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India – Australia:

India-Australia trade soars under ECTA with 14% growth



India's exports to Australia rise 14% since the signing of the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA), with significant textiles, chemicals, and agriculture growth. According to the commerce ministry, new export categories, include diamond-studded gold jewellery and turbojets. Total trade in FY24 was US\$24 billion, bilateral merchandise trade surged to US\$26 billion in FY23, doubling from US\$12.2 billion in FY21.

Read More:

<https://indbiz.gov.in/india-australia-trade-soars-under-ecta-with-14-growth/>

India, Australia closer to finalising comprehensive trade agreement



India and Australia have made significant strides towards finalising their Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA), with both nations agreeing on a roadmap for its early conclusion. During a three-day stocktake meeting held from 4–6 December 2024, officials from both countries discussed critical elements of the agreement, including trade in goods and services, mobility, and agri-tech cooperation.

Read More:

<https://indbiz.gov.in/india-australia-closer-to-finalising-comprehensive-trade-agreement/>



India-Australia CECA discussions aligned with food security objectives

India and Australia carried out stocktaking discussions on the proposed bilateral comprehensive economic cooperation agreement (CECA) ensuring the talks on market access modalities remained aligned with India's food security objectives.

Read More:

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-australia-ceca-discussions-aligned-with-food-security-objectives/article68965524.ece>

Australia's net migration falls by 17%; Indians remain top immigrants



Australia's net overseas migration fell in the 2023-24 financial year, adding 446,000 people to the population, down from 536,000 in 2022-23, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). India remained one of the top five countries of birth for overseas migrants in 2023-24, alongside China, Australia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand.

Read More:

https://www.business-standard.com/finance/personal-finance/australia-s-net-migration-falls-by-17-indians-remain-top-immigrants-124121700779_1.html

India's Indo-Pacific Strategy: A vision for peace, prosperity, and partnership



India aims to anchor its Indo-Pacific strategy around the 3 Ps—peace, prosperity, and partnership, prioritising cooperation over rivalry. India's strategic location and influence in this vital region act as a key player for the Sea Lines of Communication linking the East and West.

Read More:

<https://cuts-global.org/media-Indias-indo-pacific-strategy-a-vision-for-peace-prosperity-and-partnership.htm>

India, Australia firm up clean energy partnership; pushing mega trade pact

India and Australia sealed an ambitious renewable energy partnership. The Renewable Energy Partnership (REP) would provide the framework for practical cooperation in priority areas such as solar energy, green hydrogen, energy storage, investments in related projects and allied areas.

Read More:

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-australia-firm-up-clean-energy-partnership-pushing-mega-trade-pact-124112000643_1.html



Indian Economy:

A foreign policy for Viksit Bharat': Dr Jaishankar decodes why India must revamp its diplomatic approach



Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S Jaishankar said there must be "a foreign policy for Viksit Bharat" as he underlined that changes in foreign policy are needed amid a changing landscape.

Read More:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/a-foreign-policy-for-viksit-bharat-jaishankar-decodes-why-india-must-revamp-its-diplomatic-approach/articleshow/116341414.cms>

India's economic growth by end of this fiscal will be back on track: Goyal

Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal expressed confidence that India's economic growth by end of this fiscal will be back on track despite global uncertainties. He said that this year also India will be the world's fastest growing economy.

Read More:

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-s-economic-growth-by-end-of-this-fiscal-will-be-back-on-track-goyal-124121200442_1.html

India's services sector maintains robust growth



India's dominant services sector maintained its robust expansion in November, with steady demand fueling business confidence and record hiring, even as inflationary pressures hit a 12-year high, according to an HSBC and S&P Global survey. The Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) remained virtually unchanged at 58.4 in November.

Read More:

<https://indbiz.gov.in/indias-services-sector-maintains-robust-growth-despite-record-price-hikes/>

India's economy projected to grow at 6.5% in FY25

India's economy is expected to grow at 6.5% in the financial year 2024–25 (FY25), closer to the lower end of earlier projections, as global uncertainties weigh on manufacturing and consumption.

Read More:

<https://indbiz.gov.in/indias-economy-projected-to-grow-at-6-5-in-fy25/>



Electronics:

India's electronics industry poised for transformation with new incentives for component makers



India's electronics manufacturing industry is undergoing a transformative shift, driven by strategic government initiatives, increasing domestic demand, India is preparing to launch a new scheme focused on manufacturing components for electronic gadgets like mobile phones, laptops, and tablets. This initiative aims to replicate the success of India's mobile phone production sector and reduce dependence on imports.

