



January, 2018

PART I: INDIAN ECONOMY

News Features

1. **India launched Cartosat, 30 satellites in Earth's orbit:** India deployed (12/1) remote sensing Cartosat and 30 other satellites, including 28 from six countries, into the Earth's orbit after a copybook launch of a polar rocket from its spaceport in Andhra Pradesh. As an observational satellite, Cartosat will beam high-quality images for cartographic, urban and rural applications, coastal land use and regulation and utility management like road network monitoring.



2. **India 6th wealthiest country with \$8,230 billion:** According to a report by New World Wealth, India has made it to the sixth spot with total wealth of \$8,230 billion, in a list of top 10 wealthiest nations. The country is also on the third spot in terms of resident billionaires with 119 individuals in the list. The report showed that India's wealth took a sharp jump of almost 25% in 2017 as compared to 2016 when its net wealth was around \$6,584 billion.



3. **Microsoft Accelerator and Accenture Ventures to empower start-ups in India:** Microsoft Accelerator and Accenture Ventures announced (12/1) a new ecosystem partnership to further strengthen the start-up ecosystem in India. The two companies will help growth-stage technology B2B start-ups specialising in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Augmented/Virtual Reality, Blockchain, fintech, Big Data, security and customer experience solutions boost their enterprise readiness and go-to market strategy. The ecosystem partnership will help start-ups deploy solutions in large India and global client environments and improvise on their business model.



4. **India to become fastest growing large economy in 2018:** According to a Sanctum Wealth Management report, when the rest of the world offers low growth and insufficient structural change, India, by contrast, is seen as a reforming economy with the prospect of strong long-term growth. Report showed that India will overtake China to be the fastest growing large economy in 2018 and the country's equity market will become the fifth largest in the world.



Main Economic Indicators

| Gross Domestic Product – GDP | | | |
|--|---------|---------|----------|
| Fiscal Year | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| | | | Forecast |
| Real GDP (% change, YoY) | 7.9% | 7.1% | 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) | Jan | Apr-Jan |
| Exports (including re-exports) | | |
| 2016-17 | 22356.32 | 221823.46 |
| 2017-18 | 24383.97 | 247896.55 |
| % Growth 2017-18/2016-17 | 9.07 | 11.75 |
| Imports | | |
| 2016-17 | 32261.14 | 310160.46 |
| 2017-18 | 40682.44 | 379052.07 |
| % Growth 2017-18/2016-17 | 26.10 | 22.21 |
| Trade balance | | |
| 2016-17 | -9904.82 | -88337.00 |
| 2017-18 | -16298.47 | -131155.52 |
| II. Trade in Services | | |
| Exports & Imports: (US \$ Million) (Provisional) | Dec 2017 | |
| Exports (Receipts) | 16005 | |
| Imports (Payments) | 9859 | |
| Trade balance | 6146 | |

Source: RBI Press Release dated 15th Feb 2018

Industry

According to Indian Central Statistics Office (CSO) data, growth of the eight core sectors slowed to a five-month low of 4% in Dec 2017 due to negative performance of segments like coal and crude oil.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

According to the survey of global consultancy PwC (23/1), India has emerged as the fifth most attractive market for investments and the optimism over global economic growth is at a record level. Aided by opening up of several key sectors over the last few years, foreign direct investment in India surged 17% to over \$25 billion during the first half of the current financial year. It had for the first time topped \$60 billion in 2016-17, which was an increase of around 8%.

Inflation

Indian Central Statistics Office (CSO) data showed that the India's wholesale price inflation cooled to 3.58% in Dec 2017 led by a softer rise in food inflation. As per the released data, inflation in food articles slowed to 4.72% in Dec 2017 from 6.06% in Nov 2017.

PART II: INDIA-CROATIA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

News Features

1. **Provincial Economic Outreach:** As part of economic outreach programme, Ambassador visited cities of Umag (19/1) and Labin (20/1), in the western Istria region of Croatia. In Umag, Ambassador met with Mr. Vili Bassanese, Mayor, and Mr. Kilovan Popovic, Director of Umag Tourist Office. In Labin, meeting was held with Mr. Valter Glavicic, Mayor. In the meetings, various issues were discussed, including building bilateral partnerships. India Day events were also organized in Umag and Labin, which had the components of peace tree plantation, Yoga, film screening, cuisine, slide presentation on Himalayas.



