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PART I: INDIAN ECONOMY

News Features

1. **India's renewables to double by 2022:** According to International Energy Agency's (IEA) report, India's renewable energy capacity will be more than double by 2022, which would be enough to overtake renewable expansion in the EU. The country's renewable energy installed capacity is 58.30 GW and the Indian Government has an ambitious target of raising it to 175 GW by 2022 including 100 GW of solar and 60 GW of wind energy.



2. **India's energy sector to offer US\$ 300 billion opportunities:** According to India's Oil Ministry, India will offer foreign investors US\$ 300 billion worth of investment opportunities in energy projects over the next decade. India, which imports over 80 % of its oil needs, plans to cut its reliance on foreign oil by 10% by 2022. The Indian Government is focusing on the growth of energy infrastructure, through new pipelines, LNG terminals, and offshore gas development projects.



3. **India to outperform in shrimp exports in 2017:** Globefish's, unit within the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the UN, report showed that out of the world's major seafood exporters, India is expected to be the standout performer in 2017 with US\$ 2.3 billion increase in seafood exports due to the increased harvests of aquaculture Vannamei shrimp. As per an earlier report of FAO, India had emerged as the largest exporter of shrimps in the world by exporting 438,500 tonnes in 2016.



4. **India GDP to hit US\$ 6 trillion by 2027:** Morgan Stanley's, global financial services company, report showed that India's stock market could be among the world's best performers in the next 10 years, leading to India's market cap rising from around US\$ 2 trillion to US\$ 6 trillion. Higher GDP growth is expected due to the increased FDI inflows, digitisation, favourable demographics, globalisation and reforms.



5. **India to become third largest aviation market by 2025:** International Air Transport Association (IATA), which represents about 85% of the global airline traffic, in its report projected India to overtake the UK to become the third largest air passenger market by 2025. China will be the top market, followed by the US.



6. **Indian Railways floated global tender for rails to improve track safety:** Indian Railways floated a global tender for procuring 700,000 metric tonnes of rails for track renewal. The additional rail tracks will help the railways towards clearing the track renewal backlog. Indian Railways is the country's largest employer with 1.4 million personnel. It runs around 20,849 trains daily and transports 23 million passengers and three million tonnes of freight. It operates 10,773 locomotives, 63,046 coaches and 245,000 wagons.



7. **Liberalisation of the Arms Rules:** The Indian Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) liberalised the Arms Rules to boost "Make in India" manufacturing policy of the Government as also to promote employment generation in the field of manufacturing of arms and ammunition. The liberalised rules are expected to encourage the manufacturing activity and facilitate availability of world class weapons to meet the requirement of Armed Forces and Police Forces in sync with country's defence indigenization programme.



8. **India to see two moon missions by Mar 2018:** India is all set to send two separate spacecrafts to the moon within the next five months, both of which will aim to land on the lunar surface and will carry precious payloads of rovers for exploration. While one spacecraft will be the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) own Chandrayaan-2, the other will be from India's first private moonshot Team Indus which is competing in the Google LunarXPrize challenge.



Main Economic Indicators

Gross Domestic Product – GDP			
Fiscal Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 Forecast
Real GDP (% change, YoY)	7.9%	7.5%	6.7%
GDP (US \$ billion), current prices	2251.1	2300	/
GDP per capita (US \$), current prices	1718	/	/

Source: Reserve Bank of India

Foreign Trade

I. Merchandise Trade		
Exports & Imports: (US \$ Million) (Provisional)	Sep	Apr-Sep
Exports (including re-exports)		
2016-17	22768.35	131983.79
2017-18	28613.41	147188.37
% Growth 2017-18/2016-17	25.67	11.52
Imports		
2016-17	31839.02	175339.89
2017-18	37597.70	219317.20
% Growth 2017-18/2016-17	18.09	25.08
Trade balance		

2016-17	-9070.67	-43356.10
2017-18	-8984.29	-72128.83
II. Trade in Services		
Exports & Imports: (US \$ Million)	Sep 2017	
(Provisional)		
Exports (Receipts)	13732	
Imports (Payments)	8450	
Trade balance	5282	

Source: RBI Press Release dated 13th Nov 2017

Industry

According to Indian Central Statistics Office (CSO) data, industrial production growth slowed in Sep 2017 from a nine-month high in Aug 2017, although the key capital goods and consumer nondurables sectors reported a healthy performance, indicating some strength in laggard areas. Output, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), rose 3.8% in Sep 2017, compared with an upward revised 4.5% in Aug 2017.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

According to international ratings agency Moody's, India is likely see increased foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows on the back of reforms such as introduction of the goods and services tax and the bankruptcy code. India recorded its highest FDI in FY 2016-17 at US\$ 60.08 billion, up 8% over the FY 2015-16.

