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PART I: INDIAN ECONOMY

News Features

1. **India has 43% of IoT market:** According to a report made by Research and Strategy Consultancy Zinnov Zones, Indian IT services companies now own about two-fifth of the global Internet of Things (IoT) market. The report listed TCS, Wipro and Infosys among the global leading innovators and market leaders in IoT.



2. **Indian firms among Forbes' most innovative companies:** According to Forbes, three Indian firms - Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints and Bharti Airtel - are among Forbes' list of the world's 100 most innovative companies. The 'World's Most Innovative Companies' are the ones that investors expect to be innovative now and in the future, and to be included in the list, firms need seven years of public financial data and US\$ 10 billion in market cap.



3. **ISRO plans to launch 21 rockets within 4 years:** India's space agency 'Indian Space Research Organisation' (ISRO) lined up over 21 rocket launches, including the second test flight of its heaviest rocket the Geosynchronous satellite launch vehicle (GSLV) MK-III, which will be carried out over a period of the next four years. ISRO's launch vehicles are being used for launching national satellites towards meeting the earth observation, communication, navigation and scientific needs of the country.



4. **India to be among largest contributors to global whisky growth:** Indian whiskies and scotch will be among the largest contributors of growth to the global whisky market over the next five years, according to the latest forecast by International Wine and Spirits Research (IWSR). The growth in the whisky market will be propelled by consumption of both local and scotch whiskies in India, which is the largest growth market for that spirit category in the world.



5. **India top draw for global PE investors:** India emerged as the most attractive emerging market for global partners investment over the next 12 months, according to a recent survey by EMPEA, a global industry association for private capital in emerging markets. Global partners raised US\$ 4.7 billion and US\$ 3.7 billion for India-focused private capital vehicles in 2015 and 2016, respectively—the highest annual totals since 2008.



Main Economic Indicators

Gross Domestic Product – GDP			
Fiscal Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
			Forecast
Real GDP (% change, YoY)	7.9%	7.5%	7.7%
GDP (US \$ billion), current prices	2251.1	/	
GDP per capita (US \$), current prices	1718	/	

Source: World Bank, Indian Central Bureau of Statistics, Fitch Ratings and Moody's

Foreign Trade

I. Merchandise Trade		
Exports & Imports: (US \$ Million) (Provisional)	Jul	Apr-Jul
Exports (including re-exports)		
2016-17	21689.57	87001.34
2017-18	22543.80	94756.13
% Growth 2017-18/2016-17	3.94	8.91
Imports		
2016-17	29450.97	113996.75
2017-18	33993.61	146256.71
% Growth 2017-18/2016-17	15.42	28.30
Trade balance		
2016-17	-7761.40	-26995.41
2017-18	-11449.81	-51500.58
II. Trade in Services		
Exports & Imports: (US \$ Million) (Provisional)	Jul 2017	
Exports (Receipts)	13178	
Imports (Payments)	7334	
Trade balance	5844	

Source: RBI Press Release dated 15th Sep 2017

Industry

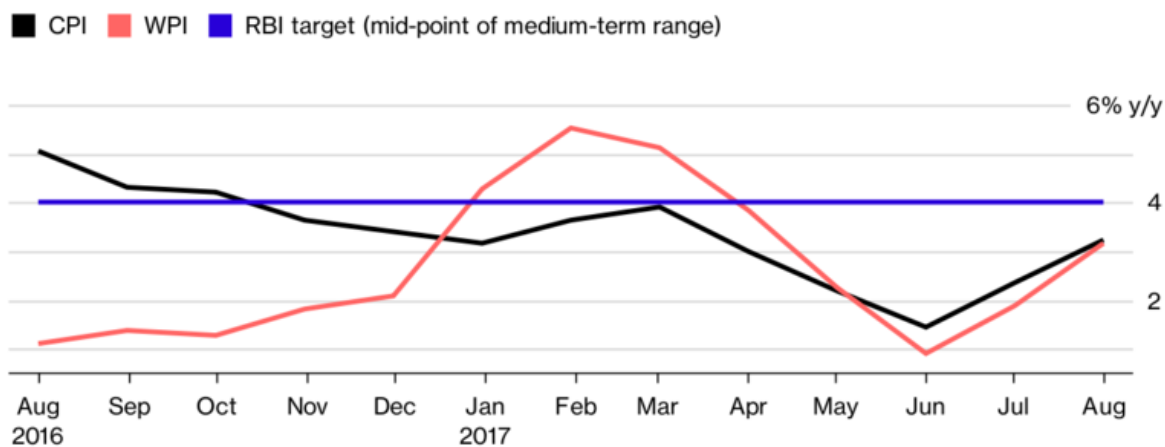
According to Indian Central Statistics Office (CSO) data, Index of Industrial Production (IIP), rose by 1.2% in the month of Jul 2017 from 4.5% in Jul 2016. Growth of the manufacturing sector, which makes up 77.6% of the index, decelerated to 0.1% in Jul 2017 compared to 5.3% in the same period of 2016.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

According to figures of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), FDI into India grew by 37% to US\$ 10.4 billion during Q1 of the 2017-18 fiscal year. The main sectors which attracted the highest foreign inflows include service, telecom, trading, computer hardware and software, and automobile.