2. **Increase of Indian tourist arrivals to Croatia:** According to data published (13/02) by the Croatian Central Bureau of Statistics (DZS), in 2017, Croatia had a total of 55,745 Indian tourist arrivals or 67% more than in 2016, with 124,251 overnight stays, or 63%, more than in 2016.



3. **Indian Republic Day:** The Republic Day of India (26/1) was celebrated in Varazdin National Theatre, Varazdin, the ancient capital of Croatia. Amongst others, the event was attended by top level business people from the region. Varazdin County is the recipient of the largest Indian investment in Croatia. An Indian company, ACG-Lukaps, has invested around 25 million Euro and has become the largest supplier of capsules in the EU. Varazdin is also the emerging centre of academic and scientific research.



4. **Presentation on the Indian Economy:** Ambassador made a presentation on the Indian Economy – “India Surging Ahead” (15/1) to the Zagreb Rotary Club Members at Sheraton Hotel. This was followed by an interactive discussion on Indian economy, business culture, and ways of doing business.

5. **Meetings with business leaders:** During the month, meetings were held with several business leaders in sectors of tourism, hospitality, film production, IT, women entrepreneurship, gastronomy, agriculture, etc.

Bilateral Trade

During the period Jan-Nov 2017 (for which local statistics are available) the total bilateral trade stood at Euro 134.37 million (+27%), i.e. India's exports worth Euro 119.39 million (+24.58%) and India's imports worth Euro 14.98 million (+50.25%).

| Croatia-India Bilateral Trade (Euro million) | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|
| Year | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Jan-Nov 2017 |
| Croatia's Exports | € 6.82 | € 13.50 | € 17.53 | € 11.05 | € 14.98 |
| Croatia's Imports | € 72.67 | € 88.19 | 104.5 | € 100.60 | € 119.39 |

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|-------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Trade | 79.49 | € 101.69 | € 122.03 | € 111.65 | € 134.37 |
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(Source: Croatian Central Bureau of Statistics)

| Trade Queries from India for Import/Export | | | |
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| No. | Enquiry Originator | Product | Nature |
| | | | Import/Export |
| 1 | 3 Zone Exim | Sanitary Ware & Tiles | Export |
| 2 | Aries Agro Ltd. | Fertilizers | Export |
| 3 | Glectour Group | Cosmetics | Export |
| 4 | Altret Biotech Ltd. | Fertilizers | Export |
| 5 | Image Care | Hand Bags | Export |
| 6 | Shiv Dial Sud & Sons | Laboratory Equipment | Export |
| 7 | Masara Impex Pvt. Ltd. | Tiles | Export |
| 8 | JP Minda Group | Automotive Components | Export |
| 9 | Eastern Innovation Trading Co. | Garments | Export |
| 10 | Gouda Overseas Trading Co. | Rice & Spices | Export |
| 11 | Fea Ceramics | Tiles | Export |
| 12 | Kamal Import Export Inc. | Building Materials | Export |
| 13 | Natural Herbal | Herbs | Export |
| 14 | Beacon Exports | Jute Bags | Export |
| 15 | Conor Granito Pvt. Ltd. | Tiles | Export |
| 16 | Ereza Exports Pvt. Ltd. | Peanuts | Export |
| 17 | Kaso Marketing | Home Textiles | Export |
| 18 | JBM International | Fruits & Vegetables | Export |

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

| No. | Organizer | Event / Tender | Date | City/State |
|-----|--|--|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India | International Exhibition & Conference on Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Industry | 15-17 Feb 2018 | Bangalore, Karnataka |
| 2 | 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 |
| 3 | Infinity Expo | Show on Subcontracting in Manufacturing and Defence Production Sectors | 22-24 Feb 2018 | Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| 4 | World Trade Centre Mumbai and All India Association of Industries (AIAI) | Global Economic Summit | 22-24 Feb 2018 | Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| 5 | India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) | India International Leather Fair & Textiles | 26-28 Feb 2018 | Kolkata, West Bengal |

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| 6 | Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) & Ministry of External Affairs | India-Europe29 Business Forum | 05-06 Mar 2018 | New Delhi |
| 7 | Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Elecrama - 2018 | 10-14 Mar 2018 | New Delhi |
| 8 | Ministry of Commerce & Industry | Indian Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare Expo - iPHEX | 08-10 May 2018 | New Delhi |
| 9 | Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) | 4 th edition of the Global Exhibition on Services (GES) | 15-18 May 2018 | Mumbai, Maharashtra |

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