peaceful. Fertile soils and plentiful fish stocks mean it is one of the country's most abundant regions. Kick back and enjoy the idyllic sights of shady palms, paddy fields and quiet little rural churches and temples. This is India at its rural best.

Take time to look around Kerala's colorful city, Kochi, or Cochin as most of the locals prefer to call it, which is a series of peninsulas, islands and promontories caught between the lakes and rivers of its inland waterways and the Arabian Sea. Each district has a distinct personality, from the old colonial trading post of Fort Cochin and concrete city towers of commercial Ernakulam, to the sandy beaches of Vypeen Island. Lace up your walking boots and jump on the ferry to revel in the glamor of Kerala's biggest city.

region gather, showing Rajasthan at its colorful, chaotic, camel-trading best.

And do not forget to spend time in the pink city of Jaisalmer. Compact, self-contained and crowned by the oldest still-inhabited fort in the world, it is a town made for strolling, and a gentle introduction to the sights, sounds and smells of India.

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## Message by H.E. K. Jeeva Sagar, Ambassador of India to Kuwait

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spirit of cooperation and understanding that exists between the two countries and its peoples. I am quite confident that my dear Indian citizens in Kuwait will continue to uphold high ideals, values and standards here in Kuwait, abide by its laws and regulations and exert their utmost efforts in contributing towards the economic development of this friendly host country of Kuwait.

*This year, we complete 72 years of our Independence. It is not just another anniversary year, it is another significant milestone in the process of nation building, given the extraordinary circumstances in which we achieved our freedom. Through painstaking efforts of millions of people and selfless sacrifices by several leaders over decades, we have forged a robust nation with strong and vibrant democratic traditions. India of today is a nation that inspires other nations across the world, and is now widely seen as a beacon of stability and prosperity in increasingly uncertain times. This success of ours is not a result of an accident of history. Ours is a story of triumph of our collective human spirit – of hope, of devotion, of hard work, of dedication to not only the well-being of the people of our nation but also to the larger cause of humanity; this is the pledge we (and our forefathers) made to ourselves long years ago. My dear fellow citizens, we must not*

*rest on our laurels but continue to move ahead together in a determined way in this glorious journey of ours and with greater intensity and speed to redeem our pledge.*

Despite the pulls and pressures from various quarters, our democracy continues to thrive and amaze. Just a few months ago, we celebrated our democracy and further deepened its roots by organizing the largest electoral exercise in the world. Voter turnout at the recent general elections in India was the highest in its recorded history; which is another testimony to the success of our strong democratic systems and institutions. For this continued success, we owe a great deal to our founding fathers for the most prized national inheritance in the form of a single, monumental document - the Indian Constitution. Our Constitution, which is widely acclaimed as one of the finest in the world, is an expression of the principles and values we have committed ourselves to; an eternal fountain of wisdom and guidance; a fundamental source of the law of the land and the power of its people; and an encapsulation of the essence of our nationhood.

Rapid technological changes are reshaping today's world at a pace hitherto unseen in human history, thereby challenging the conventional societal notions. In these uncertain times, we, the People of India, have the historic responsibility to shape the vision of an India for the future, of a New India that adapts to the needs of the time but remains wedded to the roots of our Constitution – which guarantees a pluralistic and

inclusive society and celebrates our diversity in its myriad splendid forms.

*Friends, this year, we saw yet another historic first with the successful launch of a Mission to Moon (Chandrayaan 2). This is a reinforcement of the technological strides made by India not only in the field of Space science but in every other scientific domain. This should hold us in good stead for assuming a leadership position in many other new age industries like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things, Big Data, 3D Printing, Virtual Reality and Robotics. Indians all over the world can rightly take pride in our achievements that span each and every sector and dimension. Amidst global slowdown, India continues to remain one of the fastest growing major economies in the world making commendable progress in all areas of development. Our economy, which is already the sixth largest in the world (3rd largest on purchasing power basis), has now reached approximately US\$2.7 trillion in size and is well on its way to reach US\$3.0 trillion in the current year, and it is well within our reach to cross the US\$ 5 trillion mark in a few years.*

To fasten the pace of development, our government is continuing to undertake many structural reforms. Whilst rolling out several transformational reforms in the economy, the Government has also ensured welfare of the common citizens by continued investments in physical and social infrastructure, provision of public utilities, extension of social safety measures, financial inclusion and job creation in small and medium firms. To top it all, we are doing it in an environmentally sustainable manner. In fact, India has taken the lead in terms of its commitment towards a greener sustainable future by co-founding the International Solar Alliance (ISA), a global alliance of more than 120 countries for development and promotion of solar energy.