Inflation

Indian Central Statistics Office (CSO) data showed that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 3.58% in Oct 2017 in comparison with 4.2% in the same period 2016. Retail inflation at 7-month high in Oct 2017 was due to the higher food and fuel prices.

PART II: INDIA-CROATIA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

News Features

1. **Indian pharmaceutical group opened European HQ in Zagreb:** The largest Indian investor in Croatia (pharmaceuticals), ACG Worldwide, further consolidated its presence in Croatia with the opening (13/10) of ACG Inspection Systems office in Zagreb, after acquiring Croatian IT company IN2 Trace in Apr 2017, specialized in pharmaceutical serialization solutions, dedicated to various quality control systems in drug manufacturing, as well as related software solutions. The Zagreb office will cover the entire Europe and Russia region.



2. **Increase of Indian tourist arrivals to Croatia:** According to data published (08/11) by the Croatian Central Bureau of Statistics (DZS), in the period Jan-Sep 2017, Croatia had a total of 49,145 Indian tourist arrivals or 68.61% more than in the same period of 2016, with 109,041 overnight stays, or 63.82%, more than in the same period of 2016.



3. **Meetings with business leaders:** During the month, various business meetings were held in diverse sectors, such as (i) IT; (ii) sanitary ware industry; (iii) hospitality; (iv) tourism; (v) NGO's, etc.

Bilateral Trade

During the period Jan-Aug 2017 (for which local statistics are available) the total bilateral trade stood at Euro 102.72 million (+31%), i.e. India's exports worth Euro 89.98 million (+26.44%) and India's imports worth Euro 12.74 million (+75.72%).

Croatia-India Bilateral Trade (Euro million)					
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan-Aug 2017
Croatia's Exports	€ 6.82	€ 13.50	€ 17.53	€ 11.05	€ 12.74
Croatia's Imports	€ 72.67	€ 88.19	104.5	€ 100.60	€ 89.98
Total Trade	79.49	€ 101.69	€ 122.03	€ 111.65	€ 102.72

(Source: Croatian Central Bureau of Statistics)

Trade Queries from India for Import/Export			
No.	Enquiry Originator	Product	Nature
			Import/Export
1	Manohar International	Aluminium Foil	Export
2	Mosil Lubricants	Lubricants	Export
3	Intas Pharmaceuticals Limited	Animal Feed	Export
4	Infinite Corporation	Surgical & Cosmetics	Export
5	Marks General Trading	Rice & Spices	Export
6	Convex Latex Pvt. Ltd.	Pharmaceuticals	Export
7	Woodpecker's Coffee Trading	Coffee Powder	Export
8	MarchVET	Veterinary Medicine	Export
9	Nandi Tyres Pvt. Ltd.	Tyres	Export
10	Allegiance Impex	Peanuts	Export

Trade Queries from Croatia for Import/Export			
No.	Enquiry Originator	Product/Service	Nature
			Import/Export
1	Favory – Travel & Event	Travel	Export

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

No.	Organizer	Event / Tender	Date	City/State
1	Government of India	Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2017	28-30 Nov 2017	Hyderabad, Telangana
2	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)	India International Trade Fair	14-27 Nov 2017	New Delhi

3	Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI)	Indus Food 2018	18-19 Jan 2018	Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
4	Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC)	India Electronics Expo	24-25 Jan 2018	Bangalore, Karnataka
5	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India	International Exhibition & Conference on Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Industry	15-17 Feb 2018	Bangalore, Karnataka
6	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
7	Infinity Expo	Show on Subcontracting in Manufacturing and Defence Production Sectors	22-24 Feb 2018	Mumbai, Maharashtra
8	World Trade Centre Mumbai and All India Association of Industries (AIAI)	Global Economic Summit	22-24 Feb 2018	Mumbai, Maharashtra
9	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)	India International Leather Fair & Textstyles	26-28 Feb 2018	Kolkata, West Bengal
10	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) & Ministry of External Affairs	India-Europe29 Business Forum	05-06 Mar 2018	New Delhi
11	Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Elecrama - 2018	10-14 Mar 2018	New Delhi
12	Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Indian Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare Expo - iPHEX	08-10 May 2018	New Delhi

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