Read More:

<https://www.india-briefing.com/news/indias-electronics-manufacturing-challenges-and-opportunities-35363.html/>

India's data centre capacity to more than double by FY27: Crisil report

The Indian data centre industry's capacity is projected to more than double to 2-2.3 GW by FY27, driven by the country's increasing digitalisation, according to Crisil Ratings. The growing shift towards cloud storage by enterprises is a key factor, along with the rise of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI).

Read More:

<https://www.ibef.org/news/india-s-data-centre-capacity-to-more-than-double-by-fy27-crisil-report>

Startups:

Startups generate over 1.6 million jobs in India: Govt.



India's startup ecosystem has created over 1.6 million jobs nationwide, as recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), which has acknowledged 1.57 lakh startups as of December 2025. More than 73,000 of these startups include at least one-woman director, reflecting growing gender diversity in entrepreneurship.

Read More:

<https://indbiz.gov.in/startups-generate-over-1-6-million-jobs-in-india-govt/>

Agri:

Organic food exports to reach US\$450 million in November 2025

India's organic food exports are anticipated to reach US\$447.73 million by November 2025, representing a shipment volume of 2,63,050 tonnes.

Read More:

<https://indbiz.gov.in/organic-food-exports-reach-us450-million-in-november/>



Technology:

India's deep tech sector poised for global leadership: Report



According to a new report, India is rapidly emerging as a leader in the global deep tech landscape, with significant breakthroughs in artificial intelligence (AI), green hydrogen, space technology, and biotechnology. The report, “India’s Deep Tech Revolution,” compiled by Speciale Invest and Oister Global, forecasts that these innovations will contribute to the country’s projected \$7 trillion economy by 2030. It also highlights India’s potential to capture 10% of the \$700 billion global space economy by the decade’s end.

Read More:

<https://indbiz.gov.in/indias-deep-tech-sector-poised-for-global-leadership-report/>

EV:

EV sales in India up 27% in 2024

India’s electric vehicle (EV) industry achieved significant growth in 2024, with sales rising 26.5% year-on-year to 1.94 million units as of December 29, according to Vahan data from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).

Read More:

<https://www.ibef.org/news/ev-sales-in-india-up-27-in-2024-miss-2-million-mark-by-a-whisker>

Logistics:

India to become a top 10 global shipbuilder by 2030: Sarbananda Sonowal



Union Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced India’s ambitious maritime aspirations at the ‘Sagarmanthan—The Great Oceans Dialogue’. Addressing the event, he revealed that India is poised to become one of the top 10 shipbuilding nations by 2030 and to ascend to the top 5 by 2047. India’s maritime industry handles approximately 95% of the nation’s trade by volume and 70% by value. The infrastructure includes 12 major ports and over 200 notified minor and intermediate ports.

Read More:

<https://indbiz.gov.in/india-to-become-a-top-10-global-shipbuilder-by-2030-sarbananda-sonowal/>

Aviation:

Indian aviation set to soar in 2025 with more planes, flights, and airports

The Indian aviation sector is set for dynamic growth in 2025, marked by mega-mergers, fleet expansions, and infrastructure advancements. As domestic air traffic is projected to rise to 164-170 million passengers by March 2025.

Read More:

<https://www.ibef.org/news/indian-aviation-set-to-soar-in-2025-with-more-planes-flights-and-airports>



Energy:

India set for 12-fold increase in energy storage capacity to 60 GW by FY32: SBI Report



India is set for a substantial expansion in energy storage capacity, with projections suggesting a 12-fold increase to approximately 60 GW by FY32, according to an SBI report. This growth will outpace the anticipated renewable energy (RE) generation rise. The share of renewable energy projects incorporating energy storage solutions has significantly increased from 5% in FY20 to 23% in FY24.

Read More:

<https://www.livemint.com/industry/india-set-for-12-fold-increase-in-energy-storage-capacity-to-60-gw-by-fy32-sbi-report-11734503244330.html>

Real Estate:

Private investment in Indian real estate up 32% to US\$ 4.15 billion (Rs. 35,300 crore): Knight Frank

Indian real estate attracted US\$ 4.15 billion (Rs. 35,300 crore) in private equity (PE) investments in 2024, marking a 32% annual increase, according to Knight Frank India's 'Trends in Private Equity Investment in India 2024' report.

Read More:

<https://www.ibef.org/news/private-investment-in-indian-real-estate-up-32-to-us-4-15-billion-rs-35-300-crore-knight-frank>

Exports:

India's exports for April-November 2024 reached US\$ 536.25 billion.