ISA is a prime example of how India's external policy is oriented towards greater good of the world; our commitment to a better and a harmonious world stems from our age old belief in the idea of "One world, one family". It is also a testimony to India's unwavering faith in multilateralism; wherein we work with other countries in the world to tackle issues of common concern such as international terrorism, climate change, energy and security and the reform of multilateral institutions, including the UN Security Council. The significance of the Gulf and Middle East region in India's foreign policy framework cannot be overemphasized. We are each other's extended neighborhood, and peace, security and stability of countries in this region is imperative for prosperity and economic development of India. GCC is one of our largest trading blocs, meeting a significant percentage of India's energy requirements and hosts about 8.5 million Indians. India also has a Dialogue Partnership with the Arab League.

I also take this opportunity to inform all our friends that India-Kuwait bilateral relations continue to intensify with increasing number of bilateral visits from both sides. The then Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India Mrs. Sushma Swaraj (May her soul rest in peace), visited Kuwait in October 2018 during which she called-on His Highness the Amir and other senior dignitaries in the Government of State of Kuwait. My special gratitude to His Excellency Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait, who played an extremely gracious host and contributed to highly successful and productive discussions that covered all the dimensions of our bilateral relations. Generous appreciation for the Indian community living in Kuwait from the Kuwaiti leaders stood out as a consistent theme during the interactions.

From Kuwait, former Minister of Labour and Social Affairs H.E. Mrs. Hind Al Sabeeh also paid a successful visit to India in October 2018. Visits at Minister of State level had also taken place. Institutional mechanisms between the two Foreign Ministries held meetings to discuss a wide range of topics of mutual concern and also some issues that needed deeper understanding and greater alignment. Considerable progress was made on cooperative frameworks in the areas of Defence, manpower, external policies etc.

*There is a renewed momentum on the bilateral commercial front as well with increasing trade and investment exchanges. A delegation led by the President of Kuwait's Civil Aviation visited India in January of this year and three business delegations from Kuwait have visited India to participate in various business events. To facilitate bilateral commerce exchanges further, the Indian Embassy successfully organized a Healthcare Exhibition, with participation from the top Indian hospitals and wellness centres from India, and two roadshows, with participation from business delegations from the States of Goa and Tamil Nadu so far during the year. Embassy also organized various other events, including Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas, 5th International Yoga Day and World Environment Day. Indian companies, both from Public and Private sectors, continue to operate successfully and win contracts on a competitive basis. Home to one of the largest sovereign wealth funds in the world, Kuwait is a major investing nation while India is highly rated profitable investment destination; this synergy, given the level of confidence in the relationship, needs to be explored further for mutual benefit.*

As I had highlighted right at the beginning, it is the people-to-people ties that forms the bedrock of this strong and enduring relationship. Indians form the largest expatriate community in Kuwait and are present in almost all segments of Kuwait economy. Each one of the members of the Indian Community in Kuwait has been a good brand Ambassador for India, and has played a crucial role in the positive development of our bilateral relations. In all my interactions with the Kuwaiti leadership at various levels, I have been reassured that the Indian Community in Kuwait enjoys the trust and confidence of the friendly people of Kuwait because of the community's law-abiding nature, its peaceful character, work ethic and cultural compatibility.

It is the responsibility of all of us now to reciprocate this trust and confidence reposed by the Government and the people of the friendly State of Kuwait by abiding by the values and the principles we stand for as a proud nation. Embassy will continue to accord highest priority to the welfare and well-being of the Indian Community in Kuwait.

In cooperation with the Kuwaiti authorities, Community associations, and well-wishers & volunteers of the Community, the Embassy will endeavour to address all issues and ensure the welfare of the Indian Community in Kuwait so that it can continue to provide a strong impetus to India-Kuwait relations.

Once again, on this joyous and proud occasion of the 72nd Anniversary of our Independence Day, I wish every Indian in Kuwait good health and happiness. I also take this opportunity to extend festive greetings on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha and to convey my Best Wishes for the continued good health and well-being of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and to the friendly people of the State of Kuwait.