Inflation

India's retail inflation or Consumer Price Index (CPI) grew 3.36% in Aug 2017 as against 2.36% in Jul 2017 and 5.05% in the corresponding month of the previous year, as per data of Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MOSPI).



Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

PART II: INDIA-CROATIA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

News Features

1. **Increase of Indian tourist arrivals to Croatia:** According to data published (07/9) by the Croatian Central Bureau of Statistics (DZS), in the period Jan-Jul 2017, Croatia had a total of 36,401 Indian tourist arrivals or 79.48% more than in the same period of 2016, with 81,231 overnight stays, or 72.78%, more than in the same period of 2016.



2. **Meeting with Minister of Science and Education:** Ambassador met (31/8) with Minister of Science and Education, Blazenko Divjak to discuss proposals for linking research with business. The recently constituted Indian-Croatian Business Council has a mix of business people and academics, to emphasize the complementarities between these two areas.



3. **Meetings with business leaders:** During the month, various business meetings were held, including with (i) BKS Bank to discuss possibility of organizing business event at Chamber of Commerce Rijeka; (ii) Swisse Consulting Group; (iii) National Steel Council; (iv) BioCentre; (v) Elda Ltd. (tobacco industry); (vi) Marti Farm Ltd. (pharmaceuticals); (vii) Kod Starog (hospitality), etc.

4. **Provincial Economic Outreach:** As part of economic outreach programme, Ambassador visited (03/8) City of Kutina and met with Damir Markuš, Deputy Mayor of Kutina and Davor Kljakić, Head of City Assembly, to discuss economic possibilities., especially in petrochemical industry, IT components and metallurgy.



Bilateral Trade

During the period Jan-Jun 2017 (for which local statistics are available) the total bilateral trade stood at Euro 76.54 million (+15.01%), i.e. India's exports worth Euro 65.76 million (+9.05%) and India's imports worth Euro 10.78 million (+61.12%).

Croatia-India Bilateral Trade (Euro million)					
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan-Jun 2017
Croatia's Exports	€ 6.82	€ 13.50	€ 17.53	€ 11.05	€ 10.78
Croatia's Imports	€ 72.67	€ 88.19	104.5	€ 100.60	€ 65.76
Total Trade	79.49	€ 101.69	€ 122.03	€ 111.65	€ 76.54

(Source: Croatian Central Bureau of Statistics)

Major Trade Queries from India for Import/Export			
No.	Enquiry Originator	Product	Nature
			Import/Export
1	Zibon Ceramic Pvt. Ltd.	Ceramic Tiles	Export
2	Mount-Fab Packaging LLP	Woven Sacks	Export
3	Spel Granito Pvt. Ltd.	Sanitary Wares & Tiles	Export
4	Olpad International	Sanitary Ware	Export
5	Samriddhi Arts and Crafts	Handicrafts	Export
6	Veesure Animal Health	Animal Healthcare Products	Export
7	Yashrajsinh Dixit	Textile and Fabrics	Export
8	Southern Carbon Chemicals	Activated Carbon	Export
9	Aarui	Dehydrated Vegetables	Export
10	Vista Cosmetics	Cosmetics	Export
11	Marks General Trading	Sanitary Ware & Tiles	Export
12	Ojas Kitchenware	Kitchenware	Export
13	V.P. Exports & Imports	Coconut Powder	Export
14	Spel Granito Pvt. Ltd.	Tiles	Export
15	Bhandari Agro Processing Industries	Spices & Oilseeds	Export
16	Elegant India	Food Supplements	Export
17	Lotus International	Vegetables & Men's Wear	Export
18	Blue Dolphin Enterprises	Fertilizers	Export
19	Global International	Office Stationery	Export

Major Trade Queries from Croatia for Import/Export			
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			Import/Export

1	Badel 1862 d.d.	Wine & Spirits	Export
2	Marmontis	Container Petrol Pumps	Export
3	Marti Farm d.o.o.	Pharmacovigilance & Cosmetovigilance	Export

PART III: UPCOMING EVENTS, FAIRS, CONFERENCES & TENDERS IN INDIA

No.	Organizer	Event / Tender	Date	City/State
1	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	12 th International Railway Equipment Exhibition	11-13 Oct 2017	New Delhi
2	Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)	World Food India 2017	3-5 Nov 2017	New Delhi
3	Messe Frankfurt	Automotive Engineering Show	9-11 Nov 2017	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
4	Morbi Ceramics Associations (MCA)	Vibrant Ceramics Expo and Summit 2017	16-19 Nov 2017	Gandhinagar, Gujarat
5	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)	India International Trade Fair	14-27 Nov 2017	New Delhi
6	Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC)	India Electronics Expo	24-25 Jan 2018	Bangalore, Karnataka
7	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India	International Exhibition & Conference on Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Industry	15-17 Feb 2018	Bangalore, Karnataka
8	Indian Water Resources Society (IWRS) and Department of Water Resources Development and Management (DWRDM)	International Conference on "Sustainable Technologies for Intelligent Water Management"	16-19 Feb 2018	Roorkee, Uttarakhand
9	Infinity Expo	Show on Subcontracting in Manufacturing and Defence Production Sectors	22-24 Feb 2018	Mumbai, Maharashtra
10	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)	India International Leather Fair & Textstyles	26-28 Feb 2018	Kolkata, West Bengal
11	Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Indian Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare Expo - iPHEX	8-10 May 2018	New Delhi

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