The cumulative overall exports during April-November 2024 is estimated at USD 536.25 Billion, as compared to USD 498.33 Billion in April-November 2023, with an estimated growth of 7.61%. In November 2024, non-petroleum exports were valued at US\$ 28.40 billion, marking a significant increase of 7.75% from US\$ 26.36 billion in November 2023.

Read More:

<https://www.ibef.org/news/the-cumulative-overall-exports-during-april-november-2024-is-estimated-at-usd-536-25-billion-as-compared-to-usd-498-33-billion-in-april-november-2023-with-an-estimated-growth-of-7-61>

Tourism:

Indian tourism sector to double to \$523 billion in 10 years: WTTC chief

The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) projects that India's tourism sector will grow significantly, reaching a value of US\$ 523 billion in the next decade, doubling its current size of US\$ 256 billion.

Read More:

<https://www.ibef.org/news/indian-tourism-sector-to-double-to-523-years-in-10-years-wttc-chief>

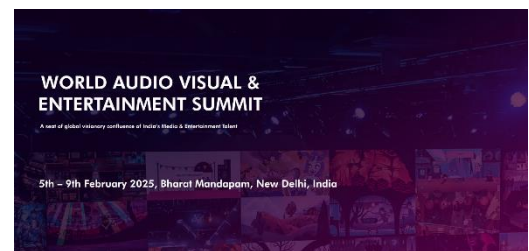


Forthcoming Trade Expos in India



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Train Name – Bharat Gaurav "Pravasi Bhartiya Express"
Train Tour Originating Station – Delhi Safdarjung
Train Tour Duration – 14 Nights-15 Days
Total Tour Duration (Including Pre Tour & Post Tour) – 16 Nights-17 Days
Train Departure Date – 09.01.2025
Departure Time – 1500 Hrs

Destinations & Visits Covered:

Delhi – Parliament House, Rashtrapati Bhawan, India Gate, Bangla Saheb, Gurudwara.
Ayodhya – Ram Mandir, Hanuman Garhi, Kanak Bhawan, Aarti at Saryu River
Patna – Buddha Smriti Park & Patna Saheb Gurudwara
Gaya – Vishnupad Temple, Mahabodhi Temple(UNESCO Site), 80 ft Buddha Statue
Varanasi – Samath, Kashi Viswanath Temple, Evening aarti at River Ganges
Mahabalipuram – Shore Temples (UNESCO Temples)
Rameshwaram – Dhanushkodi & Ramanathaswamy Temple
Madurai – Meenakshi Temple
Cochin – Old Churches in fort Area, Chinese fishing Net and cruise ride on Cochin Harbor.
Goa – North & South Goa Tour, The Basilica of Bom Jesus (UNESCO Site)
Ekta Nagar – Statue of Unity (World's tallest Statue of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel)
Ajmer – Dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti
Pushkar – Brahma Temple & Lake
Agra – Taj Mahal (UNESCO Site)

Services Include:

- Airport transfers from Delhi Airport.
- Rail journey by "Pravasi Bhartiya Express" Bharat Gaurav (Pride of India) Tourist Train.
- Accommodation in 4 star / Similar Category Hotels as per the tour itinerary.
- Meals – All on board and off board meals as per the itinerary.
- Road transport by air conditioned Coaches
- Security arrangements on train.
- Licensed tourists guides at the Archaeological Monuments.
- Entry fees at the Monuments.
- Services of IRCTC Tour Manager throughout the tour.



Pravasi Bhartiya Express: Route



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दिन/ दिनांक: शनिवार, 18 जनवरी, 2025

समय: 10:30 सुबह - 01:00 दोपहर

स्थान: भारतीय सामुदायिक केंद्र (ICC), 12 व्हायल्ला स्ट्रीट, विलेटन

इस अवसर पर निबंध और कविता प्रतियोगिता के लिए निम्नलिखित विषयों पर प्रविष्टियाँ आमंत्रित हैं।

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नए भारत का निर्माण	समाज में सद्भावना का महत्व

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- प्रतिभागी पश्चिम ऑस्ट्रेलिया के निवासी हो या फिर विद्यार्थी।
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- कनिष्ठ विद्यार्थियों के लिए निबंध पर शब्दों की सीमा 200 है और कविता पर 100 शब्द।
- निबंध और कविता केवल हिंदी में लिखी जानी चाहिए। प्रत्येक प्रतिभागी केवल एक बार ही अपनी प्रविष्टि दे सकता है।
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