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# Kalamkari

## Painting stories on textiles

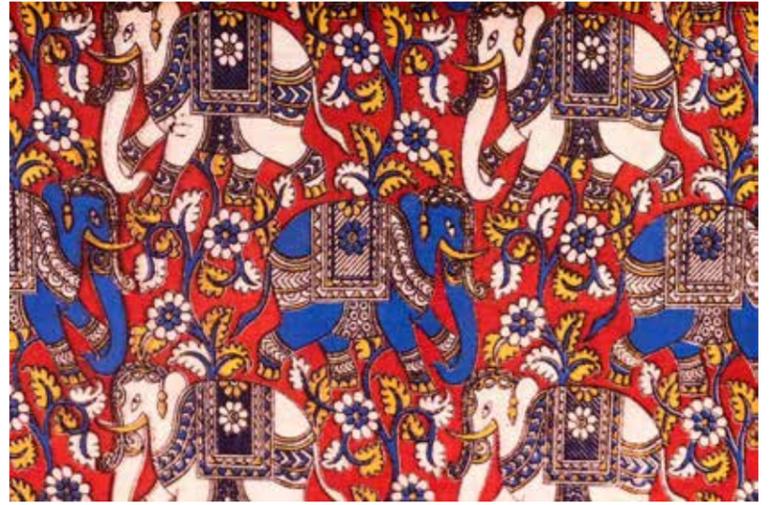
**K**alamkari, an exquisite and traditional pen craft that uses natural dyes to highlight the beauty of delicate patterns is now making its mark on contemporary products. From adorning garments with detailed designs befitting royalty to reinventing itself into a modern-day design element on utility products, Kalamkari has come a long way. An ancient Indian art which can be traced back to 3,000 years, Kalamkari which means 'pen workmanship', originated in the Golconda Sultanate of Hyderabad.

The 'Kalam' or pen is fashioned from a slender bamboo stick with a woolen rag wrapped and secured by cotton threads at one end. The other end is sharpened into a nib for achieving detailed accuracy. The wool absorbs the dye and supplies it to the nib as the artist proficiently drags the tip on a cloth composed of natural fiber thereby creating striking motifs. Kalamkari relies on organic dyes; the outlines of the drawings are made using molasses and iron fillings and colors are prepared from natural products like mineral salts,



fruits, flowers, roots and leaves. Once the painting is complete, buffalo and cow milk is blended with berries and alum to fasten colors and also to lend the cloth a glossy finish. Three styles of Kalamkari have been documented in India.

Masulipatnam, or Machilipatnam, style hails from Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh and portrays strong Islamic influence since it was patronized by Golconda Sultanate. It adapted itself with contemporary artistic trends and is famous for using Persian motifs. Hand-carved blocks are used to form the outlines of primary motifs and a specially crafted pen is used to add finer details. Srikalahasti style of Kalamkari, named after the place of its origin in Andhra Pradesh, was influenced by the abundance of temples in the area. With



black colored dyes for painting these pieces lend it a distinctive identity. Even though it takes 17 meticulous steps to create this form, the craftsmen of Srikalahasti have carried this tradition forward. This form of hand-printing has been embellished with inventive designs and has metamorphosed on to bags, table cloths and greeting cards. Karrupur style of Kalamkari from Maharashtra was influenced by Marathi sensibilities. This style is lavish since the craftsmen embellish their artistry by integrating gold brocades in their paintings. Karrupur style was popular among the Maratha royalties and the craft was used as pieces of couture in the form of saris and dhotis. Last year, the art world lauded an experiment which allowed the Kalamkari style to be printed on linen fabric. Artisans came up with linen-Kalamkari sarees following a breakthrough experiment where linen fabric was used as a base rather than cotton.



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# FEMA Regulations and NRIs

Most people who travel abroad for business, work or leisure are aware that the government keeps a tight leash on the amount of foreign currency that can be taken overseas by travelers.

The mechanism that the government resorts to control the outflow of foreign exchange and prevent money laundering is the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) of 1999.

FEMA, which regulates the flow of foreign currency across Indian borders, replaced the more stringent Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) in the wake of economic reforms implemented in the country in the early nineties. A main difference is that unlike FERA, the revamped FEMA makes violations related to foreign exchange a civil, rather than criminal, offense.

It is important for Indians working abroad to understand FEMA rules very carefully since it can affect the way they can send and receive funds from India.

Here are a few FEMA regulations that NRIs need to be cognizant of:

**NRE, NRO and FCNR account:** When you change your status from resident to Non-Resident Indian or NRI, you have to go through some formalities concerning the Savings Accounts you

hold. FEMA rules do not allow NRIs to hold a resident savings bank account. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has stipulated that NRIs need to set up an NRE, NRO or FCNR account.

- An NRO is a Non-Resident Ordinary rupee account and can be held jointly by two or more NRIs. Only inward remittances from outside India and remittances from earnings in India are possible through this account. Funds remitted, therefore, are non-repatriable to another country. Income earned in this account is fully taxable.
- An NRE is a Non-Resident (External) Rupee account. It permits for money remittances from outside India, and the entire amount in the account is also repatriable back to the country where the NRI currently resides. Income earned in this account is exempt from taxation.
- FCNR is a Foreign Currency (Non-Resident) Account, and NRIs can deposit any foreign currency in it. It is a foreign currency fixed or term deposit available for one to five years. There is no tax implication on this type of account, and funds are completely repatriable on maturity.

**Investment options:** One of the important FEMA rules for NRIs is about where they can invest. NRIs



are permitted an unlimited amount of investment options through repatriable and non-repatriable transactions. However, as per the FEMA rules for NRIs, they cannot make investments in small savings or Public Provident Fund (PPF) schemes of the government.

NRIs can also purchase or invest in residential or commercial properties in India. However, purchasing agricultural property, plantations, farmhouse land is not allowed. NRIs can also receive immovable property as gifts from relatives or through inheritance.

**Earnings from immovable assets:** Many NRIs are confused on whether they can repatriate earnings from immovable assets abroad. FEMA

says that NRIs are permitted to remit foreign currency back to India on the foreign repatriable assets such as rent earned from an immovable property owned overseas. According to FEMA guidelines for NRIs, sale proceeds of such assets are non-repatriable outside India without RBI approval. Repatriation of up to US\$1 million per financial year is allowed if you have inherited the property or retired from employment in India.

**Students going abroad:** Students pursuing higher studies overseas are treated as NRIs and are eligible for all facilities available to NRIs under FEMA. They are entitled to receive remittance up to \$1 million a year from their NRE or NRO accounts or profits on property.

## Change in residency status:

According to the RBI, immediately upon the return of the account holder to India for taking up employment or on change in the residential status, an NRE account should be designated as resident account, or the funds held in these accounts should be transferred to the RFC accounts, at the option of the account holder.

On change in residential status, FCNR (B) deposits may be allowed to continue till maturity at the contracted rate of interest, if so desired by the account holder. Authorised dealers should convert the FCNR(B) deposits on maturity into resident rupee deposit accounts or Resident Foreign Currency (RFC) account at the option of the account holder.

An RFC Savings Account can be maintained in any convertible foreign currency for NRIs who have returned to India and hold funds in foreign currency. Besides providing safe parking for your foreign currency funds, it can be transferred to an NRE/FCNR account if you change status to that of an NRI again.

NRO accounts may be designated as resident accounts on return of the account holder to India for any purpose indicating his intention to stay in India for an uncertain period.

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# 'E-Governance: The Indian paradigm for citizen-friendly governance'

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Building trust between governments and citizens is fundamental to good governance. It is also globally recognized that Information and Communication Technology (ICT) promotes good governance and that it helps build trust by enabling citizen engagement in the policy process, as well as by promoting open and accountable governance. Through e-governance, government services can be made available to citizens in a convenient, efficient and transparent manner. ICT can help in improving efficiency in mass processing tasks and public administration operations.

However, notwithstanding the economic progress over the last decade, the digital divide in India continues to be significant. As per telecom data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), at the end of May, 2017, the Urban Tele-density has reached to 172.28 and the Rural Tele-density has reached to 55.89.

Government has unveiled several citizen-friendly initiatives on e-Governance, including:

Digital India Program: 'Digital India' initiative, announced as flagship program in 2015 by government aims to transform India into a digital economy with participation from citizens, businesses and promises to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge economy with high intellectual capital. Among the nine pillars of 'Digital India', the government has inter-alia stressed upon

- (1) Creating Broadband Highways;
- (2) Reforming government through e-Governance technology; and, Electronic delivery of services through eKranti.

Broadly Digital India initiative aims to help in achieving the vision of:

- Digital Infrastructure as a Utility to Every Citizen
- Governance and Services on Demand
- Digital Empowerment of Citizens

The government has taken numerous initiatives on citizen-friendly e-governance in recent years. Some of the initiatives can be termed as unique to our country since there is a huge diversity in cultural, language and traits across the country.

India's Digital Identity Infrastructure: The government has initiated an ambitious e-governance projects Unique Identification



(UID) project by the organisation The Unique Identification Authority of India's. The UIDAI aims to provide a real-time service for verifying the identity of any Indian resident through biometrics and demographic information by name called 'Aadhaar'. The government has initiated delivery of services and several welfare schemes which have been intended to uplift and benefit the bottom line of citizens in society. Further, governments have been successful in linking Aadhaar number with several welfare schemes like LPG subsidy, scholarship to the students, pension and Public Distribution System (PDS) etc to pass the benefits to the authorised persons only.

India's Payment Infrastructure:

Unified Payments Interface: Unified platforms and applications have been developed to promote and facilitate digital financial transactions by every stratum of citizens. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is one such system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application (of any participating bank), merging several banking features, seamless fund routing, and merchant payments into one hood.

Introduction of Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) app has enabled the masses to make digital financial transactions simpler, easier and quicker. Aadhaar number linked with mobile number makes the application a unique one.

Other e-Governance Initiatives

Unified Mobile Application for New Age Governance (UMANG) application launched by the government provides a vast unified platform to citizens to access more than 200 e-Governance services from the Centre, States and even from local bodies and other private agencies on their

mobile phone. UMANG services have been made available to the citizens in multiple channels like mobile app, web, IVR and SMS which can be accessed through smart phones, feature phones, computers, and tablets. UMANG also utilizes Aadhaar based authentication mechanism.

Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has been introduced by the government aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement. It provides the tools of e-bidding, reverse e-auction and demand aggregation to facilitate the government users achieve the best value for their money.

e-Pramaan offers secure authentication with various levels of assurances by verifying the credentials of e-Pramaan users accessing different

e-Governance services through the internet or mobile devices. e-Praman provides uniformity in authentication method and eliminates the need to provide different types of identity proofs for accessing public services by the citizens. This application is benefitting lakhs of pensioners in the country.

Role of telecom sector in implementation and sustenance of e-Governance.

To access all citizen services using e-access connectivity is the most important component. In this area telecom sector plays a vital role which will help in realizing the 'Digital India' vision and facilitate inclusive growth. In particular, telecom infrastructure provides the foundation to achieve the objectives creation of broadband highway covering both rural and urban areas, universal access to mobile connectivity, public internet access and to develop smart cities in the country. The government of India (GoI) has played a significant role in strengthening the telecom sector through various policy supports.

Digital initiatives by the Indian government in consultation with TRAI include national broadband and telecom policies to make e-governance and digital services available to all citizens; the National Optical Fiber Network (NOFN) to provide connectivity to 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats; facilitating mobile transactions through feature phones; Aadhaar based e-KYC norms, public Wi-Fi and bridging affordability gap. These initiatives are expected to make e-governance available to all and help make India a digitally empowered nation.

## India's Climate Change Policy: Towards a Better Future

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The government may raise India's target to 227 GW for 2030. The target of achieving 40 percent of power from renewable sources by 2030 is likely to be achieved several years in advance. The figure is already 21 percent as of date. India is actively reducing the component of coal based thermal power in its energy mix. It is not widely known that the country has a very high cess on coal, of the order of Rs.400 per tonne, proceeds from which go into a Clean Energy Fund. India is also committed to not building any new thermal plants which are not of the most efficient ultra-supercritical category.

India played a major role in assuring the success of the Paris Climate summit and Prime Minister Modi's personal intervention in the adoption of the landmark Paris Agreement was acknowledged by several world leaders. His initiative on the setting up an International Solar Alliance for promoting solar power worldwide was welcomed.

India is advancing on a broad front to ensure a

clean energy future for its people, drawing upon its ingrained civilizational attributes and putting in place a wide range of policy interventions under the legal framework of the Energy Conservation Act, covering 15 energy intensive industries and the Energy Conservation Building Code, covering all new urban infrastructure. 32 states and territories of the Indian Union have formulated and begun implementing their own State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC). There is also an active and vibrant civic society which is promoting citizens' awareness of the threat of Climate Change and what each of us can do as individuals to meet this threat. It is hoped that India's leadership in dealing with its own challenges of Climate Change and Energy Security will act as a spur to other countries to raise their own contributions to meeting this global and existential challenge. Failure to do so condemns humanity to an uncertain and possibly catastrophic denouement.

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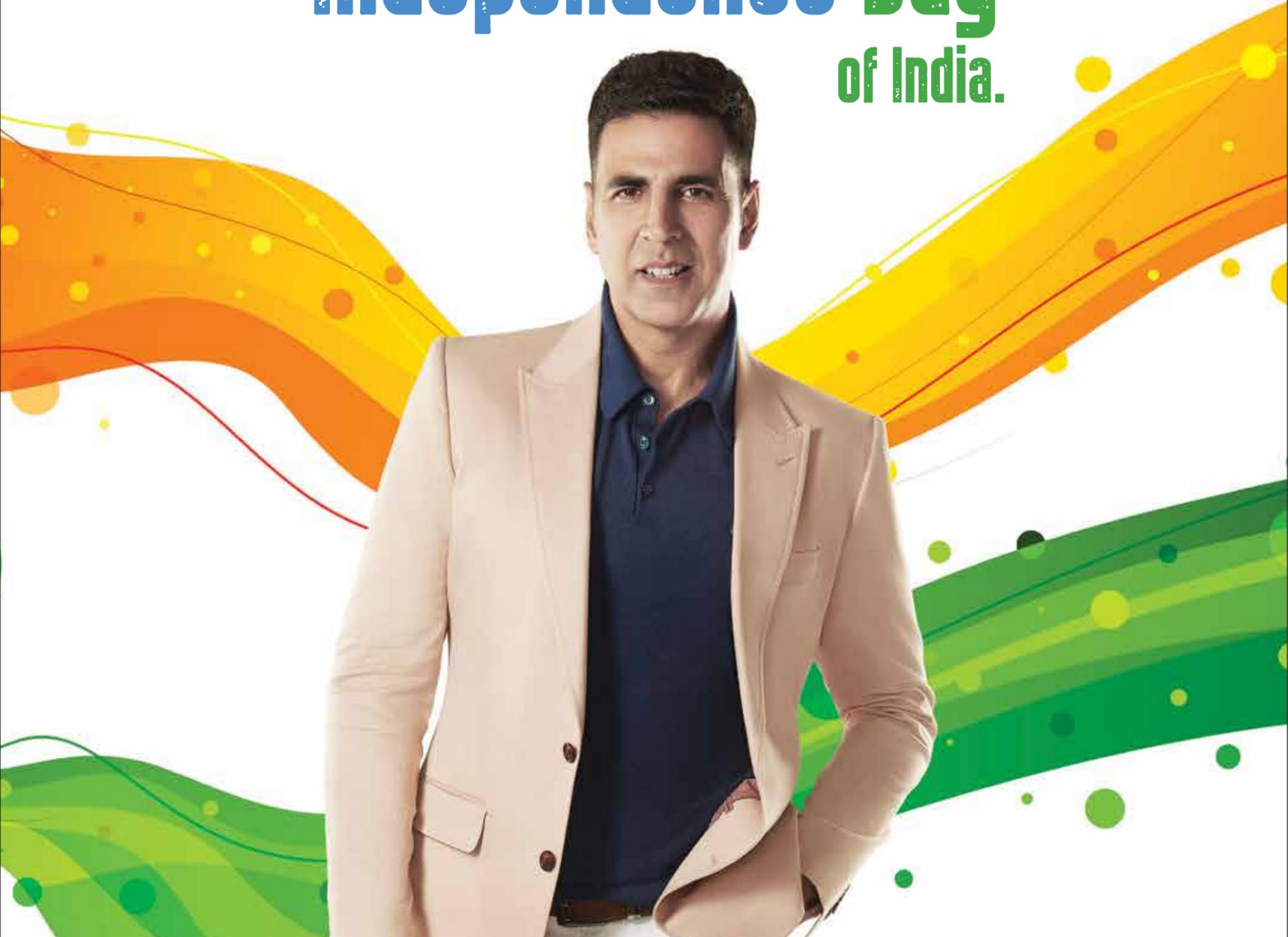
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